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Janet Seward interview

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Part Of: Westman Oral History collection

Description Level: Item

Item Number: OH196.Sew

Accession Number: 35-1998

GMD: sound recordings

Date Range: March 23, 1981

Physical Description: 1 audio cassette [00:12:20]

History /

Biographical:

Janet Mortimer Seward (nee Anderson) was born on May 5, 1898 at Crown Hill, near Barrie, ON. She graduated with her RN from the Royal Victoria Hospital in Barrie in 1921. Coming to Brandon in 1927, she became a graduate of the first post-graduate class in psychiatric nursing at the Brandon Mental Hospital. In 1929, she became superintendent of nurses at that same institution. She stepped down from her position when she married Ernest Seward (1877-1949), a widower, in 1934, but following her husband's death, she resumed her nursing career, finally retiring in 1966. The couple had no children. An active member of St. George's Anglican Church, she also volunteered for the Red Cross. Janet Seward died on June 14, 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 Janet Seward about health care and her experiences as a nurse. Subjects discussed include the working conditions in hospitals, medication and treatment that were done, patient care, and the doctors who worked in Brandon, including doctors Barager, Davidson, Goulden, Evans, Cromary, Peters, Bigelow, Shultz and Purdy. Postgraduates Miss Steward and Miss Cansfield are also mentioned. Interviewer is Phyllis Long.

Notes: History/bio information from the records and Seward's obituary.
Transcript by Leah Stephens (2020). Description by Christy Henry.

Language Note: English

Audio Tracks

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Country/Region	USA/Canada	Page 1 of 2
Interview Date		1881-1882
Narrator (last,first,middle)		Raylene Gaudin
Interviewer:		Phyllis Long
Location:		Brandon, Manitoba
Transcribed:		Kyle Reed
Date Transcribed		2010-09-27
Recording Format		Cassette
Interviewer's Language		EN/FR
Notes	<p>Phyllis Long: The topic is health services. The listing is conversation with Mrs. Raylene Gaudin of 1, 27 1/2 Street Brandon. She is the daughter of the Brandon and district chapter of the multiple sclerosis society of Canada.</p> <p>It is October 18, 1981.</p> <p>[unclear dialogue, unclear, unclear]</p> <p>Gaudin:</p> <p>Phyllis Long: Mrs. Gaudin, when was the chapter organized in the Brandon and district area and by whom?</p>	
Accession:		

Scope and Content:

Item is an audiocassette tape containing an interview with Evelyne Conley about health services, specifically the Multiple Sclerosis Society of Canada. The interview includes a brief history of the MS Society, the trials and tribulations of funding, and Evelyne's personal ties to the organization. In particular she discusses the Prairie Division and the Brandon chapter. Interviewer is Phyllis Long.

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

Language Note: English

Audio Tracks

Documents

Conley, Evelyne 1981-05-18 Page 1 of 7

Interview Date: 1981-05-18

Interviewer (Interviewee): Evelyne Conley

Interviewer: Phyllis Long

Location: Brandon, Manitoba

Transcriber: Kyle Head

Date Transcribed: 2020-09-27

Recording Format: Cassette

Interview Length: 0:11:05

Notes:

Phyllis Long: The tape is health services. I'm having a conversation with Mrs. Evelyne Conley at 2, 2 1/2 Street Brandon. Who is the chairman of the Brandon and district chapter of the multiple sclerosis society of Canada.

It is October the 18th, 1981.


[Inaudible dialogue, recorder feedback]


Questions:

Phyllis Long: Mrs. Conley, when was the chapter organized in the Brandon and district area and by whom?

Answers:

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Interview Date: 1981-05-18

Interviewer (Interviewee): Evelyne Conley

Interviewer: Phyllis Long

Location: Brandon, Manitoba

Transcriber: Kyle Head

Date Transcribed: 2020-09-27

Recording Format: Cassette

Length of Recording: 00:11:05

Notes: This interview was made as a recording, and the interview and interviewee are the same person. Therefore, listed amount of questions.

Interviewer:

[00:00:00] [Interviewer] Location of the early interviewers' headquarters.

[00:00:00] [Interviewer] When Mrs. Conley came and from England in 1981 from London. And at the time she was about 20 years old when she came here.

[00:00:00] [Interviewer] [Interviewer]

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]

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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Locality, Name	Entry No.	Page 1 of 38
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Interview Date:	1980-05-31	
Reporter (Interviewer):	Grene Lazenby	
Location:	Radon, Washburne	
Transcriber:	Shayenne Boaz	
Date Transcribed:	2020-06-08	
Recording Format:	Tape Recording	
Length of Recording:	00:13:08	
<p>Note: This interview was done as a narrative, and the interviewee and interviewer are the same person. Therefore, limited amount of questions.</p>		
<p>Interviewer Name:</p> <p>[00:00:00] [take start] Lazenby of the early nineteen hundreds...hundreds</p> <p>[00:00:10] Well Hark Lazenby came from England in 1903 from Littleport, and I think he was at about age 20 years old when he came out.</p> <p>[00:00:10] [background noise]</p>		

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Jack and Jessie Blatchford interview

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Description Level:	Item
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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.

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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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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]

History /

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 (1925-1987). Alex Black died on April 1, 1999 in Hamiota, MB. He is buried at Oak River Cemetery.

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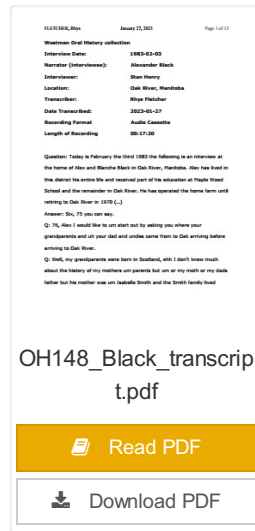
Scope and Content:

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

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Alice May interview

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Part Of: Westman Oral History collection

Description Level: Item

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.

Custodial History:

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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

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]

Edward P. Boyle interview

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14559>

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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Interview Date:	1987-08-14
Interviewer(s):	Winnie Cheetham, "EP" Boyle
Interviewee(s):	Edward Boyle
Location:	Neepawa, Manitoba
Topic(s):	Buttermaking
Other Names:	Edward Boyle
Recording Format:	Audiocassette
Length of Recording:	00:00:00

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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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Nelson, Eva
Westman Oral History collection
Interview Date: October 1981
Interviewer: Amy Harrison
Location: Holmfeld, Manitoba
Transcript: Hayley McCaskill
Accession Number: 35-1998
Recording Format: Audiotape
Length of Recording: 00:15:00

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Ethel Allen interview

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Part Of: Westman Oral History collection

Description Level: Item

Item Number: OH181.All

Accession Number: 35-1998

GMD: sound recordings

Date Range: November 22, 1982

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

History /

Biographical:

Ethel Elizabeth Mary Allen (nee Baker) was born on June 30, 1915 on Springhill Farm in the RM of Rosedale. She attended Springhill School and Neepawa Collegiate. An accomplished pianist, she formed a band with her brothers and together they played many dances. Ethel married William Allen (1902-1964) in June 1938 and together they had one son, Larry. Following the marriage, the couple lived in the residence at Howden elevator where Bill was the elevator agent for the Ogilvie company. Ethel helped Bill with bookkeeping. When Bill died, Ethel moved to Neepawa, where she worked for the Osborone Senior Citizens Home for a number of years. A long time member of the Order of the Eastern Star, Naomi Chapter No. 11, Ethel enjoyed curling, sewing and travel. Ethel Allen died on May 14, 2001 in Neepawa, MB. She is buried at Riverside Cemetery.

Custodial History:

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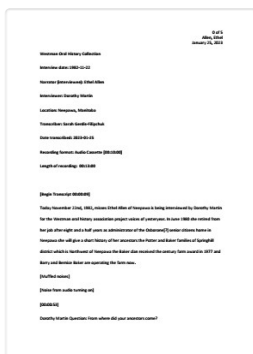
Item is an audiocassette tape containing an interview with Ethel Allen about the history of the Potter-Baker Centennial Farm. Interviewer is Isabelle Heeney.

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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Bill Turner interview tape log

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14608>

Part Of: Music and the Brandon community collection

Creator: Richard Bee

Description Level: Item

Item Number: 8-2015.5b

Accession Number: 8-2015

GMD: electronic records

Date Range: Summer 2015

Physical Description: 5 pages

Material Details: PDF

History /

Biographical:

A tape log was created by Richard Bee for each of the interviews he conducted as part of the Music and the Brandon community project.

Custodial History:

Item was in Richard Bee's possession until he donated it to the McKee Archives in 2015.

Scope and Content:


Item is the tape log Richard Bee created for his interview with Bill Turner. The log provides a time breakdown for the interview, along with more details about the subjects discussed.


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J. Stan Henry interview

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Part Of: Westman Oral History collection

Description Level: Item

Item Number: OH139.Hen

Accession Number: 35-1998

GMD: sound recordings

Date Range: February 3, 1983

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

History /

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.

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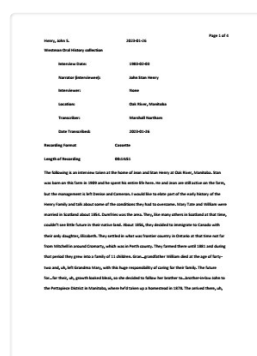
Item is an audiocassette tape containing a narration by Stan Henry about the Henry pioneers in the Oak River area.

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

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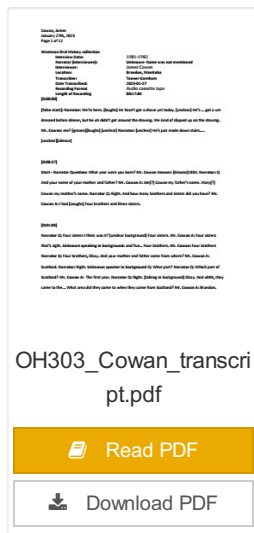
Item is an audiocassette tape containing a narration by Jim Cowan of his life story.

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

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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.

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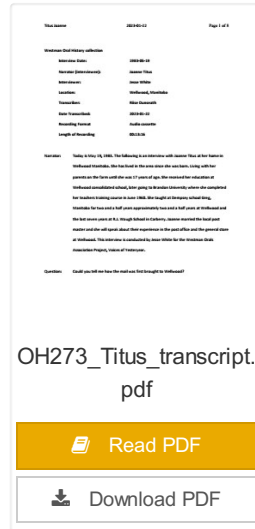
Scope and Content:

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

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John D. McDonald interview

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Part Of: Westman Oral History collection

Description Level:	Item
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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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Westman Oral History Collection
Interview Date: 1982-12-06
Interviewer: John MacDonald
Interviewee: John MacDonald
Transcribed by: Desiree Glover
Date Transcribed: 2023-09-12
Original Format: Cassette
Length of Recording: 15:00

Summary: This is an audio transcript of an interview with John MacDonald, a pioneer farmer from Brandon, Manitoba, conducted by John MacDonald on September 12, 2023. The interview discusses John MacDonald's early life, his family, and his experiences as a pioneer farmer in Brandon, Manitoba. The transcript is organized into sections based on the topics discussed during the interview.

Section 1: Early Life and Family
Q: What year were you born?
A: I was born in 1918, on September 12th, in Brandon, Manitoba.
Q: What year did you move to Brandon?
A: I moved to Brandon in 1928, when I was 10 years old.
Q: What year did you start farming?
A: I started farming in 1938, when I was 20 years old.
Q: What year did you start in Brandon?
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Q: What year did you move to Brandon?
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Leween Drysdale interview

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Description Level: Item

Item Number: OH157.Dry

Accession Number: 35-1998

GMD: sound recordings

Date Range: December 6, 1982

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

History /

Biographical:

Violet Leween Bernice Drysdale (nee Singleton) was born on March 27, 1925 on the farm at SW 32-16-14 in the RM of Landsdowne. She attended Glenholm School for grade school and Arden for high school. During her school years she enjoyed participating in festivals, concerts and sports, especially baseball. Leween taught as a permit teacher at Tobermore and Molesworth schools, and then after a year at Normal School, she taught as a licensed teacher at Salisbury and Inkerman schools. Leween married Charles M Drysdale (1919-2004) on March 27, 1948. Together they had two children, Arleen and Morris. The couple farmed four miles east of Neepawa, MB for over fifty years. They had a mixed farm with grain, cattle, chickens and a large garden. Leween particularly enjoyed flowers and fruit trees. She was active in the community, belonging to the Union and Salisbury Women's Institute. She sang in the Inkerman United Church Choir, was a 4-H leader for many years, and entered her handiwork and garden produce in local fairs. Following a stroke in 1999, Leween lived at East View Lodge. Leween Drysdale died on February 6, 2005 in Neepawa, MB. She is buried at Riverside Cemetery.

Custodial History:

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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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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]

History /

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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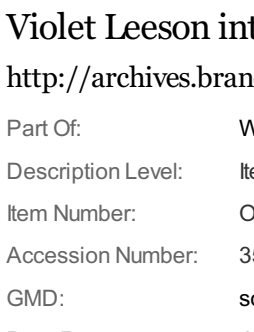
Scope and Content:

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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Description Level:	Item
Item Number:	OH218.Lee

GMD: sound recordings

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

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.

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

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Interview Date: 1998-06-05

Interviewer(s): Victor Leeson

Interviewee(s): Victor Leeson

Location: Honolulu, Hawaii

Transcript: Honolulu, Hawaii

Date Transcribed: 1998-06-05

Transcribing Person: Victor Leeson

Length of Interview: 01:00:00

Notes: A short transcript of the interview. If you want to know more about this, please see the transcript notes.

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