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Earl Murray interview

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14553>

Part Of: Westman Oral History collection

Description Level: Item

Item Number: OH236.Mur

Accession Number: 35-1998

GMD: sound recordings

Date Range: May 16, 1983

Physical Description: 1 audio cassette [00:45:00]

History /

Biographical:

Melvin Earl Murray was born on October 16, 1901 in Neepawa, MB and he lived his entire life in there. Earl left school at the age of 15 to assist an uncle on the farm; he was one of a number of young men who took the place of men who were called to serve in the armed services during the First World War. He worked with his father on his farm until starting a transportation business locally in 1927. In 1932, he obtained a contract with General Motors to sell G.M. products. Subsequently he contracted to sell IHC farm machinery and later added a contract as distributor of Thomas school buses for the Province of Manitoba. Earl married Margaret Mary McIntosh (1902-1994) on November 5, 1924 and together they had one son, Gerald. Earl was active in church and community affairs, service clubs and sporting circles. Among his awards were The Town of Neepawa Honorary Citizen award, The Golden Boy award, The Red Cross Service award, a Chamber of Commerce award, Motor Dealers awards provincially and nationally and Her Majesty The Queen Silver Anniversary award. Earl Murray died on September 4, 1986 in Brandon, 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 Earl Murray about automobiles in Neepawa since the early days. The interviewer is Winnie Cheetham.

Notes: History/bio information taken from the records, the Neepawa local history "Heritage" and Murray's obituary. Description by Christy Henry.

Language Note: English

Audio Tracks



Earle M. Currie interview

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14554>

Part Of: Westman Oral History collection

Description Level: Item

Item Number: OH108.Cur

Accession Number: 35-1998

GMD: sound recordings

Date Range: July 11, 1981

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

History /

Biographical:

Earle Marshall Currie was born on March 29, 1891 on section 4-3-19 near Boissevain, MB. He attended Fairburn and Boissevain schools. In 1911, he moved to British Columbia where he owned a poultry farm. Earle married Verlie Annie Merle Jones (1898-1997) on September 3, 1919 and together they had four children, including Glenn and Marshall. The Currie's returned to Boissevain for the 100th anniversary of settlement in the area and the 75th anniversary of the incorporation of the town of Boissevain in 1981. Earle Currie died on April 12, 1983 in Chilliwack, BC.

Custodial History:

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Scope and Content:

Item is an audiocassette tape containing an interview with Earle Currie about early Boissevain, as well as the cement and cement block industry owned by his father George Comer Currie. The interviewer is Phyllis Hallett.

Notes: History/bio information taken from the records. Description by Christy Henry.

Language Note: English

Audio Tracks



Albert Leronowich interview

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14462>

Part Of: Westman Oral History collection

Description Level: Item

Item Number: OH178.Ler

Accession Number: 35-1998

GMD: sound recordings

Date Range: June 9, 1982

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

History /

Biographical:

Albert Leronowich was born on March 18, 1894 in Poland. He immigrated to Canada in 1912 and spent time in Calgary, AB and Oak Lake, MB before settling in Brandon, MB. Albert spent some time farming, before holding a number of positions with the Canadian Pacific Railway, including rail section man, fireman, and brakeman; he retired as a CPR boilermaker in 1959. Following retirement, Albert spent a few years as gardener of the Brandon City Hall grounds. He was a member of the Brandon Horticultural Society and was avidly interested in growing flowers, winning many trophies and prizes for his efforts. Albert married Stella Polnick (1903-1975) and together they had six children: Mark, Charles, Edward, Donald, Anne and Gladys. Albert Leronowich died on March 20, 1988 in Brandon, MB. He is buried at Brandon Municipal Cemetery.

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Scope and Content:

Item is an audiocassette tape containing an interview with Albert Leronowich about his life, gardening and horticulture. The interviewer is Hazel Rose.

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

Language Note: English

Conservation: Preservation copy made 2021 (R. Hess)

Audio Tracks



Alvie Spafford interview

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14463>

Part Of: Westman Oral History collection

Description Level: Item

Item Number: OH064.Spa

Accession Number: 35-1998

GMD: sound recordings

Date Range: December 3, 1981

Physical Description: 1 audio cassette [00:52:40]

History /

Biographical:

Alva Redell "Alvie" Spafford was born on March 15, 1891 at Enterprise, MB. He attended school at Victoria Lake and Henderson schools. Alvie left Enterprise in 1902, and moved to Bannerman, MB, where he farmed until 1936. He later moved to Boissevain, where he worked as a Rawleigh salesman, and then in 1942, he moved to Brandon and was employed as a conductor for the Canadian National Railway (CNR) until his retirement. Alvie married Frances Ethel Harrison (1895-1979) and they had three children: Carl, Edna and Raymond. Alvie Spafford died on August 25, 1985 in Brandon, MB. He is buried at Killarney and District Cemetery.

Custodial History:

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Scope and Content:

Item is an audiocassette tape containing an interview with Alvie Spafford about his life, and early days in Manitoba. The interviewer is Effie McPhail.

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

Language Note: English

Conservation: Preservation copy made 2021 (R. Hess)

Related Material: Fred McGuinness collection (1-2015)

Audio Tracks



Arlie Hogg interview

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14464>

Part Of: Westman Oral History collection

Description Level: Item

Item Number: OH018.Hog

Accession Number: 35-1998

GMD: sound recordings

Date Range: September 15, 1981

Physical Description: 1 audio cassette [00:31:09]

History /

Biographical:

Arlie Emma Hogg (nee Harrison) was born August 25, 1895 on section 36-9-24, near Oak Lake, MB. She was educated at, and lived all but the last six months of her life in, Oak Lake. She married Russell Ivan Hogg (1895-1961), a longtime editor of the Oak Lake newspaper, on January 7, 1919. Together they had three daughters: Eileen, Lila and Rubie. A homemaker, Arlie was also actively involved with her husband in publishing the paper. She was also a painter, who received awards and recognition for her works, which included landscapes, flowers, plant and animal life. She was a lifetime member of St. Alban's Anglican Church, active in the ACW and a charter member of the Eastern Star. Arlie Hogg died on May 2, 1986 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 Arlie Hogg about her life, including her painting, and pioneer days and activities. The interviewer is Wilma Hatch.

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

Language Note: English

Conservation: Preservation copy made 2021 (R. Hess)

Related Material: Fred McGuinness collection (1-2015)

Audio Tracks



Daisy Patmore interview

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14466>

Part Of: Westman Oral History collection

Description Level: Item

Item Number: OH029.Pat

Accession Number: 35-1998

GMD: sound recordings

Date Range: March 12, 1982

Physical Description: 1 audio cassette [01:01:52]

History /

Biographical:

Mary Anne Alice "Daisy" Patmore was born on March 30, 1903 in Brandon, MB. She was the eldest of five children born to Henry Lewis Patmore and Alice Maud Mary Ball. Patmore purchased a tree nursery in Brandon in 1888, and was a leading exponent of shelterbelts and tree planting, as well as a leading figure in beautifying the city of Brandon. Daisy attended Brandon Collegiate Institute (BCI) and the Brandon Normal School. She taught for one year and then joined the family business, Patmore Nurservew Ltd. and Patmore's Florists; Daisy owned and operated the floral part of the business and was a floral designer from 1934 until she retired in 1973. During these years, she was very active in the International School of Floral Design; she also spoke and gave demonstrations about floral arrangements for many clubs and associations. Daisy was a member of the Quota Club, the Natual History Society of Brandon and the Brandon Horitcultural Association, as well as a member of St. George's Anglican Church and the Anglican Church Women's Group. For many years she was the alternate organist for the Church and played at services at the Brandon Mental Health Centre and Fairview Personal Care Home. Daisy never married. Daisy Patmore died on August 21, 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 Daisy Patmore about the H.L. Patmore Nursery business in Brandon, MB, as well as the florist shop and her operation of same. The interviewer is Isabelle Heeney.

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

Language Note: English

Conservation: Preservation copy made 2021 (R. Hess)

Audio Tracks



David Brown interview

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14467>

Part Of: Westman Oral History collection
Description Level: Item
Item Number: OH068.Bro
Accession Number: 35-1998
GMD: sound recordings
Date Range: February 9, 1982
Physical Description: 1 audio cassette [00:56:45]

History /

Biographical:

David Andrew Brown was born on October 30, 1894 near Dumfries, Scotland. His family arrived in Canada in 1908 and settled on a farm east of Deloraine, MB in the Hazeldean district. David attended Manitoba Agriculture College, graduating in 1920. Following graduation he was appointed assistant to the professor of horticulture and was given responsibility for directing all the experimental work with vegetables, fruits and flowers, as well as upkeep of the College campus. He briefly accepted a teaching position in botany in the Teulon, Gunton and Balmoral high schools, before becoming the assistant superintendent of the Federal Government Station in Morden, MB in 1922. David married Edith Merle McKenzie (1900-1995) on July 22, 1922 and together they had three children: Ian, Dorothy and Shirley.

In 1928, David moved from the Morden Experimental Farm to take the position of supervisor of illustration stations at the Brandon Experimental Farm. In this role he travelled the province planting experimental cereal crops and working to reclaim soil lost to erosion during the draught of the 1930s. In 1947, he became the assistant superintendent, a position he held until his retirement in 1959. Following his retirement, David was instrumental in establishing the Agricultural Hall of Fame. He was very active in this organization until he was involved in an accident in March 1988. David was a life member of the Agricultural Institute of Canada and served terms as the president of the Manitoba Institute of Agrologists and the Manitoba Horticultural Society. He was also a well-known landscape planner for many Brandon residents and rural homesteads, a judge at local summer horticultural fairs and a member of Knox United Church, where he served as a choir member, an elder on the church board and as clerk of session. In 1977, the University of Manitoba conferred the honorary degree of L.L.D. upon him to acknowledge his outstanding contribution to agriculture in Manitoba. David Brown died on July 4, 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 David A. Brown, about his life and career, as well as the early history of Manitoba agriculture. The interviewer is Frank Anderson.

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

Language Note: English

Conservation: Preservation copy made 2021 (R. Hess)

Audio Tracks



E.H. Birkinshaw interview

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14468>

Other Title Info: E.A. Birkinshaw
Part Of: Westman Oral History collection
Description Level: Item
Item Number: OH132.Bir
Accession Number: 35-1998
GMD: sound recordings
Date Range: April 1982
Physical Description: 1 audio cassette [01:02:12]
History /
Biographical:

Ernest Arthur "Birk" Birkinshaw was born on November 24, 1908 in Rapid City, MB. He attended United College in Winnipeg, completing a degree in mathematics, before joining the faculty at Brandon College, later Brandon University, in 1931. A member of the Department of Mathematics his entire career, Birkinshaw took postgraduate studies at the Institute of Technology, Pasadena and the University of Toronto. He retired from Brandon University in 1975, and was granted the title of Professor Emeritus. Birkinshaw married Kathleen Egilsson (1916-1966) and they had one daughter, Sigrid. Ernest Birkinshaw died suddenly in North Delta, BC on November 24, 1986 and is buried at Victory Memorial Park in Surrey, BC.

Custodial History:

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Scope and Content:

Item is an audiocassette tape containing an interview with E.H. Birkinshaw about his career, experiences and memories at Brandon College. The interviewer is Bill Burgess.

Notes: History/bio information from the records and Birkinshaw's obituary. Although Birkinshaw's given names were Ernest Arthur, the Voices of Yesteryear project labelled all of the documentation for this interview as E.H. Birkinshaw. Description by Christy Henry.

Language Note: English
Conservation: Preservation copy made 2021 (R. Hess)
Related Material: Brandon College fonds

Audio Tracks



Edith Vallender interview

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14469>

Part Of: Westman Oral History collection

Description Level: Item

Item Number: OH084.Val

Accession Number: 35-1998

GMD: sound recordings

Date Range: June 18, 1982

Physical Description: 1 audio cassette [00:50:53]

History /

Biographical:

Edith Mary Vallender (nee Stoodley) was born on November 27, 1891 in Swansea, South Wales. She arrived in Canada on July 14, 1919, and settled in the Oak Lake, MB area where she lived until her death. Edith was a housewife, who married William George Vallender (1882-1957) on September 12, 1918 at Horsley, Gloucestershire, England. Vallender had immigrated to Canada in 1913 and worked on a farm north of Oak Lake before enlisting in the 107th Battalion. The couple were married while he was on leave. They had no children. In Oak Lake, Edith was a life member of the Ladies Auxiliary to the Royal Canadian Legion #79 and a charter member of the same. She was also a life member of the United Church Women's group and a dedicated worker for the Red Cross in World War II. For years, Edith was a prize winner at the Oak Lake Fair in baking, fancywork and other classes. Edith Vallender died on May 10, 1989 in Virden, MB. She is buried at Oak Lake Cemetery.

Custodial History:

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Scope and Content:

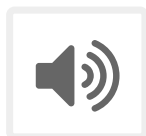
Item is an audiocassette tape containing an interview with Edith Vallender about her life experiences, including Red Cross work, life in Oak Lake, the Spanish flu, Oak Lake exhibitions and impressions of Canada. The interviewer is Phillis Cairns.

Notes: History/bio information from the records, the RM of Sifton local history "Ox Trails to Blacktop," and Vallender's obituary. Description by Christy Henry.

Language Note: English

Conservation: Preservation copy made 2021 (R. Hess)

Audio Tracks



Effie McPhail interview

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14471>

Part Of: Westman Oral History collection

Description Level: Item

Item Number: OH241.MacP

Accession Number: 35-1998

GMD: sound recordings

Date Range: February 20, 1982

Physical Description: 1 audio cassette [01:00:20]

History /

Biographical:

Effie Irene McPhail (nee Weir) was born on October 31, 1900 in Rossland, BC. In 1903, her family moved to Manitoba and Effie spent the rest of her life in Brandon and the surrounding area. Growing up in the Hunter district northwest of Brandon, she attended school there and then in Brandon. A graduate of the Brandon Normal School, Effie began teaching at the age of 16, and taught at Roseland School and in Rapid City and Rivers. Effie married Alex McPhail (1897-1989) on March 29, 1923. The couple farmed in the Forrest district and raised four children: Ronald, Malcom, Archie and Donna. The McPhails were both very active in many community, church, sports, agricultural and political organizations. Effie was involved in the Brandon Council of Women, the United Church Women, the Liberal Party, and the Assiniboine Historical Society. She was also one of the founding members of the Daly House Museum. Effie was the Chair of the Westman Oral History Association's "Voices of Yesteryear" project, which produced a collection of audio recordings of Westman-area residents. She herself interviewed a number of individuals and was interviewed twice, once on her family history and life experiences and the other on early church development in Brandon. Effie McPhail died on July 7, 1999 in Brandon, MB. She is buried at Humesville Cemetery.

Custodial History:

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Scope and Content:

Item is an audiocassette tape containing an interview with Effie MacPhail about her family history and community activities, as well as pioneer days. The interviewer is Edith Poole.

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

Language Note: English

Conservation: Preservation copy made 2021 (R. Hess)

Related Material: OH232.MacP Effie McPhail
OH206.MacP Alex McPhail

Audio Tracks



Eileen McFadden interview

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14472>

Part Of: Westman Oral History collection

Description Level: Item

Item Number: OH276.MacF

Accession Number: 35-1998

GMD: sound recordings

Date Range: May 1983

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

History /

Biographical:

Eileen May McFadden was born on July 6, 1930 on section 18-12-20 in the Rural Municipality of Daly. Eileen attended Rivers Consolidated School and then Wheat City Business College. In 1949, she enrolled at Brandon College, graduating with a BA in 1953. She completed her bachelor of library science degree from McGill University in 1954, and her MLS from the University of Toronto in 1978. In 1954-1956, she worked in the library at the University of Toronto and from 1956-1959, in the library at the University of Manitoba. In 1959, she was appointed Director of Library Services at Brandon College/Brandon University, a position she held until 1977. In 1978, she was appointed University Archivist, a position she held until her retirement in 1997. Active in provincial and national library organizations, Eileen was also involved in historical and women's organizations and was a long time member of the Order of the Eastern Star and the Manitoba Liberal Association. In 1990, she received the Women of Distinction award from YWCA. She never married. Eileen McFadden died on August 24, 2011 in Brandon, MB. She is buried at Rivers Cemetery.

Custodial History:

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Scope and Content:

Item is an audiocassette tape containing an interview with Eileen McFadden about the history of Brandon College, including Prairie College, from approximately 1880-1940. The interviewer is Effie McPhail.

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

Language Note: English

Conservation: Preservation copy made 2021 (R. Hess)

Related Material: Brandon College fonds

Audio Tracks



Fred Courtice interview

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14475>

Part Of: Westman Oral History collection

Description Level: Item

Item Number: OH172.Cou

Accession Number: 35-1998

GMD: sound recordings

Date Range: [1981-1984]

Physical Description: 1 audio cassette [00:55:22]

History /

Biographical:

Frederick Clayton Courtice was born on September 7, 1901 in Wawanessa, MB. Raised in Brandon, he attended Alexander, King George, and Central schools, as well as Brandon Collegiate Institute (BCI). He began his career as a bookkeeper in the Merchants Bank in 1916, later becoming an accountant in the Bank of Montreal. He then worked as the office manager for Frank Massin for twenty-one years, before resigning due to his health. Frank then formed a partnership with Clarence Baker as farm dealers for Imperial Oil. He remained with this business until 1954. He served one term (1955-1956) as an alderman on the Brandon City Council, and then became the manager of the Wheat City Arena. Starting in 1957, when the city took over operations of the public transit system, he became the first manager of the Brandon transit department. In retirement, Fred focused on woodworking, especially building grandfather clocks. Fred served on the Brandon housing and parking authority, as well as the Brandon University Board of Governors. He was a charter member of the Brandon Kinsmen Club, which was founded in 1925, a member of the Navy League during World War II, and a member of the Masonic Lodge for over sixty years. Fred married Thelma Irene Smith (1903-1976) in 1925 and together they had three children: James, Noel and Norma Elaine. Fred Courtice died on September 3, 1987 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 Fred Courtice about his life story and the early days of Brandon. Subjects include: early places, people and businesses, such as Reesors, Sifton house, Senator Kirkhoffer's home, Billie Muir's store, the construction of the Prince Edward Hotel, Caledonian rink, Trotter Brothers, Massin's, various hotels; the street railway; prohibition; the Brandon Electric Light Company; and more. The interviewer is Terry Penton.

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

Language Note: English

Conservation: Preservation copy made 2021 (R. Hess)

Audio Tracks



G.M. Smith interview

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14478>

Part Of: Westman Oral History collection

Description Level: Item

Item Number: OH093.Smi

Accession Number: 35-1998

GMD: sound recordings

Date Range: June 14, 1983

Physical Description: 1 audio cassette [01:02:52]

History /

Biographical:

Guy Masson "Bay" Smith was born on June 7, 1899 in Glenboro, MB. He graduated from Glenboro High School and then relieved his father in the post office while the latter served on a Military Tribunal. Bay enlisted with the Royal Air Force in 1918. For a short time he was the manager of a cream buying station in Glenboro before moving to Corning, SK in 1924, where he was an agent for Imperial Oil. In 1929, Bay returned to Glenboro to take over the Post Office duties from his mother, Elizabeth Alice Smith. Smith was appointed postmaster in 1950, and continued in that position until he retired in 1965. Under his leadership, a new post office was built in 1954; upon his retirement he sold the Smith Block and Post Office building. Smith married Mayme McKnight (1899-1977) in December 1923 and together they raised two children: Tannys and Robert.

Bay was active in community life. He was a charter member of the local Kiwanis Club and a member of the Masonic Lodge. He served long tenures on the Rink Committee, the Glenboro branch of the Red Cross and the Glenboro Board of Trade. He was a past president of the Junior and Senior Bands, was Secretary of the South Cypress Centennial Committee, and treasurer of the annual Fun Fair. He was a founding member of and helped design the local course at the Glenboro Golf Club. Bay Smith died on September 16, 1997 in Glenboro, MB.

Custodial History:

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Scope and Content:

Item is an audiocassette tape containing an interview with Bay Smith about his family history, his life and career and his community involvement in the town of Glenboro. The interviewer is Irene Brown.

Notes: History/bio information from the records, the Glenboro local history "Beneath the long grass" and Smith's obituary. Description by Christy Henry.

Language Note: English

Conservation: Preservation copy made 2021 (R. Hess)

Audio Tracks



Howard Bedford interview

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14481>

Part Of: Westman Oral History collection

Description Level: Item

Item Number: OH297.Bed

Accession Number: 35-1998

GMD: sound recordings

Date Range: June 29, 1982

Physical Description: 1 audio cassette [00:34:08]

History /

Biographical:

Howard Russell Bedford was born on September 27, 1889 in Blythe, ON. His family lived in Huron County, Ontario until coming to Killarney, MB in 1900. Howard spent the rest of his life in the Killarney area, except for military absences. In 1919, Howard took over the family farm when he returned from World War I. That same year, Howard married Elinborg Einarson (1895-1978), and together they had four children: Russell, Edmund, Ellen and Mervin. In 1940, Howard enlisted again, this time with the Veterans Guard of Canada; he was gone for just over five years. The family left the farm when Howard re-enlisted, so upon his return to civilian life, he worked as a carpenter until 1952. Howard Bedford died on June 24, 1995 in Killarney, MB. He is buried at Killarney and District Cemetery.

Custodial History:

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Scope and Content:

Item is an audiocassette tape containing an interview with Howard Bedford about his life experiences in the Killarney, MB area, including his war experiences. The interviewer is Tom Wilkins.

Notes: History/bio information from the records, the Killarney local history book "Reflections," and Bedford'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 Wawanese 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 Wawanese for good. Jack Naismith died on March 24, 2008 in Wawanese, MB. He is buried at Wawanese 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 Wawanese 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



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



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



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.

Custodial History:

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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)

Audio Tracks
