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Frank Anderson interview

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Part Of: Westman Oral History collection

Description Level: Item

Item Number: OH126.And

Accession Number: 35-1998

GMD: sound recordings

Date Range: May 9, 1982 & June 9, 1982

Physical Description: 2 audio cassettes [02:00:00]

History /

Biographical:

Frank William Anderson was born on October 23, 1911 on the family farm at NW 20-11-18 near Forrest, MB. He attended school at Turriff and Brandon before graduating with a degree in agriculture from the University of Manitoba in 1935. He then served ten years as an Ag Rep for the Manitoba Department of Agriculture, first in Teulon, later in Minnedosa. Frank married Elizabeth Helen Barson (1919-2016) on August 7, 1943. Together they had four children: William, Margaret, Bonnie and Shirley. The family moved to the Anderson family farm in 1946, where Frank returned to his first love, farming. He retired from active farming in 1982, but continued to live on the farm until 2000. In 1989, the Anderson farm was recognized as a Century Farm. In 1994, Frank received a Manitoba Heritage Award for restoration of the barn. In 1996, in partnership with Delta Water Fowl, the RM of Elton, Ducks Unlimited and PFRA, a wetland habitat site was created on the farm. This habitat was enhanced by a shelter belt planted by the wood lot program of Habitat Heritage. Frank had a life long commitment to the co-operative movement, serving in various capacities with Federated Co-ops, Manitoba Pool Elevators and United Grain Growers. He was also a 4-H Club Leader, a school trustee, a board member of the Royal Manitoba Winter Fair, and a member of the United Church. He devoted 37 years to the beautification of Humesville Cemetery. In his later years, Frank was an active member of the Elton Leisure Club and a regular at the Brandon YMCA. Frank Anderson died on February 28, 2002 in Brandon, MB. He is buried at Humesville Cemetery.

Custodial History:

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Scope and Content:

Item is an audiocassette tape containing an interview with Frank Anderson about early education and early agriculture. Interviewer is Blair Loree.

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

Language Note: English

Audio Tracks



Frank Hitchcock interview

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14585>

Part Of: Westman Oral History collection

Description Level: Item

Item Number: OH144.Hit

Accession Number: 35-1998

GMD: sound recordings

Date Range: March 2, 1982

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

History /

Biographical:

Frank Clarence Hitchcock was born on March 18, 1893 on the home farm at NE 31-8-22. The family moved to Griswold, MB in 1907. In 1910, Frank moved to Winnipeg to attend Manitoba Agriculture College; he graduated in 1914. In 1917, Frank was accepted as a trooper with the Fort Garry Horse and saw action at Sanctuary Wood. He returned to Brandon in 1919 and joined the civil service as Field Supervisor with the Soldiers Settlement Board in Saskatoon. Frank married Harriet A Keeble (1895-1954) on October 20, 1919. Together they had one son. When his position was cut, Frank worked at a number of jobs in the province before taking post graduate work at the University of Saskatchewan. During the Second World War, Frank became Employment Supervisor with the Saskatchewan Department of Agriculture. Frank moved to Winnipeg in 1954, where he continued to work in the civil service. He retired in 1959, and moved to Souris, MB. Frank Hitchcock died on July 19, 1983 in Souris, MB. He is buried at St. John's Cathedral Cemetery.

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Scope and Content:

Item is an audiocassette tape containing an interview with Frank Hitchcock about his life as a farmer, soldier, student and civil servant. Interviewer is John Forsyth.

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

Language Note: English

Audio Tracks



Frank May interview

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14586>

Part Of: Westman Oral History collection
Description Level: Item
Item Number: OH164.May
Accession Number: 35-1998
GMD: sound recordings
Date Range: June 1, 1982 & October 15, 1982
Physical Description: 2 audio cassettes [01:05:00]

History /

Biographical:

Frank Morgan May was born on February 23, 1907 in the Oberon district. Frank married Vera Isabella Connell (1904-1995) in July 1934. Together they had five children: James, Kenneth, Robert, Gordon and Katharine. Frank farmed in the Oberon district until the 1960s. He was among the first farmers in his district to try growing unique crops (seed potatoes, peas, sunflowers etc). In his spare time, Frank restored two steam engines, which were both displayed at the Austin Thresherman's Reunion every summer. Frank May died on December 6, 1991 in Carberry, MB. He is buried at Riverside Cemetery.

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Scope and Content:

Item is an audiocassette tape containing an interview with Frank May about acquiring a steamer. Interviewer is Dorothy Martin.

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

Language Note: English

Audio Tracks



Frank Presunka interview

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14587>

Part Of: Westman Oral History collection

Description Level: Item

Item Number: OH103.Pre

Accession Number: 35-1998

GMD: sound recordings

Date Range: March 23, 1983

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

History /

Biographical:

Frank Presunka was born on February 3, 1919 in Dauphin, MB. He grew up on the family farm. Frank graduated from Winnipeg Normal School in 1941, and then spent the next eight years at schools in Killarney, Crystal City, Plum Coulee and Glenboro as a teacher and principal. Frank married Edith Wheeler (1927-2011) on November 8, 1946 in Crystal City. Together they had two children: Dallas and Reid. In 1949, Frank became the editor and publisher of the Western Prairie Gazette, which became the Glenboro Gazette. Frank sold the business to Glen and Agnes Witherspoon in August 1967, to accept a teaching position in Carberry. During evenings and the summer months, Frank completed BA and BEd degrees at Brandon University. In 1975, he graduated with his Master of Education degree from the University of Manitoba. Frank retired from teaching in 1982, following which, he returned to writing some articles for The Gazette. Frank and Edith were very active in the community, through the Lutheran Church, curling, the chamber of commerce and the hospital auxiliary. Frank Presunka died on December 30, 1985 in Glenboro, MB.

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Scope and Content:

Item is an audiocassette tape containing an interview with Frank Presunka about his life as a teacher and editor, as well as the RM of South Cypress Centennial. Interviewer is Irene Brown.

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

Language Note: English

Audio Tracks



Frank Wareham interview

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14589>

Part Of: Westman Oral History collection

Description Level: Item

Item Number: OH242.War

Accession Number: 35-1998

GMD: sound recordings

Date Range: January 18, 1983

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

History /

Biographical:

Frank Albert? Wareham was born on September 19, 1883 in Hastings, Sussex, England. In England, Frank worked in a dairy and a butcher shop with his uncles. He came to Canada in 1903 and settled in Neepawa, MB, working for various farmers in the area, before enlisting in the 79th Battalion in 1916. During World War I, Frank served in both Belgium and France. He returned to Canada in 1919, and once again worked as a farm labourer. In the spring of 1920, he bought NE1/4 16-14-16 in the RM of Langford through the Soldier Settlement Board. Frank married Edna Charolotte Rogers (1903-1977) in 1925 and together they had eight children: Arthur, Jack, Leonard, Mervin, Gerald, Glen, Barry and Doreen. The couple continued to farm until moving to Neepawa in 1964. Frank joined the Legion, known then as the Great War Veterans, in 1919, and was later a member of Branch #23. Frank Wareham died in 1984 in Neepawa, MB. He is buried at Riverside Cemetery.

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Scope and Content:

Item is an audiocassette tape containing an interview with Frank Wareham about pioneering in the Neepawa area. Interviewer is Winnie Cheetham.

Notes: History/bio information from the records, the Neepawa local history "Heritage" and the Billion Graves website. Description by Christy Henry.

Language Note: English

Audio Tracks



Frank S. MacKay interview

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14588>

Part Of: Westman Oral History collection

Description Level: Item

Item Number: OH075.MacK

Accession Number: 35-1998

GMD: sound recordings

Date Range: May 23, 1981

Physical Description: 2 audio cassettes [01:35:00]

History /

Biographical:

Francis Sutherland "Frank" MacKay was born on March 9, 1898 on his family's farm at SE 3-7-16 near Wawanesa, MB. He started school in 1904, and attended Northfield for the first eight years, before taking one year of high school at Hiltonmye. In 1918, he took a course at Engineer's school, Fort Gary. Frank lived the majority of his life on the farm, farming first with his father, and then on his own following his father's death in 1941.

Frank married Jane (Jean) Tannock Glover (1915-1976), and together they had four children: Francine Elizabeth, William John, Garrie Sutherland and Donald James. The family was active in 4-H work, community and church activities and the Masonic Lodge. Frank was a member of the Session at Wawanesa, a member of the Wawanesa Co-op, and collected arrowheads. After being declared legally blind, Frank left the farm in 1981 and moved to Wawanesa. Frank MacKay died on August 23, 1986 in Wawanesa, MB. He is buried at Wawanesa Cemetery.

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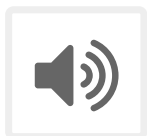
Scope and Content:

Item is an audiocassette tape containing an interview with Frank MacKay about Northfield School and his farming experiences. Interviewer is John Moore.

Notes: History/bio information from the records, the Wawanesa local history "Sipiweske" and MacKay's obituary. Description by Christy Henry.

Language Note: English

Audio Tracks



Frank Ernest Ellis interview - part I

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14474>

Part Of: Westman Oral History collection

Description Level: Item

Item Number: OH096a.Eli

Accession Number: 35-1998

GMD: sound recordings

Date Range: July 10, 1981

Physical Description: 1 audio cassette [01:00:32]

History /

Biographical:

Frank Ernest "Ernie" Ellis was born on April 3, 1915. He lived and farmed all his life just north of Wawanesa, MB, and established a seed cleaning and fertilizer business entitled Ellis Farm Supplies on the south side of Wawanesa. Ernie married Margaret Alyce Viola Medd (1922-2022) in 1946 and together they had five children: Margaret, Brenda, Kathryn, Jennifer and Warren. In 1985, Ernie and Alyce moved to Winnipeg and their son Warren took over the farm.

Ernie was active in his community, local politics and the agriculture and health care sectors. His commitment to land conservation and a love of nature, led him to serve on the boards of many farming organizations, including the Wawanesa Crop Improvement Club, the Wawanesa Cooperative Elevator Association, and the Wawanesa Consumers Co-op Association. He was also one of the founders of the Manitoba Stock Growers' Association, which became the Manitoba Beef Growers' Association. Additionally, Ernie served on the board of the Royal Manitoba Winter Fair, was a member of the Canadian Seed Growers' Association, served terms as president for both the Brandon-Souris Liberal Association and the Souris-Killarney Association, ran as the MLA Liberal candidate for the Souris-Lansdowne constituency and served on the Oakland Council for 11 years. He was also elected chairman of the first Board of Directors for the Wawanesa & District Recreation Centre, was a trustee of the governing board of the Wawanesa & District Hospital, including 12 years as chairman. He was elected to the Board of Directors of the Manitoba Health Organization, where he advocated for health care in Wawanesa and rural areas. Ernie wrote two newspaper columns, "The Rural Scene" for the Wawanesa Optimist, and "On the Manitoba Range" for The Canadian Cattleman, and along with his wife Alyce, did much of the research and writing for the Wawanesa centennial local history book. Aside from writing, Ernie was also passionate about music, and played the trombone in the Wawanesa Band.

When he became ill in 2010 the Ellis' left Winnipeg; Ernie moved to the Personal Care Home in Wawanesa and Alyce moved to the Wawanesa Valley Lodge. Ernie Ellis died on February 16, 2011 in Wawanesa, MB.

Custodial History:

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Scope and Content:

Item is an audiocassette tape containing an interview with Ernie Ellis. This first hour of the interview covers the history of the Ellis and Criddle families. The interviewer is John Moore.

Notes: History/bio information from the records and obituaries for both Ernie and Alyce Ellis. Description by Christy Henry.

Language Note: English

Conservation: Preservation copy made 2021 (R. Hess)

Audio Tracks

Frank Ernest Ellis interview - part II



<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14646>

Part Of: Westman Oral History collection
Description Level: Item
Item Number: OH096b.Eli
Accession Number: 35-1998
GMD: sound recordings
Date Range: July 10, 1981
Physical Description: 1 audio cassette [01:01:37]

History /

Biographical:

Frank Ernest "Ernie" Ellis was born on April 3, 1915. He lived and farmed all his life just north of Wawanesa, MB, and established a seed cleaning and fertilizer business entitled Ellis Farm Supplies on the south side of Wawanesa. Ernie married Margaret Alyce Viola Medd (1922-2022) in 1946 and together they had five children: Margaret, Brenda, Kathryn, Jennifer and Warren. In 1985, Ernie and Alyce moved to Winnipeg and their son Warren took over the farm.

Ernie was active in his community, local politics and the agriculture and health care sectors. His commitment to land conservation and a love of nature, led him to serve on the boards of many farming organizations, including the Wawanesa Crop Improvement Club, the Wawanesa Cooperative Elevator Association, and the Wawanesa Consumers Co-op Association. He was also one of the founders of the Manitoba Stock Growers' Association, which became the Manitoba Beef Growers' Association. Additionally, Ernie served on the board of the Royal Manitoba Winter Fair, was a member of the Canadian Seed Growers' Association, served terms as president for both the Brandon-Souris Liberal Association and the Souris-Killarney Association, ran as the MLA Liberal candidate for the Souris-Lansdowne constituency and served on the Oakland Council for 11 years. He was also elected chairman of the first Board of Directors for the Wawanesa & District Recreation Centre, was a trustee of the governing board of the Wawanesa & District Hospital, including 12 years as chairman. He was elected to the Board of Directors of the Manitoba Health Organization, where he advocated for health care in Wawanesa and rural areas. Ernie wrote two newspaper columns, "The Rural Scene" for the Wawanesa Optimist, and "On the Manitoba Range" for The Canadian Cattleman, and along with his wife Alyce, did much of the research and writing for the Wawanesa centennial local history book. Aside from writing, Ernie was also passionate about music, and played the trombone in the Wawanesa Band.

When he became ill in 2010 the Ellis' left Winnipeg; Ernie moved to the Personal Care Home in Wawanesa and Alyce moved to the Wawanesa Valley Lodge. Ernie Ellis died on February 16, 2011 in Wawanesa, MB.

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Scope and Content:

Item is an audiocassette tape containing an interview with Ernie Ellis. This second hour discusses stock growing and grain marketing, as well as hospitals and health care at Wawanesa, MB. The interviewer is John Moore.

Notes: History/bio information from the records and obituaries for both Ernie and Alyce Ellis. Description by Christy Henry.

Audio Tracks



Frank Ernest Ellis interview - part III

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14647>

Part Of: Westman Oral History collection

Description Level: Item

Item Number: OH096c.Eli

Accession Number: 35-1998

GMD: sound recordings

Date Range: July 10, 1981

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

History /

Biographical:

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Ernie was active in his community, local politics and the agriculture and health care sectors. His commitment to land conservation and a love of nature, led him to serve on the boards of many farming organizations, including the Wawanesa Crop Improvement Club, the Wawanesa Cooperative Elevator Association, and the Wawanesa Consumers Co-op Association. He was also one of the founders of the Manitoba Stock Growers' Association, which became the Manitoba Beef Growers' Association. Additionally, Ernie served on the board of the Royal Manitoba Winter Fair, was a member of the Canadian Seed Growers' Association, served terms as president for both the Brandon-Souris Liberal Association and the Souris-Killarney Association, ran as the MLA Liberal candidate for the Souris-Lansdowne constituency and served on the Oakland Council for 11 years. He was also elected chairman of the first Board of Directors for the Wawanesa & District Recreation Centre, was a trustee of the governing board of the Wawanesa & District Hospital, including 12 years as chairman. He was elected to the Board of Directors of the Manitoba Health Organization, where he advocated for health care in Wawanesa and rural areas. Ernie wrote two newspaper columns, "The Rural Scene" for the Wawanesa Optimist, and "On the Manitoba Range" for The Canadian Cattleman, and along with his wife Alyce, did much of the research and writing for the Wawanesa centennial local history book. Aside from writing, Ernie was also passionate about music, and played the trombone in the Wawanesa Band.

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Scope and Content:

Item is an audiocassette tape containing an interview with Ernie Ellis. This final hour includes rural roads, recreation, World War II years on the farm, and life in Wawanesa since the war. The interviewer is John Moore.

Notes: History/bio information from the records and obituaries for both Ernie and Alyce Ellis. Description by Christy Henry.

Audio Tracks
