

# S. J. McKee Archives



## Roland Kitchen interview

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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:

As part of the Westman Oral History Collection, this collection was accessioned by the McKee Archives in 1998. The original tapes from the Westman Oral History project were deposited in the Brandon Public Library. Copies of these originals were made by Margaret Pollex of the Brandon University Language Lab at the request of Eileen McFadden, University Archivist in the early 1990s. These copies compose the collection held in the McKee Archives.

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

