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J. Harvey Tolton interview

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Part Of: Westman Oral History collection

Description Level: Item

Item Number: OH219.Tol

Accession Number: 35-1998

GMD: sound recordings

Date Range: May 17, 1982

Physical Description: 1 audio cassette [01:01:50]

History /

Biographical:

James Harvey Tolton was born on February 19, 1898 on section 11-11-24W near Oak Lake, MB. Harvey farmed at Oak Lake from 1918-1948, at which point he semi-retired.

Subsequently, he and his wife moved to Brandon and Harvey bought a half-section of land east of the city where he was able to dedicated himself to perfecting oat seed. Throughout his life as a pedigreed seed grower, Harvey received local, national and international acclaim; he won the World Championship for registered seed oats and the World Championship for field crops for three consecutive years at the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair in Toronto, and he became a favourite of the Quaker Oats Company. He was forced to retire from seed growing due to an accident and illness.

When he was not farming, Harvey was serving his community. He was a member of the Brandon College Board of Governors, the Oak Lake and Harding agricultural societies, the Manitoba Agricultural Society advisory board, the Manitoba Provincial Exhibition Association, the Royal Manitoba Winter Fair, the Canadian Shorthorn Cattle Association, the Manitoba Seed Growers' Association, the Manitoba Swine Breeders' Association, the Agriculture Institute of Canada, the Kiwanis Club and Big Brothers. He also served on the council of the RM of Woodworth and on local school boards, was active in church affairs and 4-H. The Tourist Convention Association of Manitoba gave Harvey the Good Citizenship Award for making Manitoba a better place to live, and in 1976, Brandon University awarded him an honorary doctor of laws degree. In 1991, he was inducted into the Manitoba Agricultural Hall of Fame. Harvey married Jennie Eleanor Titmus (1896-1982) on December 8, 1919 and together they had five children: Roland, Roma, Phyllis, Fern and Beverley. Harvey Tolton died on July 29, 1987 in Brandon, MB. He is buried at Rosewood Memorial Gardens.

Custodial History:

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Scope and Content:

Item is an audiocassette tape containing an interview with Harvey Tolton about the history of the Tolton family, Harvey's life experiences and early agriculture. The interviewer is Frank Anderson.

Notes:	History/bio information from the records and Tolton's obituary. Description by Christy Henry.
Language Note:	English
Conservation:	Preservation copy made 2021 (R. Hess)

Audio Tracks



Jack Naismith interview

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14483>

Part Of: Westman Oral History collection

Description Level: Item

Item Number: OH087.Nai

Accession Number: 35-1998

GMD: sound recordings

Date Range: December 31, 1981

Physical Description: 1 audio cassette [01:00:13]

History /

Biographical:

Jack Fenton Naismith was born on June 9, 1908 in Heward, SK. When he was three months old his family moved to Wawanesa and the Northfield district. Jack began farming the family farm in 1932, but successive crop failures convinced him to move to Edmonton, AB where he began working in the life insurance business. While in Edmonton, Jack married Erica "Erie" Hugo (1913-2000) on January 7, 1939 and together they had two daughters, Dell and Arlie. In 1950, the family moved to the West Coast where he entered the general insurance and real estate business. For many years the family farm was rented to Jack Mooney; Mooney bought the farm in 1964 and married Dell Naismith two years later. For a time after retiring, Jack and Erie spent their winters in Victoria, BC and their summers on the family farm in Manitoba. At some point after 1988, the couple returned to Wawanesa for good. Jack Naismith died on March 24, 2008 in Wawanesa, MB. He is buried at Wawanesa Cemetery.

Custodial History:

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Scope and Content:

Item is an audiocassette tape containing an interview with Jack Naismith about his life experience in the Northfield District. The interviewer is John Moore.

Notes: History/bio information from the records, the Wawanesa local history "Sipiweske: Light through the trees" and Naismith's obituary. Description by Christy Henry.

Language Note: English

Conservation: Preservation copy made 2021 (R. Hess)

Audio Tracks



Jacob Penner interview

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14484>

Part Of: Westman Oral History collection
Description Level: Item
Item Number: OH128.Pen
Accession Number: 35-1998
GMD: sound recordings
Date Range: May 6, 1982
Physical Description: 1 audio cassette [01:02:47]

History /

Biographical:

Jacob Penner was born on March 22, 1919 in Siberia. He immigrated to Canada in June 1930, farming at 36-12-17 near Brookdale, MB and then at 22-12-17 near Justice, MB. He married Mary Reimer (1924-1989) on October 25, 1952 and they had three children: Arthur, Paul and Louise. Jacob Penner died on March 10, 2017 in Brandon, MB. He is buried at Sparling Cemetery in the RM of Elton.

Custodial History:

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Scope and Content:

Item is an audiocassette tape containing an interview with Jacob Penner about the Penner history from Russia to Canada and the Mennonite Brethren Church at Justice, MB. The interviewer is Blair Loree.

Notes: History/bio information from the records and the Find a Grave website.
Description by Christy Henry.
Language Note: English
Conservation: Preservation copy made 2021 (R. Hess)

Audio Tracks



James and Bernice Guild interview

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14485>

Part Of: Westman Oral History collection
Description Level: Item
Item Number: OH132.Gui
Accession Number: 35-1998
GMD: sound recordings
Date Range: May 8, 1982
Physical Description: 1 audio cassette [01:02:48]

History /

Biographical:

James "Jim" Guild was born on December 2, 1905 in Dundee, Scotland. He immigrated to Canada when his father was hired as a farm laborer in 1907. Jim farmed in the RM of Elton, where he ran a hog and cattle operation. He was an avid curler and interested in sports. A member of the Brandon Curling Club and the Forrest Curling Club, he was also a member and president of the Justice Pool Elevator, the Forrest Church Board, and the Elton Seniors Club. Jim was active in the early years of the Forrest 4-H Club, a director of the Brandon Consumers Board and Credit Union Board, the Brandon Consumers Cooperative and the Manitoba Agricultural Hall of Fame.

Bernice Rae Klusedorf was born on February 19, 1909 in Welcome, Minnesota. She moved to Manitoba at the age of 8, when her parents established a farm in the Sinclair district. A graduate of the Brandon General Hospital (BGH) in 1931, Bernice worked as a nurse until her marriage to Jim on September 21, 1934. The couple had five children: Janice, Elaine, Alan, Murray and Betty. After her marriage, Bernice was dedicated to the farm and her family, while also making her nursing skills available to families in the community. She was active in the nurses' alumni of BGH and represented the Justice chapter of the Women's Institute at meetings throughout southern Manitoba. A member of the Justice and Forrest United Churches, Bernice also enjoyed travelling.

The Guilds retired from farming in the late 1970s. Jim Guild died on May 26, 1982. Three years later, Bernice moved into Brandon where she continued her practice of visiting hospital patients and residents of senior citizens homes. Bernice Guild died on March 18, 1995. They are both buried at Rosewood Memorial Gardens.

Custodial History:

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Scope and Content:

Item is an audiocassette tape containing an interview with James and Bernice Guild about their lives and experiences. The interviewer is Blair Loree.

Notes:	History/bio information from the records, Jim Guild's and Bernice Guild's obituaries. Description by Christy Henry.
Language Note:	English
Conservation:	Preservation copy made 2021 (R. Hess)

Audio Tracks



Jean Cameron Mains and Myrna Hicks Dring interview

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14486>

Part Of: Westman Oral History collection

Description Level: Item

Item Number: OH310.Mai

Accession Number: 35-1998

GMD: sound recordings

Date Range: November 24, 1982

Physical Description: 1 audio cassette [00:53:01]

History /

Biographical:

Jean Louise Mains (nee Cameron) was born on September 16, 1907 in Boissevain, MB. She attended school in Boissevain, one year at Brandon College and received her teaching certificate from the Brandon Normal School in 1926. She taught at Dunallen, Royal and Fairburn schools until her marriage to Clifford Mains (1890-1948) in 1937. The couple had three daughters: Barbara, Elizabeth and Susan. Clifford and Jean farmed until 1944, and then moved to Boissevain. Jean did hospital books until 1950, then moved with the children to Brandon for a year so she could take a secretarial course. Returning to Boissevain, she worked at the agricultural office for nine years then returned to school again, this time taking a business course at Red River College. For the next thirteen years Jean taught business at the Boissevain High School. A member of the Eastern Star, IODE, the UCW Group of St. Paul's United Church and the Beckonging Hills Activity Club, Jean enjoyed travelling and playing bridge. Jean Mains died on February 15, 2003 in Boissevain, MB. She is buried at Boissevain and Morton Cemetery.

Myrna Dring (nee Hicks) was born on May 18, 1944 in Ninga, MB. A part-time speech aide at Boissevain School in the early 1980s, she took her psychiatric nursing training in Brandon, Winnipeg and Ninette from 1962-1965. On July 31, 1965, Myrna married Ray Clinton Dring (1942-2005), and the couple adopted a daughter, Nancy. After the marriage, the family lived in Boissevain, where Ray was involved with the family business Dring Laminated Structures Ltd. In 1985, the Drings moved to Winnipeg. Myrna Dring continues to live in Winnipeg, MB.

Custodial History:

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Scope and Content:

Item is an audiocassette tape containing an interview with Jean Cameron Mains and Myrna Hicks Dring about social life in the town of Boissevain from approximately 1900-1980. The interviewer is Bernice Pettypiece.

Notes: History/bio information from the records and Mains' obituary. Description by Christy Henry.

Language Note: English

Conservation: Preservation copy made 2021 (R. Hess)

Audio Tracks



Jean Landreth interview

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14487>

Part Of: Westman Oral History collection

Description Level: Item

Item Number: OH294.Lan

Accession Number: 35-1998

GMD: sound recordings

Date Range: June 10, 1981

Physical Description: 2 audio cassettes [01:04:31]

History /

Biographical:

Jean Pettigrew Landreth was born on May 3, 1890 in Bright, Ontario. Her family moved west to a homestead north of Lauder, MB in 1891. Jean attended school at Grand Bend and Lauder, and in 1912-1913, the Business College in Moose Jaw. She lived on the family farm with her brother George until 1957, when they moved to the village of Lauder. In 1971, Jean moved to Cameron Lodge in Hartney. She never married. Jean was very active in the community as a member of the United Church, the Eastern Star Lodge, the Hartney-Lauder Fair Board, the Border Festival and the committee to establish a Senior Citizen's Home in the community. Jean also loved to travel. Jean Landreth died on November 29, 1992 at Souris, MB. She is buried at Lauder Cemetery.

Custodial History:

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Scope and Content:

Item is an audiocassette tape containing an interview with Jean Landreth about her life story. The interviewer is Kay Briggs.

Notes: History/bio information from the records and Landreth's obituary.
Description by Christy Henry.

Language Note: English

Conservation: Preservation copy made 2021 (R. Hess)

Audio Tracks



Jean Purdie interview

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14488>

Part Of: Westman Oral History collection

Description Level: Item

Item Number: OH049.Pur

Accession Number: 35-1998

GMD: sound recordings

Date Range: November 14, 1981

Physical Description: 1 audio cassette [01:02:34]

History /

Biographical:

Jean Ann Purdie (nee Esslemont) was born on April 18, 1893 in Edinburgh, Scotland. She came to Canada with her family in 1910; they settled in Hamiota, MB briefly, before moving to Neepawa (1911-1914) and Brandon (1914-1918). Jean took her nurses training at Neepawa Hospital, graduating in 1914. She was active as a nurse during the Spanish flu epidemic, and also nursed at the Brandon Mental Hospital, where she met her future husband, Dr. Frank Kidd Purdie (1888-1956), who was the assistant superintendent at the hospital. Jean and Frank were married on July 16, 1918. After their marriage the couple settled in Griswold, MB, where they had two sons, Frank and Jack. Following her husband's death, Jean returned to Brandon in 1956. In her retirement Jean enjoyed travelling, her cabin at Clear Lake, modeling and club activities. Jean Purdie died on May 8, 1991 in Brandon, MB. She is buried at Brandon Municipal Cemetery.

Custodial History:

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Scope and Content:

Item is an audiocassette tape containing an interview with Jean Purdie about her life, particularly as a rural doctor's wife, 1918-1956. The interviewer is Marjorie Lange.

Notes: History/bio information from the records and Purdie's obituary.
Description by Christy Henry.

Language Note: English

Conservation: Preservation copy made 2021 (R. Hess)

Audio Tracks



Kay Rowe interview - part I

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14489>

Part Of: Westman Oral History collection

Description Level: Item

Item Number: OH115a.Row

Accession Number: 35-1998

GMD: sound recordings

Date Range: March 8, 1983

Physical Description: 1 audio cassette [01:02:02]

History /

Biographical:

Kathleen Joan "Kaye" Rowe (nee Moreland) was born on June 10, 1910 in Winnipeg, MB. Kaye attended St. John's Technical High School. She moved to Brandon following her marriage to Gabriel Richard "G.R." Rowe (1898-1968) on July 12, 1932. Kaye had widespread interests in fashion, politics, the arts and journalism. Her journalism career began in 1935, when she began writing book reviews for CKX Radio. Four years later she became a society columnist for the Winnipeg Free Press and from 1945 to the 1980s she was a freelance columnist for the Brandon Sun, writing pieces on people, fashion and the arts. In 1958 and 1960, Kaye won awards for the best fashion stories of the year in Canada, and in 1970, she received a Margaret McWilliams Award from the Manitoba Historical Society for the best newspaper story on Manitoba history in the province's centennial year. The Rowes had no children. Kaye Rowe died on December 16, 1995 in Brandon, MB. She is buried at Brandon Municipal Cemetery.

Custodial History:

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Scope and Content:

Item is an audiocassette tape containing an interview with Kaye Rowe about her knowledge and memories of Brandon entertainment, 1900-1983. The interviewer is Betty Gibson.

Notes: History/bio information from the records and the Manitoba Historical Society website. Description by Christy Henry.

Language Note: English

Conservation: Preservation copy made 2021 (R. Hess)

Audio Tracks



Lillian Mummery, Isabelle Heeney and Gordon Frazer interview

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14490>

Part Of: Westman Oral History collection

Description Level: Item

Item Number: OH130.Mum

Accession Number: 35-1998
GMD: sound recordings
Date Range: May 30, 1983
Physical Description: 1 audio cassette [01:02:08]

History /

Biographical:

Lillian Velma Mummery was born on November 7, 1901 at Toronto Junction, ON. Her family moved to Brandon shortly after she was born. Attending schools in Brandon, Lillian graduated as a teacher in 1922, and after several years teaching in western Manitoba, she started with the Brandon School Division in 1926. Before her retirement in 1966, Lillian taught at most of the elementary and junior high schools in the city. After her retirement she continued to tutor in Latin and English for many years. Lillian spent time overseas as a member of the Navy Wrens and for a year in England on a teaching exchange. An active member with First Church United, later Central United Church, she also spent considerable time working with St. John Ambulance and travelling. Lillian never married. Lillian Mummery died on August 5, 1994 in Brandon, MB. She is buried at Brandon Municipal Cemetery.

Isabelle Burton Heeney (nee Allan) was born on May 11, 1902 on section 7-11-18 in the RM of Elton, north of Brandon, MB. Initially a public school teacher who taught in Kemnay, Oak Lake, Starbuck and in Brandon at David Livingstone School, Isabelle stayed home after her marriage to Fred Heeney on October 21, 1931. The couple had two children: Dennis and Margaret. Following Fred's retirement, the couple moved to Brandon. Isabelle was active in both community and church organizations, taking a special interest in the 4-H Club and the Daly House Museum. Isabelle Heeney died on June 2, 1996 in Brandon, MB. She is buried at Brandon Municipal Cemetery.

William Gordon Frazer was born on February 14, 1913 in Winnipeg, MB and raised at Beulah, MB. He received degree from the University of Manitoba (BSc 1934, BEd 1935), then taught at Maple Leaf Collegiate from 1935-1939. In 1939, he married Dorothy Jean Gregory (1912-1990) and together they had two children: Donna and Harold. The family moved to Brandon in 1942, where Gordon taught at Brandon Collegiate Institute (BCI), serving as Vice-Principal (1959-1960) and Principal (1960-1966). He retired from teaching in 1973 from Harrison High School. Gordon was a Mason, a past president and life member of the Brandon Teachers' Association, and a director of the Westman Retired Educators. He was also an adjutant of the 82nd Squadron of the Royal Canadian Air Cadets for twelve years, as well as an active member of Knox United Church, serving as secretary to the Committee of Stewards and as a member of the group responsible for the construction of the new building. For fifteen years Gordon and his wife spent part of their winters in Hawaii. Gordon Frazer died on March 19, 1998 in Brandon, MB. He is buried at Rosewood Memorial Gardens.

Custodial History:

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Scope and Content:

Item is an audiocassette tape containing an interview with Lillian Mummery, Isabelle Heeney and Gordon Fraser about the history of Brandon Collegiate Institute, 1908-1974. The interviewer is Effie McPhail.

Notes: History/bio information from the records and obituaries for the interviewees. Description by Christy Henry.

Language Note: English

Conservation: Preservation copy made 2021 (R. Hess)



Mabel Montgomery interview

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14491>

Part Of: Westman Oral History collection

Description Level: Item

Item Number: OH080.Mon

Accession Number: 35-1998

GMD: sound recordings

Date Range: June 19, 1982

Physical Description: 1 audio cassette [01:01:55]

History /

Biographical:

Mabel Ester Montgomery was born on June 28, 1900 in Lanark, Ontario in Drummond County. When she was six years old her family moved to a farm north of Oak Lake, MB. Living first on the NW section of 16-10-23, she moved to the SW section of 16-10-23 in the 1950s. Mabel was the housekeeper at home on the farm her entire life. Mabel never married. Mabel Montgomery died on January 28, 1997 in Virden, MB. She is buried at Oak Lake Cemetery.

Custodial History:

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Scope and Content:

Item is an audiocassette tape containing an interview with Mabel Montgomery about life in the rural agricultural community of Oak Lake, MB since 1900. The interviewer is Phillis Cairns.

Notes: History/bio information from the records and Montgomery's obituary.
Description by Christy Henry.

Language Note: English

Conservation: Preservation copy made 2021 (R. Hess)

Audio Tracks



Maria Nelson, Laura Cole and Alex McPhail interview

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14492>

Part Of: Westman Oral History collection

Description Level: Item

Item Number: OH275.Nel

Accession Number: 35-1998

GMD: sound recordings
Date Range: June 1982
Physical Description: 1 audio cassette [01:02:01]
History /
Biographical:

Maria Corlette Nelson (nee Grant) was born on December 29, 1900 on the family homestead at Forrest, MB. Maria attended Clark Hall Academy at Brandon College and continued her education until she received her BA in 1925, and her Certificate of Education from Toronto in 1927. Returning to the prairies, she spent the next six years teaching. In 1930, Maria married Wesley Gordon Nelson (1899-1981) and moved to the Nelson farm in the Sparling district. The couple had three daughters, Catherine, Helen and Marion, the latter who died at 3 years of age. In 1960, Maria entered Brandon College's teacher training course (TTC). Maria Nelson died on May 16, 1996 in Winnipeg, MB. She is buried at Brandon Municipal Cemetery.

Ella Laura Cole was born on in 1897 in the RM of Elton in what is now the North End of Brandon, MB. She came to Brandon, MB in 1923 to attend business college. Laura worked for Hughes and Company for over 39 years, then worked for Gordon West until retiring in 1969. Laura was a member of Knox United Church. She never married. Laura Cole died on January 12, 1989 in Brandon, MB. She is buried at Brandon Municipal Cemetery.

Peter Alexander (P.A.) Alex McPhail was born on July 11, 1897 in the RM of Elton in what is now the North End of Brandon, MB. Raised on the family farm in Forrest, MB, he was the eldest son of Archie and Mary McPhail who came to Manitoba from Ontario. Alex took over the farm in 1915, and farmed there until 1949, when he and his family moved to Brandon. During the First World War, Alex as a lieutenant in the Royal Canadian Air Force. He married Effie Irene Weir (1900-1999) in 1933 and together they raised four children: Ronald, Malcolm, Archie and Donna. Effie and Alex were both active members of their community. Alex was especially involved in the agricultural community and won many prizes over the years for his livestock. From 1954-1965, Alex was the General Manager for the Provincial Exhibition Association of Manitoba and the Manitoba Winter Fair. He also served one term as the president of the Canadian Association of Exhibitions. Additionally, Alex was on the Brandon General Hospital board, the Brandon College board, and was a member of the Kiwanis and Shriners clubs. He was also involved in local sports. Both Alex and Effie McPhail were active members of the United Church. Alex McPhail died on June 28, 1989 in Brandon, MB. He is buried at Humesville Cemetery.

Custodial History:

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Scope and Content:

Item is an audiocassette tape containing an interview with Maria Nelson, Laura Cole and Alex McPhail about the early days in the North End of Brandon, MB. The interviewer is Effie McPhail.

Notes: History/bio information from the records and obituaries for the interviewees. Description by Christy Henry.
Language Note: English
Conservation: Preservation copy made 2021 (R. Hess)

Audio Tracks



Marion Hannah interview

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14493>

Part Of: Westman Oral History collection
Description Level: Item
Item Number: OH037.Han
Accession Number: 35-1998
GMD: sound recordings
Date Range: April 6, 1983
Physical Description: 1 audio cassette [00:19:16]

History /

Biographical:

Marion Catherine Hannah (nee Elliott) was born on August 19, 1904 in Boissevain, MB. She moved to Brandon in 1923, to study nursing at Brandon General Hospital (BGH), graduating in 1926. During the 1930s, Marion served as the first president of the Junior Hospital Aid. During the Second World War she assisted in setting up programs through the YWCA for wives of servicemen and organizing in the serviceman's canteen. In 1942, she opened the first Red Cross blood donor clinic in Brandon and supervised the work for three years. From 1947-1956, Marion was the evening supervisor at Brandon College; she also taught health classes to the first teacher training students (TTC) at Brandon College. Marion joined the Provincial Department in 1958, working in general health programs and later specializing in geriatric programs, where she set up the Brandon Civic Senior Citizens Inc. Drop-in Centre and the Christmas Cheer Bureau. She retired in 1970.

Throughout her life Marion served as president of a number of organizations: The Brandon Council of Women; Brandon General Hospital alumni; the Manitoba Association of Registered Nurses (District 2); the Brandon Civic Senior Citizens Inc.; and Hobbs Manor Resident's Council. She was a life member of St. John's Ambulance Society, the Manitoba Association of Registered Nurses, Brandon Civic Senior Citizens Inc. and the Baptist Women's Organization. In 1967, Marion was chosen Brandon's "Woman of the Year" for her long record of community service. In retirement Marion was heavily involved in the planning and building of Hobbs Manor. She was also a member of First Baptist Church for more than 70 years. Marion married Howard Eldon Hannah (1894-1977) in 1928. The couple had two daughters, Jean and Katherine. Marion Hannah died on November 12, 1997 in Calgary, AB. She is buried at the Brandon Municipal Cemetery.

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Scope and Content:

Item is an audiocassette tape containing an interview with Marion Hannah about the origin of Park Community Centre, 1935-1946. The recording is a copy of an earlier interview conducted in the fall of 1976. The interviewer is Jack Senchuk.

Notes: History/bio information from the records and Hannah's obituary.
Description by Christy Henry.
Language Note: English
Conservation: Preservation copy made 2021 (R. Hess)



Martin Kavanagh interview

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14494>

Part Of: Westman Oral History collection

Description Level: Item

Item Number: OH179.Kav

Accession Number: 35-1998

GMD: sound recordings

Date Range: March 21, 1984

Physical Description: 1 audio cassette [01:01:50]

History /

Biographical:

Martin Kavanagh was born on December 16, 1895 in Wicklow, Ireland. He immigrated to Canada, to the Roblin area, in the summer of 1923. Having trained as a teacher in London, England, Martin's first teaching post in Manitoba was at Tummel. He next taught at Greenridge, then Treherne and finally in 1929, he joined the staff of Brandon Collegiate Institute (BCI). In 1946, Martin published the book "The Assiniboine Basin: A Study of Discovery, Exploration and Settlement." The research for that book, led him to champion the need for a public library in Brandon. In 1967, he published "La Verendrye: His Life and Times." In subsequent years, Martin developed an audio visual version of this work. Martin was awarded the Manitoba Centennial Medal by the Manitoba Historical Society, and in 1984, he was inducted into the Manitoba Order of the Buffalo Hunt. Martin married Katherine Power (1897-1953), with whom he had two children, Mary and Kevin. He married his second wife, Mary O'Malley (1898-1986), on December 31, 1958. Martin Kavanagh died on June 2, 1987 in Brandon, MB. He is buried at Assumption Roman Catholic Cemetery.

Custodial History:

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Scope and Content:

Item is an audiocassette tape containing an interview with Martin Kavanagh about his life and writings, as well as the beginnings of the Brandon Public Library. The interviewer is Betty Gibson.

Notes: History/bio information from the records, Kavanagh's obituary and the Manitoba Historical Society website. Description by Christy Henry.

Language Note: English

Conservation: Preservation copy made 2021 (R. Hess)

Related Material: Martin Kavanagh fonds (10-2004)

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Mary E. Edwards interview

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14495>

Part Of: Westman Oral History collection

Description Level: Item

Item Number: OH099.Edw

Accession Number: 35-1998

GMD: sound recordings

Date Range: June 22, 1981

Physical Description: 1 audio cassette [01:02:02]

History /

Biographical:

Mary Elizabeth Edwards (nee Tweed) was born on April 19, 1897 at Riceville, ON. Within a year of her birth, she and her mother came to Manitoba, to join her father who had already moved west. Mary attended Burns School and then Winnipeg Normal School, graduating in 1917. Over the course of her career she taught at a number of schools, including Otter, Medora, Purple Hill, Thirlstone, Broomhill, Lake Max and Whitewater schools. On January 7, 1920, Mary married Kestle Henry Edwards (1894-1974) in Medora, MB and together the couple had four children: Harvey, Frank, Ralph and Ruth. The family lived on section 35-3-25. Mary was secretary-treasurer of both the Medora Methodist Sunday School and the Royal Templars, taught Sunday school and sang in the choir before her marriage. In 1920, she joined the Home Economics Society (later the Women's Institute). She was also a member of the WA. Following her husband's death, Mary left the farm and moved into Medora. Mary Edwards died in 1994. She is buried at Roselawn Cemetery.

Custodial History:

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Scope and Content:

Item is an audiocassette tape containing an interview with Mary Edwards about her life and pioneer settlement around Medora, MB. The interviewer is Mayme Warren.

Notes: History/bio information from the records, the Medora local history "Glimpse through the years" and Edwards' obituary. Description by Christy Henry.

Language Note: English

Conservation: Preservation copy made 2021 (R. Hess)

Audio Tracks



Matilda Legg interview

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14496>

Part Of: Westman Oral History collection

Description Level: Item

Item Number: OH091.Leg

Accession Number: 35-1998

GMD: sound recordings

Date Range: June 3, 1982

Physical Description: 1 audio cassette [00:50:56]

History /

Biographical:

Matilda Elizabeth (Armstrong) Legg was born on March 24, 1888 in Hackney, London, England. She married Henry Charles Armstrong (1881-1938) in England and the family came to Canada in 1912. The couple had four children: Mary, Tillie, William and Victor. Following Armstrong's death in an accident, Matilda married Alfred Legg (1884-1959) in 1945. Legg was a widowed retired farmer from Forrest, MB that she met while working at the Legion. Matilda was one of the original members of the craft room at the Drop-In Centre, Princess Towers, and was a life member of the Royal Canadian Legion. Matilda Legg died on August 18, 1983 in Brandon, MB. She is buried at Brandon Municipal Cemetery.

Custodial History:

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Scope and Content:

Item is an audiocassette tape containing an interview with Matilda Legg about her life experiences in Brandon, MB, 1912-1982. The interviewer is Lillian Mummery.

Notes: History/bio information from the records and Legg's obituary. Description by Christy Henry.

Language Note: English

Conservation: Preservation copy made 2021 (R. Hess)

Audio Tracks



Mildred Musgrove interview

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14497>

Part Of: Westman Oral History collection

Description Level: Item

Item Number: OH244.Mus

Accession Number: 35-1998

GMD: sound recordings

Date Range: May 19, 1982

Physical Description: 1 audio cassette [00:35:30]

History /

Biographical:

Mildred Grace Musgrove was born on July 14, 1902 in Boissevain, MB. She attended Boissevain School, and furthered her education at Brandon and Winnipeg Normal Schools, Dominion Business College, Wesley College and the University of Manitoba. Mildred taught at many rural schools before joining the staff at Neepawa Collegiate Institute in 1936. Although she taught a number of subjects, English was her specialty, and while at Neepawa, she taught and mentored Margaret Laurence. In 1967, she was awarded the Centennial Medal in 1967, for service to the nation. Mildred retired from teaching in 1969.

Mildred had a lifelong interest in curling and golf, and in 1990, she opened the Scott Tournament of Hearts in Neepawa. In retirement she travelled extensively, as well as worked as a volunteer. She never married. Mildred Musgrove died on February 22, 2001 in Boissevain, MB.

Custodial History:

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Scope and Content:

Item is an audiocassette tape containing an interview with Mildred Musgrove about her teaching days in Neepawa, MB at Neepawa Collegiate Institute. The interviewer is Winnie Cheetham.

Notes: History/bio information from the records and Musgrove's obituary.
Description by Christy Henry.

Language Note: English

Conservation: Preservation copy made 2021 (R. Hess)

Audio Tracks



Muriel Patmore interview

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14498>

Part Of: Westman Oral History collection

Description Level: Item

Item Number: OH272.Pat

Accession Number: 35-1998

GMD: sound recordings

Date Range: May 18, 1982

Physical Description: 1 audio cassette [00:58:36]

History /

Biographical:

Muriel May Patmore was born on May 1, 1905 in Brandon, MB. She attended Brandon Collegiate Institute (BCI), and after graduation, trained as a teacher, teaching in various communities in Manitoba, including Rankin, Bloomsbury, Killarney and Elgin schools. Later, Muriel was employed by Brandon Creamery, the Fair Board office and managed the seed department for Patmore Nurseries. Actively involved in community organizations, Muriel was Vice-President of the Brandon Arts Club, a member of the Horticultural and Natural History Societies, an avid supporter of the Brandon School of Music, and a member of the Westman Philharmonic Choir. She also provided music scholarships for the Brandon College/Brandon University School of Music. Muriel was a long time member of St. George's Anglican Church, where she sang in the choir. She had a great interest in the history of Brandon and the Assiniboine Valley, environmental issues and world events. She never married. Muriel Patmore died on September 20, 1999 in Brandon, MB. She is buried at Brandon Municipal Cemetery.

Custodial History:

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Scope and Content:

Item is an audiocassette tape containing an interview with Muriel Patmore about her life and the Patmore story. The interviewer is Isabelle Heeney.

Notes: History/bio information from the records and Patmore's obituary.
Description by Christy Henry.

Language Note: English

Conservation: Preservation copy made 2021 (R. Hess)

Audio Tracks



R. H. Hannah interview

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14499>

Part Of: Westman Oral History collection

Description Level: Item

Item Number: OH131.Han

Accession Number: 35-1998

GMD: sound recordings

Date Range: April 1, 1982

Physical Description: 1 audio cassette [01:02:12]

History /

Biographical:

Richard Harold "Doc" Hannah was born on July 9, 1916 in Wakaw, SK. He obtained his BA in biology at McMaster University before joining the staff at Brandon College in 1948, teaching botany and zoology. In 1962, after completing a MSc degree at the University of Minnesota, he returned to Brandon College and was appointed head of his department. He served as faculty advisor to the Athletic Board for twenty years and for over 30 years, Doc was a coach, manager, trainer and the inspiration behind the Brandon College Cap and Brandon University Bobcat hockey teams. It was his involvement with College athletics that led to the nickname "Doc." When he retired in 1981, he was granted the title of Professor Emeritus. In 1993, Doc was inducted into the Brandon University Dick and Verda McDonald Sports Wall of Fame.

Doc married Reta Bernice (1914-2005) and they had three children: Richard, Sharon and Patrick. Doc was a member of the AF and AM (Tweed Lodge No. 113), the Royal Order of Scotland and Khartum Temple Shrine. He served as Grand Master of Manitoba (1984-1985). Richard Hannah died on September 6, 1990 in Brandon, MB. He is buried at Brandon Municipal Cemetery.

Custodial History:

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Scope and Content:

Item is an audiocassette tape containing an interview with Doc Hannah about his career at Brandon College/Brandon University. Subjects include: JRC Evans and faculty members; chapel services; the Literary Society; sports; campus buildings; university status; college life and operations. The interviewer is Bill Burgess.

Notes: History/bio information from the records and the Manitoba Historical Society website. Description by Christy Henry.

Access Restriction: Content Warning: This interview was recorded in the early 1980s, and contains some language that would now be considered racist in nature. Listener discretion is advised.

Language Note: English

Conservation: Preservation copy made 2021 (R. Hess)

Audio Tracks



Richard Jones interview

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14500>

Part Of: Westman Oral History collection

Description Level: Item

Item Number: OH020.Jon

Accession Number: 35-1998

GMD: sound recordings

Date Range: March 1, 1983

Physical Description: 1 audio cassette [00:52:42]

History /

Biographical:

Richard Alexander "Dick" Jones was born on June 10, 1918 in Winnipeg, MB. Raised in Arnaud, MB, he attended school in Arnaud and Dominion City, before apprenticing as an automotive mechanic; Dick was the third person in the province to receive certification and was licensed in 1939. He joined the Armed Forces in 1940, and served overseas with the Lord Strathcona's Horse from 1941-1946 in Britain, Italy and Northwest Europe. He returned home in early 1946, and married Ethel Reynolds (1917-2015) on February 2 that year. The couple had four sons: Rick, Wayne, Ted and Greg. Dick spent a number of years as a Ford dealer in both Ontario and Manitoba, before joining Ford of Canada as a District Service Representative and later, as a District Manager. In 1961, Dick left Ford to develop Assiniboine Community College, a technical and vocational training school in Brandon, MB. He served as the first President of the College. After ten years at ACC, Dick joined the office of the Assistant Deputy Minister of College and University Affairs and later took over Management Development for the Province of Manitoba. Dick was forced to retire in 1978, due to ill health. In retirement, Dick and Ethel travelled a great deal and enjoyed spending time with family. Richard Jones died on March 1, 2009 in Brandon, MB. He is buried at Brandon Municipal Cemetery.

Custodial History:

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Scope and Content:

Item is an audiocassette tape containing an interview with Richard Jones about the history and development of Assiniboine Community College (ACC) in Brandon, MB. The interviewer is Betty Gibson.

Notes: History/bio information from the records and Jones' obituary. Description by Christy Henry.

Language Note: English

Conservation: Preservation copy made 2021 (R. Hess)

Audio Tracks



Roland Kitchen interview

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14501>

Part Of: Westman Oral History collection

Description Level: Item

Item Number: OH129.Kit

Accession Number: 35-1998

GMD: sound recordings

Date Range: October 29, 1984

Physical Description: 1 audio cassette [00:58:27]

History /

Biographical:

Roland "Rolly" Kitchen was born September 1, 1908 in Leeds, Yorkshire, England. He immigrated to Canada with his family in May 1910, and they settled in Brandon, MB, where Rolly lived his entire life. Rolly completed his drafting and structural engineering diplomas. From 1926-1931, he worked with G.W. Epton Contractor, then in 1933, he joined Beresford Lumber Co. That same year Rolly married Dorothy Hope Harden (1904-1992). They had no children. Rolly retired from the Beresford Lumber Co. in 1972. A member of Brandon City Council from 1955-1959, Rolly was also an active member of the Rotary Club, serving in various executive positions, a board member at the Brandon General Hospital (BGH), a member of First Church United, and then later at First Presbyterian Church. His hobbies included model trains, photography and travel slide presentations to seniors. Roland Kitchen died on November 3, 1986 in Brandon, MB. He is buried at Brandon Municipal Cemetery.

Custodial History:

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Scope and Content:

Item is an audiocassette tape containing an interview with Ronald Kitchen about the history, operations and building projects of Beresford Lumber Company, as well as some information about other lumber companies in Brandon. The interviewer is Lloyd Henderson.

Notes: History/bio information from the records and Kitchen's obituary.
Description by Christy Henry.

Language Note: English

Conservation: Preservation copy made 2021 (R. Hess)

Audio Tracks
