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## Herb Lazenby interview

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Part Of: Westman Oral History collection

Description Level: Item

Item Number: OH207.Laz

Accession Number: 35-1998

GMD: sound recordings

Date Range: May 21, 1981

Physical Description: 1 audio cassette [00:11:35]

History /

Biographical:

Herbert "Herb" Lazenby was born in 1885 in Lincolnshire, England. He immigrated to Canada in 1903, making his way to Reston, MB. He was a farmer who married Elsie Mae Wilson (1890-1971). Together they had three children: George, Alvin and a daughter who died at birth. Herb Lazenby died in 1949 and is buried in the Reston Cemetery. The narrator, Irene Luella Smeltz Lazenby (1915-1998), was the wife of Herb and Elsie's son George. They married in 1942.

Custodial History:

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Scope and Content:

Item is an audiocassette tape containing information about the life of Herb Lazenby and farming in the 1880s, narrated by his daughter-in-law Irene Lazenby.

Notes: History/bio information from the records and Conley's obituary. Transcript by Shyanne Bear (2020). Description by Christy Henry.

Language Note: English

## Audio Tracks

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## Jack and Jessie Blatchford interview

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Part Of: Westman Oral History collection

Description Level: Item

Item Number: OH266.Bla

Accession Number: 35-1998

GMD: sound recordings

Date Range: April 5, 1983

Physical Description: 1 audio cassette [00:13:25]

History /

Biographical:

Edward John "Jack" Blatchford was born on the family farm near Bradwardine, MB on July 1, 1904. He remained at home to help with farm duties after attending Bradwardine School. In 1930, he rented a farm, but also worked odd jobs plowing the town gardens, hauling freight and coal, taking care of the rink and butchering for the mink ranch in Hamiota and the beef ring. Jack married Jessie Bowyer Mawer on August 6, 1931 in Winnipeg.

Jessie was born on July 14, 1910 in the Tarbolton district of the RM of Daly and attended schools in Spring Valley, Tarbolton and Bradwardine. Her nursing training at the Brandon Mental Hospital was not completed when she married in 1931. After the marriage, the couple farmed north of Bradwardine before moving into the village in 1944, when Jack changed his occupation; he started a trucking business hauling grain for farmers and also working for Good Roads. Jack was also employed with Canadian Comstock at Rivers, Brandon and Carberry-Portage before being hired in the C.E. Section of the Department of National Defence at Rivers CFB. He held this position from 1959 until his retirement.

Jack was an avid sportsman, playing hockey, football, broomball, curling, baseball, softball, as well as speed skating. He also enjoyed hunting. In Bradwardine, Jessie provided care for the sick, as well as maternity care, but also worked in the local grocery and hardware store, and was Postmistress from 1969-1972. Jessie was active in her community as a member of the United Church, Forrester's Lodge, Hospital Guild, and 50 Plus Club. The couple moved to Hamiota in 1984, and then Rivers the following year. Jack and Jessie Blatchford had no children. Jack Blatchford died on November 7, 1992. Jessie Blatchford died on May 16, 2008. They are both buried in Saint Matthew Anglican Cemetery in Bradwardine, MB.

Custodial History:

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Scope and Content:

Item is an audiocassette tape containing an interview with Jack and Jessie Blatchford about early schooling and home nursing in the 1930s. The interviewer is Mrs. K. Cochrane.

Notes: History/bio information from the records, the Bradwardine local history and Jessie Blatchford's obituary. Transcript by Michyla Turnbull (2020). Description by Christy Henry.

Language Note: English

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Accession Number: OH148-Bla

Interviewer: Alexander Black

Interviewee: Alex Black

Location: Black River, Manitoba

Transcription: Mary Fitchner

Date Transcribed: 2019-05-17

Recording Format: Audio Cassette

Length of Recording: 00:15:00

Question: Today is February 10th 1983. The following is an interview at the home of Alex and Jessie Black in Black River, Manitoba. Alex has lived in the district his entire life and most of his childhood at Maple Road School and the residence in Black River. He has appeared on the radio many times and in the Black River in 1978.

Answer: Yes, 78 you can say.

Q: 78, when I would like to ask about your early years when your grandparents and all your dad and mother came from the Black River before coming to Black River.

Q: Well, my grandparents were born in Black River, and I don't know much about the history of this region, are parents that can say much on my side. Father had the mother was an Englishman and the Black family had

Alex Black interview

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Part Of: Westman Oral History collection

Description Level: Item

Item Number: OH148.Bla

Accession Number: 35-1998

GMD: sound recordings

Date Range: February 3, 1983

Physical Description: 1 audio cassette [00:15:00]

Biographical:

Alexander Hector Black was born on August 31, 1901 in Oak River, MB. Alex lived in the Oak River area his entire life, farming until he retired in 1976. He married Blanche Edith Paddock (1905-1985) on October 14, 1936 and together they had four children: Frank, Margaret, Melvin and Eileen. The couple moved into Oak River in 1976, and Alex remained in the home until 1997. Alex was active in the community as a member of the church board, treasurer of the church, and Sunday School Superintendent. He was also a member of the school board and the Pool Elevator board, as well as a director of the Agricultural Society (1925-198?). Alex Black died on April 1, 1999 in Hamiota, MB. He is buried at Oak River Cemetery.

Custodial History:

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### Scope and Content:

Item is an audiocassette tape containing an interview with Alex Black about his life from crofter to a modern farmer. Interviewer is Stan Henry.

Notes: History/bio information from the records and Black's obituary. Transcript by Rhys Fletcher (2023). Description by Christy Henry.

Language Note: English

## Audio Tracks

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| Interview Date   | 1983-03-03            |            |
| Narrator (Interviewee)   | Alexander Black       |            |
| Interviewer  | Mark Henry            |            |
| Location   | Oak River, Washington |            |
| Translator:  | Rhya Fletcher         |            |
| Date Transcribed:  | 2023-04-07            |            |
| Recording Format:  | Audio Cassette        |            |
| Length of Recording  | 00:17:36              |            |
| <p>Questions: What is February the third 1983 the following is an interview at the home of and Alexander Black in Oak River, Washington. One hour and 10 minutes into the interview is the transcript of the interview at Maple Ridge School of the narrator in Oak River. He has operated the home from what he says is Oak River in 1970 L.)</p> <p>Answer: Yes, you're on the air.</p> <p>Q: Yes, I would like to start and to asking you where your grandparents and on your dad and unlike some from to Oak arriving before the date of the River.</p> <p>Q: Yeah, my grandparents were in Scotland, but I don't know much about the date of my mother's or parents but on any night or my dad father but his mother was an Italian Smith and the Smith family band</p> |                       |            |

## Alice May interview

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Item Number: OH166.May  
Accession Number: 35-1998  
GMD: sound recordings  
Date Range: October 20, 1981  
Physical Description: 1 audio cassette [00:10:00]  
History /  
Biographical:

Alice May (nee Heal) was born August 13, 1910 in Strathclair, MB to Charles and Kristina Heal. Alice worked as a secretary and bookkeeper and then as a homemaker. She married Frank May (1901-1985) on November 16, 1932 and together they had two children: Frances and Arthur. The family moved to Strathclair in 1946. Alice May died on August 10, 2006 in Shoal Lake, MB. She is buried at Strathclair Muncpal Cemetery.

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#### Scope and Content:

Item is an audiocassette tape containing an interview with Alice May about the family history of the Heals. Interviewer is William R. Patterson.

Notes: History/bio information from the records and May's obituary. Transcript by Joe Haw (2023). Description by Christy Henry.

Language Note: English

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## Beatrice Carr interview

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Part Of: Westman Oral History collection

Description Level: Item

Item Number: OH264.Car

Accession Number: 35-1998

GMD: sound recordings

Date Range: January 29, 1982

Physical Description: 1 audio cassette [00:15:00]

History /

Biographical:

Ida Beatrice "Bea" Carr (nee Johnson) was born on December 23, 1912 in Brandon, MB. Bea attended school in Brandon, including Brandon Collegiate Institute (BCI). She worked at Doig's in downtown Brandon for many years, retiring in 1976. Bea married Thomas George Carr (1905-1992) in 1943. They had no children. Bea was a member of Central United Church and the UCW. She was also a member of the Teck Chapter of the IODEI and loved playing golf and bridge. Beatrice Carr died on November 11, 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 Bea Carr about pioneers, the Power and William Johnson families, and Rhoda Tennant. Interviewer is Marjorie Lange.

Notes: History/bio information from the records and Carr's obituary. Transcript by Mary Longman (2023). Description by Christy Henry.

Language Note: English

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## Edward P. Boyle interview

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Part Of: Westman Oral History collection

Description Level: Item

Item Number: OH243.Boy

Accession Number: 35-1998

GMD: sound recordings

Date Range: May 15, 1981

Physical Description: 1 audio cassette [00:15:00]

History /

Biographical:

Edward Peter "EP" Boyle was born on January 7, 1887 in Watertown, Minnesota. After training as a creamery operator with Hutchinson Produce Company for five years, EP bought the Shellmouth Creamery near Russell, MB in 1913. He married Rose Mary McHale (1887?-1973) in 1915. The couple had six children: Jack, Irene, Winnifred, Robert, Kenneth and Forrest. In 1916, EP his second creamery, the Laurentian Milk Company in Neepawa, MB, which became known as the Neepawa Creamery & Produce Company. In 1933, EP bought another non-functioning plant, Central Creameries of Brandon, which was renovated and successfully managed by his brother Neil Boyle. EP retired in the late 1960s after incorporating his business in 1958. EP was active in the Roman Catholic church in Neepawa, served as president of the local Board of Trade and the Manitoba Dairy Association. He was a charter member of both the Neepawa BPOE and the Neepawa Golf Club. Edward Boyle died on February 4, 1990 in Neepawa, MB. He is buried at Riverside Cemetery.

Custodial History:

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Scope and Content:

Item is an audiocassette tape containing an interview with Edward Boyle about buttermaking in Neepawa, MB. Interviewer is Winnie Cheetham.

Notes: History/bio information taken from the records and Boyle's obituary.  
Transcript by Simon Richard (2023). Description by Christy Henry.

Language Note: English

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## Eva Nelson interview

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Part Of: Westman Oral History collection

Description Level: Item

Item Number: OH295.Nel

Accession Number: 35-1998

GMD: sound recordings

Date Range: October 1981

Physical Description: 1 audio cassette [00:15:00]

History /

Biographical:

Eva Nelson (nee Harrison) was born on July 5, 1896 in Killarney, MB. Raised in Holmfeld, MB where her family owned and operated a mill, Eva married Mark Nelson (1888-1946) on July 4, 1917, in Turtle Mountain. The couple farmed at Dry River, MB and raised three children: Iva, Enid and Merton. Eva Nelson died on August 9, 1989 in Pilot Mound, MB. She is buried at Greenwood Cemetery.

Custodial History:

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Scope and Content:

Item is an audiocassette tape containing an interview with Eva Nelson about Holmfeld Village, 1895-1910. Interviewer is Amy Harrison.

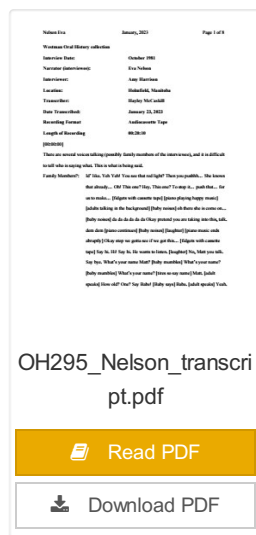
Notes: History/bio information from the records, the Find a Grave website and Nelson's obituary. Transcript by Hayley McCaskill (2023). Description by Christy Henry.

Language Note: English

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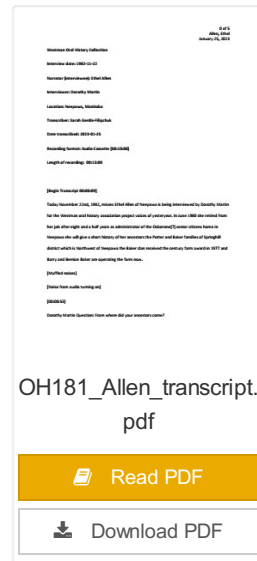




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| Notes:         | History/bio information from the records and the local history "The Beautiful Plains Story, 1983-2008." Transcript by Sarah Gerdis-Filipchuk (2023). Description by Christy Henry. |
| Language Note: | English  |

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## J. Stan Henry interview

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| Description Level: | Item |
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Item Number: OH139.Hen

Accession Number: 35-1998

GMD: sound recordings

Date Range: February 3, 1983

Physical Description: 1 audio cassette [0:15:00]

Biographical:

John Stanley Henry was born April 19, 1909 on the home farm at Oak River, MB. He attended Oak River school through Grade 11, then took agriculture at the University of Manitoba for one year before having to withdraw due to financial hardship. Stan then returned to the farm, where he remained for the rest of his life. Stan married Jean Elizabeth McCrindle (1916-1992) in 1942. Together they had three children: Cameron, Lynn and Leslie.

As a farmer, Stan was a Select Seed Grower, and with his son Cam, developed the J.S. Henry and Son Seed business. In 1981, he was elected a Roberson Associate of the Canadian Seed Growers Association. In his early years, Stan also raised purebred Shorthorn cattle. Stan enjoyed restoring and refinishing furniture, gardening and loved sports, especially baseball and curling, including coaching. In the community, Stan was an active member of the United Church and was a trustee on the local board and then the Rolling River school board for 23 years. Stan Henry died on October 15, 1986 in Brandon, MB. He is buried at Oak River Cemetery.

Custodial History:

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### Scope and Content:

Item is an audiocassette tape containing a narration by Stan Henry about the Henry pioneers in the Oak River area.

Notes: History/bio information from the records and Henry's obituary. Transcript by Marshall Northam (2023). Description by Christy Henry.

Language Note: English

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## Jim Cowan interview

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14643>

Part Of: Westman Oral History collection

Description Level: Item

Item Number: OH303.Cow

Accession Number: 35-1998

GMD: sound recordings

Date Range: [1981-1982]

Physical Description: 1 audio cassette [0:15:00]

History /  
Biographical:

James Cowan was born on May 26, 1884 in Archie Municipality. He attended school at Le Claire and Cherry Grove and later farmed southeast of Mcauley, MB. Jim married Caroline (Lena) Willamina Johnson (1887-1965) in 1914, and together they had five children: Marjorie, Helen, Archibald, Elmer and Clarence. James Cowan died in December 1982. He is buried at Elkhorn Cemetery.

### Custodial History:

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### Scope and Content:

Item is an audiocassette tape containing a narration by Jim Cowan of his life story.


Notes: History/bio information from the records, the Find A Grave website and Ancestry.ca. Transcript by Tanner Garnham. Description by Christy Henry.


Language Note: English

## Audio Tracks

## Documents

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## Joanne Titus interview

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Part Of: Westman Oral History collection

Description Level: Item

Item Number: OH273.Tit

Accession Number: 35-1998

GMD: sound recordings

Date Range: May 19, 1982

Physical Description: 1 audio cassette [0:15:00]

History /

Biographical:

Ada Joanne Titus (nee Graham) was born on January 24, 1940 in Wellwood, MB. Joanne married John (Jack) Sidney Titus (1918-1995) on October 7, 1961 in Wellwood. They had two children together - Michelle and Vonn - and also raised Jack's three children from his first marriage, Gerry, Karen and Kim. Jack served the Wellwood community as grocer and postmaster for 30 years, retiring in 1982. His father was postmaster before him. Joanne was a teacher, who began her career at Dempsey school, continued to Wellwood and Brookdale, and then spent 23 years at RJ Waugh School in Carberry. She retired in 1999. Joanne enjoyed travel, music and dance, and was a member of the Spud City Cloggers. She was an active community member within the Presbyterian Church, Guild and Choir, Wellwood Community Club, Trans Canada Trail, and the Carberry Public Library. Joanne Titus died on September 28, 2016 in Medicine Hat, AB.

Custodial History:

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Scope and Content:

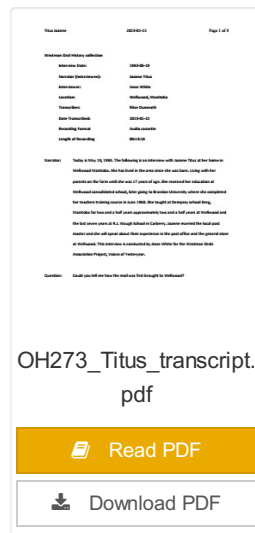
Item is an audiocassette tape containing an interview with Joanne Titus about the history and closing of Wellwood Post Office. Interviewer is Jessie Whyte.

Notes: History/bio information from the records and the obituaries for Jack and Joanne Titus. The records list Joanne's birthdate as January 24, 1940. The obituary lists only the year as 1941. Transcript by Riise Dunseath (2023). Description by Christy Henry.

Language Note: English

### Audio Tracks

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## John D. McDonald interview

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14653>

Part Of: Westman Oral History collection

Description Level: Item

Item Number: OH138.MacD

Accession Number: 35-1998

GMD: sound recordings

Date Range: October 25, 1981

Physical Description: 1 audio cassette [0:15:00]

History /

Biographical:

John Duncan McDonald was born on April 30, 1893 in Brandon, MB. He attended Winterton and Basswood schools. John married Margaret Emily Greer (1894-1980) in the Greer home in the Moline district in 1917. Together they had four children: Sadie Julia Elva, Robert James, John Elmer and Roy Peter. From 1919-1965, he farmed at Basswood, MB on SW 36-14-20. John McDonald died on January 11, 1989. He is buried at Basswood Cemetery.

Custodial History:

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Scope and Content:

Item is an audiocassette tape containing an interview with John MacDonald about pioneer farming. Interviewer is Gordon Shanks.

Notes: History/bio information from the records. Transcript by Desiree Glover (2023). Description by Christy Henry.

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## Scope and Content:

Item is an audiocassette tape containing an interview with Leween Drysdale about the history of the Drysdale Centennial Farm. Interviewer is Dorothy Martin.

Notes: History/bio information from the records, the Find A Grave website and Drysdale's obituary. Transcript by Kaitlyn Perrett (2023). Description by Christy Henry.

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## Violette Chapman interview

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Part Of: Westman Oral History collection

Description Level: Item

Item Number: OH254.Cha

Accession Number: 35-1998

GMD: sound recordings

Date Range: November 11, 1981

Physical Description: 1 audio cassette [0:15:00]



Biographical:

Violette Chapman (nee Turner) was born on May 16, 1898 in Ednas Cross, England. Her first job was making needle envelopes in a factory. When she was 16, she met Isaiah Chapman (1889-1966), a soldier in the 2nd Battalion of the Coldstream Guards in the First World War. Isaiah was given leave from France to marry Violette on October 16, 1918. The couple lived in England for several years after the war, but in 1921 they sailed to New York, then travelled by train to Montreal and through to Winnipeg.

Isaiah worked as a farm hand for a couple of years before joining the Canadian Pacific Railway at Treesbank. Eventually he was transferred to Glenboro. Violette took work in the kitchen of the Leland Hotel. She stopped working once their children - Verna and Sydney - were born. In 1932, the family bought a farm north of town in the Patricia District. Violette and Isaiah moved back to Glenboro in 1949, where they owned a grocery store and then a cafe. In 1966, the couple purchased the old Connaught School and moved it to their farm where they planned to use it as their summer home. For the last nine years of her life, Violette lived at the Personal Care Home in Glenboro. Violette Chapman died in May 1993 in Glenboro, MB. She is buried at Glenboro Cemetery.

Custodial History:

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Scope and Content:

Item is an audiocassette tape containing an interview with Violette Chapman about her life story. Interviewer is Irene Brown.

Notes:

History/bio information from the records, the Glenboro local history "Beneath the Long Grass," and obituaries for Sydney and Isaiah Chapman. Transcript by Sydney Wright (2023). Description by Christy Henry.

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## Violet Leeson interview

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Part Of: Westman Oral History collection

Description Level: Item

Item Number: OH218.Lee

Accession Number: 35-1998

GMD: sound recordings

Date Range: June 29, 1983

Physical Description: 1 audio cassette [0:10:00]

History /

Biographical:

Violet Ellen Leeson (nee Morrison) was born on April 12, 1902 in Strathclair, MB. She took her early education at Elgin School and Strathclair Consolidated School. Violet married Earl Leeson (1903-1982) on June 14, 1922 and together they had two daughters: Viola Rose and Della June. The couple farmed the original Leeson homestead from 1922-1962, except for five years when Earl was manager of the Strathclair Consumers Co-op. They moved to Carlton Lodge in 1981. Violet began writing poetry in the 1920s. Violet Leeson died on January 22, 2001 in Shoal Lake, MB. She is buried at Strathclair Cemetery.

Custodial History:

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Scope and Content:

Item is an audiocassette tape containing an interview with Violet Leeson about her life story and her poetry. Interviewer is Velma Patterson.

Notes: History/bio information from the records, the Strathclair RM local history "Our story to 1970," and Leeson's entry as a Memorable Manitoban on the Manitoba Historical Society website. Description by Christy Henry.

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Description Level: Item

Accession Number: 35-1998

GMD: sound recordings

Date Range: June 29, 1983

Physical Description: 1 audio cassette [0:10:00]

Speaker: Violet Leeson

Interviewer: Velma Patterson

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