

# S. J. McKee Archives



## John Hunter interview

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14652>

Part Of: Westman Oral History collection

Description Level: Item

Item Number: OH199.Hun

Accession Number: 35-1998

GMD: sound recordings

Date Range: July 18, 1981

Physical Description: 1 audio cassette [0:20:00]

History /

Biographical:

John (Jack) Hunter was born on April 6, 1910 on the farm at Moline, MB to John Hunter and Florence Currie. A life-long farmer, Jack never married. He and his sister Dorothy remained on the farm, and looked after their parents and their aunt Molly. The siblings retired to Rapid City, MB in 1975. Jack Hunter died on June 3, 1991 in Minnedosa, MB. He is buried at Rapid City Cemetery.

Custodial History:

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Scope and Content:

Item is an audiocassette tape containing an interview with Jack Hunter about the history of the Hunter and Currie families. Interviewer is Gordon Shanks.

Notes: History/bio information from the records, the local history "Rapid City and District" and Hunter's obituary. Description by Christy Henry.

## Audio Tracks



## John Hepworth interview

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14655>

Part Of: Westman Oral History collection

Description Level: Item

Item Number: OH072.Hep

Accession Number: 35-1998

GMD: sound recordings

Date Range: December 8, 1981

Physical Description: 1 audio cassette [0:35:00]

History /

Biographical:

John Hepworth was born on April 5, 1911 at Shoal Lake, MB. He attended Agricultural College at the University of Manitoba and farmed the Hepworth family farm near Menzie. John married Helen Douglas Morton (1915-2008) in 1935, and together they had two daughters, Heather and Jill. The family moved to Shoal Lake in 1945, and John continued farming from town until retiring in 1974. John was active in the Shoal Lake community, participating in curling and golf, and referring minor hockey. He was a long-time member of the Boards of Directors of Shoal Lake Hospital and of Morley House; he was actively involved in the establishment of the latter, and the Lions Wing addition. Within St. Paul's Anglican Church, John served on the vestry and for a term as People's Warden. John Hepworth died on September 2, 1995 at Shoal Lake, MB. He is buried at Shoal Lake Cemetery.

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Scope and Content:

Item is an audiocassette tape containing an interview with John Hepworth about Shoal Lake Health Services. Interviewer is Cliff Findlay.

Notes: History/bio information from the records, Shoal Lake local history "Ripples on the Lake" and Hepworth's obituary. Description by Christy Henry.

### Audio Tracks

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## John Oldcorn interview

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14656>

Part Of: Westman Oral History collection

Description Level: Item

Item Number: OH223.Old

Accession Number: 35-1998

GMD: sound recordings

Date Range: November 23, 1981

Physical Description: 1 audio cassette [0:40:00]

History /

Biographical:

John Oldcorn was born on December 29, 1910 in Victoria, BC. His family moved to Manitoba the following year and homesteaded at Cordova until 1918. John then lived in Neepawa (1918-1926) and Franklin (1926-1943), farming with his father before settling at Forrest in 1943.

Marjorie Jean Robertson was born on January 7, 1923 in Minnedosa, MB. She attended school in Cordova and Mentmore before taking Grade 11 in Franklin. Following her education, Marj took a secretarial job at the Manitoba Legislature. She met John Oldcorn at Franklin and they were married on November 23, 1943. Together they had two sons, Robert and Claude. During these years, Marj was active in the Forrest United Church and 4-H. She was also an avid curler and was a member of the Brandon Curling Club for many years.

John Oldcorn died on October 24, 1986 at his home, RR5 Brandon, MB. Following his death Marj enjoyed relationships with Sanford Cochrane, and after his death, with Cliff Thompson. Marj left the farm in 2004, and moved to Parkview in Brandon, and then Fairview Personal Care Home. Marjorie Oldcorn died on September 4, 2010. John and Marjorie Oldcorn are buried at Rosewood Memorial Gardens.

Custodial History:

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Scope and Content:

Item is an audiocassette tape containing an interview with John and Marjorie Oldcorn about farming in Manitoba, 1899-1981. Interviewer is Frank Anderson.

Notes: History/bio information from the records and the obituaries of John and Marjorie Oldcorn. Description by Christy Henry.



## John Peters interview

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14658>

Part Of: Westman Oral History collection

Description Level: Item

Item Number: OH162.Pet

Accession Number: 35-1998

GMD: sound recordings

Date Range: May 13, 1982

Physical Description: 1 audio cassette [0:25:00]

History /

Biographical:

John Peters was born on November 7, 1918 in Hague, SK. He moved to the Broodkale area in 1941, and then the Minnedosa area. Hazel Sayward was born on January 5, 1929 in Brandon, MB. Her family lived on a farm northeast of Moore Park. Hazel attended school in Moore Park, then in the Brookdale district but eventually quit school to help on the farm. John and Hazel married in November 1943, and together they had two children: Connie and Perry. The couple farmed in the Oberon district, then moved to Duddenhoffer farm, which later became part of the Langford Community Pasture. They managed the government pasture from 1948-1979. Hazel and John then retired on their own farm beside the community pasture. John Peters died on January 21, 2011. Hazel Peters died on January 14, 1917. They are both buried at Riverside Cemetery.

Custodial History:

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Scope and Content:

Item is an audiocassette tape containing an interview with John and Helen Peters about community pasture life in Langford and Lansdowne. Interviewer is Dorothy Martin.

Notes: History/bio information from the records, the Broodkale local history "Quest in Roots," and Hazel Peters' obituary. Description by Christy Henry.

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## Allen John Whetter interview

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14519>

Part Of: Westman Oral History collection  
Description Level: Item  
Item Number: OH285.Whe  
Accession Number: 35-1998  
GMD: sound recordings  
Date Range: January 23, 1983  
Physical Description: 1 audio cassette [00:30:00]

### History /

### Biographical:

Allen John "Jack" Whetter was born September 6, 1908 in Dand, MB, in the Hartney district. Aside from one year in Ontario, Jack spent his entire life in the Chain Lakes area. He attended Chain Lakes and Dand schools, and the Chain Lakes Friends Church, which was later moved to Dand and became Dand United Church. A farmer, he married Donalda Louise Gee (1919-2014) in 1940, and together they had four children: Gerald, Darlene, Rodney and Nancy. Jack and Donalda were members of the Elgin Square Dance Club and curled at Hathaway. In later years they enjoyed travelling. Jack was involved in leadership roles in Dand and Hartney, serving as a board member for Dand School, Hartney Credit Union and Manitoba Pool. A dedicated member of his church, he taught Sunday School and sang in the choir. Jack Whetter died on February 2, 2002 in Hartney, MB. He is buried at Chain Lakes Cemetery.

### Custodial History:

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### Scope and Content:

Item is an audiocassette tape containing an interview with Jack Whetter about his family history, Dand and district, as well as the Quaker Church. Interviewer is Mary Thomas.

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

Language Note: English

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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





## John G. Beddome interview

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14654>

Part Of: Westman Oral History collection

Description Level: Item

Item Number: OH121.Bed

Accession Number: 35-1998

GMD: sound recordings

Date Range: March 31, 1982

Physical Description: 1 audio cassette [0:35:00]

History /

Biographical:

John Gordon (Jack) Beddome was born on August 29, 1910 in the Odanah Municipality of Manitoba. He attended Hazelwood School. Jack farmed SW 32-14-17 and SW 16-14-17, and served on the Hazelwood School Board for ten years. Jack married Agnes May Harland (1909-1995) on October 29, 1940. Together they had three children: Marilyn, Marjorie and Gordon. Jack Beddome died in 1990. He is buried at Minnedosa Cemetery.

Custodial History:

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Scope and Content:

Item is an audiocassette tape containing an interview with John Beddome about pioneer settlement, specifically seven generations of Beddomes in the Hazelwood District. Interviewer is Mae Johnson.

Notes: History/bio information from the records and local history "Minnedosa Valey Views." Description by Christy Henry.

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## John T. McGregor interview

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14659>

Part Of: Westman Oral History collection

Description Level: Item

Item Number: OH069.MacG

Accession Number: 35-1998

GMD: sound recordings

Date Range: March 2, 1982

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

History /

Biographical:

John Taylor McGregor was born on January 6, 1904 in North Brandon, in the RM of Elton. He received his education at Grand Valley School, Brandon Collegiate Institute (BCI) and Brandon College. John began farming in 1926, and continued until 1969. During his farming years he also worked as a steam engineer at Shilo. He retired to Brandon. John was a member of Toastmasters No. 293, the Assiboine Historical Society and a founding member of the Manitoba Agricultural Hall of Fame. He also contributed to Daly House Museum and wrote many pioneer stories, some of which were published by the Brandon Sun. He was a member of First Presbyterian Church in Brandon.

John married Clara Louise Barber (1901-1965) in 1936. Following her death, he married Brandon school teacher Isabelle Johnston (1907-1989). There were no children for either couple. John McGregor died on December 21, 1988 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 John McGregor about agriculture and the McGregor family history. Interviewer is Frank Anderson.

Notes: History/bio information from the records and obituaries for John, Isabelle and Clara McGregor. Description by Christy Henry.

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## Robert John Coates interview

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14716>

Part Of: Westman Oral History collection

Description Level: Item

Item Number: OH025.Coa

Accession Number: 35-1998

GMD: sound recordings

Date Range: April 19, 1982

Physical Description: 1 audio cassette [0:30:00]

History /

Biographical:

Robert John Coates was born on December 30, 1908 on the home farm in the Elm Valley district. He took his schooling at Elm Valley and Virden. He received Bachelor of Science of Bachelor of Education degrees at the University of Manitoba. Bob married Margaret Grace Cullen (1915-2007) in 1936 and together they had two children: Karen and John. Bob began his teaching career as principal in Pierson, MB, later moving to Ninga as principal. During the Second World War he joined the RCAF, serving as a navigation officer and teaching pilots in the Commonwealth Air Training Plan. After the war, the family moved to Brandon where Bob taught at Brandon Collegiate Institute (BCI), Earl Haig, Earl Oxford and was principal at Central School. He was the first principal at Green Acres School, teaching there until retiring in 1973. Bob was made a Brandon Diocesan Layreader of the Anglican Church and spent years taking services throughout the Diocese.

Bob served as president of the Manitoba Teachers' Society, Brandon Local, The Western Manitoba Teacher's Association, the Brandon PC Association and the UN Association. He also served as executive member of the International School Masters Club, The Manitoba Teachers' Society Pensions Committee, Men's Canadian Club and the Westman Oral History Association. He served as Chairman of the Local MTS Pension Committee and on the board of directors of Hobbs Manor. Bob was a lifetime member of the Manitoba Teachers' Society and the Brandon Teachers' Society, as well as a charter member of the Assiniboine Historical Society, the Daly House Museum, and the Commonwealth Air Training Museum. He was also a member of The Monarchist League of Canada and Royal Canadian Legion No. 3. At the time of his death Bob was an honorary Vestryman at St. Matthew's Cathedral. Robert Coates died on March 10, 1990 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 Robert Coates about the history of St. Matthew's Anglican Cathedral, Brandon. Interviewer is Irene Heeney.

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

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