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Alex Black interview

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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.

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 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

Audio Tracks

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Interview Date: 1983-03-03

Narrator (Interviewee): Alexander Black

Interviewer: Stan Henry

Location: Oak River, Manitoba

Transcriber: Ryan Fletcher

Date Transcribed: 2023-05-27

Recording Format: Audio Cassette

Length of Recording: 00:17:28


Question: Today is February the third 1983 the following is an interview at the home of Alex and Marlene Black in Oak River, Manitoba. Alex has lived in this district his entire life and received part of his education at Maple Wood School and the remainder in Oak River. He has operated the home farm until retiring to Oak River in 1978. ()


Answer: No, I've not met any.

Q: No, Alex I would like to start out by asking you where your grandparents and oh your dad and uncle came from to Oak arriving before arriving to Oak River?

Q: Well, my grandparents were born in Scotland, with I don't know much about the history of my mother's parents but um or my mother or my uncle father but his mother was um Isabelle Smith and the Smith family lived

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