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Gerald McLeod interview

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Part Of: Westman Oral History collection

Description Level: Item

Item Number: OH095.McL

Accession Number: 35-1998

GMD: sound recordings

Date Range: June 17, 1983

Physical Description: 1 audio cassette [00:44:37]

History /

Biographical:

Gerald Norman McLeod was born on August 15, 1910 in Renfrew County, Ontario. As a boy his parents moved to Bounty, SK to try farming. In 1927, they moved to Pine Falls, MB where Gerald lived for a number of years and worked in many capacities for the Manitoba Paper Company. In 1943, he enlisted in the army and served overseas with the Royal Canadian Signal Corps until returning to Canada to marry Joan Louise (Woods) Woolverton (1912-2013) in 1946. Upon his return he got a job working with the National Film Board. In 1950, the couple moved to Glenboro, MB where they lived and raised their children: Gail Woolverton, David Woolverton, Sheldon McLeod and Ann McLeod. Gerald retired from the National Film Board in 1973. In retirement he continued activities in photography and gardening. He also canvassed for the Heart and Stroke Foundation. Gerald McLeod died on October 8, 1995 in Glenboro, MB. He is buried at Pine Falls Community Cemetery.

Custodial History:

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Scope and Content:

Item is an audiocassette tape containing an interview with Gerald McLeod, that he entitled "Root, Hog or Die." The interview covers various jobs Gerald held during his life, including various positions at a lumber mill, cutting firewood with his father, his time as an engineer's assistant, fighting forest fires as a volunteer and his first years working with the National Film Board. The interview also covers to great extent his political views during the 1930's and his association with the CCF. He also speaks a great deal about the financial destitution people faced during his time in Saskatchewan and later in Manitoba during the Depression.

Interviewer is Irene Brown.

Notes: History/bio information taken from obituary in the Glenboro Gazette.
Transcript by Richard Bee (2014). Description by Christy Henry.

Language Note: English

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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.

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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



R. H. Hannah interview

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14499>

Part Of: Westman Oral History collection

Description Level: Item

Item Number: OH131.Han

Accession Number: 35-1998

GMD: sound recordings

Date Range: April 1, 1982

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

History /

Biographical:

Richard Harold "Doc" Hannah was born on July 9, 1916 in Wakaw, SK. He obtained his BA in biology at McMaster University before joining the staff at Brandon College in 1948, teaching botany and zoology. In 1962, after completing a MSc degree at the University of Minnesota, he returned to Brandon College and was appointed head of his department. He served as faculty advisor to the Athletic Board for twenty years and for over 30 years, Doc was a coach, manager, trainer and the inspiration behind the Brandon College Cap and Brandon University Bobcat hockey teams. It was his involvement with College athletics that led to the nickname "Doc." When he retired in 1981, he was granted the title of Professor Emeritus. In 1993, Doc was inducted into the Brandon University Dick and Verda McDonald Sports Wall of Fame.

Doc married Reta Bernice (1914-2005) and they had three children: Richard, Sharon and Patrick. Doc was a member of the AF and AM (Tweed Lodge No. 113), the Royal Order of Scotland and Khartum Temple Shrine. He served as Grand Master of Manitoba (1984-1985). Richard Hannah died on September 6, 1990 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 Doc Hannah about his career at Brandon College/Brandon University. Subjects include: JRC Evans and faculty members; chapel services; the Literary Society; sports; campus buildings; university status; college life and operations. The interviewer is Bill Burgess.

Notes: History/bio information from the records and the Manitoba Historical Society website. Description by Christy Henry.

Access Restriction: Content Warning: This interview was recorded in the early 1980s, and contains some language that would now be considered racist in nature. Listener discretion is advised.

Language Note: English

Conservation: Preservation copy made 2021 (R. Hess)

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Ivan R. Day interview

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14631>

Part Of: Westman Oral History collection

Description Level: Item

Item Number: OH104.Day

Accession Number: 35-1998

GMD: sound recordings

Date Range: May 30, 1981

Physical Description: 1 audio cassette [0:50:00]

History /

Biographical:

Ivan Richard Day was born on May 17, 1911 in Dand, MB. He lived and farmed in the Dand area his entire life. Ivan married Wilma Mildred Sutton (1909-2004) on October 1, 1936 in Winnipeg, MB. Together they had three sons: David, Garfield and John. Ivan was very interested in co-operative movements and was active with the local Manitoba Pool Elevator, the Dand Consolidated School, the Harney Credit Union and Co-op Implements. Ivan Day died on May 5, 1982 in Deloraine Memorial Hospital. He is buried at Deloraine Cemetery.

Custodial History:

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Scope and Content:

Item is an audiocassette tape containing an interview with Ivan Day about recollections of life in the Dand Community during the 20th century. Interviewer is Eva Cassils.

Notes: History/bio information from the records, Dand local history "More golden memories: 1967-1991" and Ivan Day's obituary. Description by Christy Henry.

Language Note: English

Audio Tracks



Mabel R. Godfrey interview

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Part Of: Westman Oral History collection

Description Level: Item

Item Number: OH013.God

Accession Number: 35-1998

GMD: sound recordings

Date Range: May 16, 1981

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

History /

Biographical:

Mabel Ruth Godfrey (nee Hodgson) was born on March 7, 1892 at Portage La Prairie, MB. Her family then moved to the Chain Lakes area south of Hartney, where they farmed until 1910. Mabel attended Chain Lakes School and later a couple of years at boarding school in Ontario. After that she joined her parents in Vancouver, BC, where they had retired. She met William "Billy" Smith Godfrey (1892-1967) in 1913, and they were married in Manitoba in 1918. Together they had three children: Eva, Jack and Jean. Mabel was a member of the Society of Friends (Quakers) until Church Union in 1925, then she and her husband became members of the United Church. Within the church she played the organ, was involved with Sunday School and was a member of the WMS/United Church Women. Mabel was also active with the Red Cross and the Women's Institute. Following Billy's death, Mabel continued to live in Dand until her health necessitated moving to Bren-Del-Win Lodge in 1982. Mabel Godfrey died on July 5, 1985 in Deloraine, MB. She is buried at Riverside Cemetery in Hartney, MB.

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Scope and Content:

Item is an audiocassette tape containing an interview with Mabel Godfrey about Dand, MB and the history of the Society of Friends. Interviewer is Margaret Dickie.

Notes: History/bio information from the records, the Dand local histories "Golden Memories" and "More golden memories 1967-1991." Description by Christy Henry.

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