

# S. J. McKee Archives



## G. Albert Hodson interview - part I

http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14477

Part Of: Westman Oral History collection

Description Level: Item

Item Number: OH168a.Hod
Accession Number: 35-1998

GMD: sound recordings

Date Range: February 22, 1982

Physical Description: 1 audio cassette [01:58:11]

History / Biographical:

George Albert Hodson was born in 1910 on his father's farm, just south of Elkhorn, MB. He attended Buckingham School and worked on the farm with his father until his father's retirement, at which point Albert took over the farm. Albert married Evelyne Bolam on December 17, 1939 and they had four children: Leland, Valerie, Sherryl and Tannis. The couple moved into Elkhom in 1967, and Albert retired from farming in 1978. Active in his community, Albert served as a trustee for the Buckingham School District, on the United Church Board, and was a member of the Agricultural Society and the Curling Club. He also served 34 years on the local Manitoba Pool Elevator board, eleven of which he was chairman of Sub-District No. 502. In 1996, Albert was recognized as an outstanding volunteer by the Manitoba Association of Agricultural Societies. Albert Hodson died on September 18, 2009 in Elkhorn, MB. He is buried at Elkhorn Cemetery.

#### Custodial History:

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#### Scope and Content:

Item is an audiocassette tape containing an interview with Albert Hodson about pioneering, grain, grain elevators and Elkhorn history, including the Elkhorn Auto Museum. The interviewer is Elmer Armstrong.

Notes: History/bio information from the records, the Elkhorn local history "Steel

and Grass Roots" and Hodson's obituary. Description by Christy Henry.

Language Note: English

Conservation: Preservation copy made 2021 (R. Hess)

#### Audio Tracks



## G. Albert Hodson interview - part II

## http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14651

Part Of: Westman Oral History collection

Description Level: Item

Item Number: OH168b.Hod
Accession Number: 35-1998

GMD: sound recordings

Date Range: February 22, 1982

Physical Description: 1 audio cassette [01:58:11]

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Notes: History/bio information from the records, the Elkhorn local history "Steel

and Grass Roots" and Hodson's obituary. Description by Christy Henry.

## Audio Tracks



## Eva Nelson interview

## http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14576

Part Of: Westman Oral History collection

Description Level: Item

Item Number: OH295.Nel
Accession Number: 35-1998

GMD: sound recordings

Date Range: October 1981

Physical Description: 1 audio cassette [00:15:00]

History / Biographical:

Eva Nelson (nee Harrison) was born on July 5, 1896 in Killarney, MB. Raised in Holmfield, MB where her family owned and operated a mill, Eva married Mark Nelson (1888-1946) on July 4, 1917, in Turtle Mountain. The couple farmed at Dry River, MB and raised three children: Iva, Enid and Merton. Eva Nelson died on August 9, 1989 in Pilot Mound, MB. She is buried at Greenwood Cemetery.

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#### Scope and Content:

Item is an audiocassette tape containing an interview with Eva Nelson about Holmfield Village, 1895-1910. Interviewer is Amy Harrison.

Notes: History/bio information from the records, the Find a Grave website and

Nelson's obituary. Transcript by Hayley McCaskill (2023). Description by

Christy Henry.

Language Note: English

#### **Audio Tracks**

#### **Documents**



## Alex McPhail interview

http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14454

Part Of: Westman Oral History collection

Description Level: Item

Item Number: OH206.McP



Accession Number: 35-1998

GMD: sound recordings

Date Range: February 13, 1982

Physical Description: 1 audio cassette [01:01:19]

History / Biographical:

Peter Alexander (P.A.) Alex McPhail was born on July 11, 1897 in the RM of Elton. Raised on the family farm in Forrest, MB, he was the eldest son of Archie and Mary McPhail who came to Manitoba from Ontario. Alex took over the farm in 1915, and farmed there until 1949, when he and his family moved to Brandon. During the First World War, Alex was a lieutenant in the Royal Canadian Air Force. He married Effie Irene Weir (1900-1999) in 1933 and together they raised four children: Ronald, Malcolm, Archie and Donna. Effie and Alex were both active members of their community. Alex was especially involved in the agricultural community and won many prizes over the years for his livestock. From 1954-1965, Alex was the General Manager for the Provincial Exhibition Association of Manitoba and the Manitoba Winter Fair. He also served one term as the president of the Canadian Association of Exhibitions. Additionally, Alex was on the Brandon General Hospital board, the Brandon College board, and was a member of the Kiwanis and Shriners clubs. He was also involved in local sports. Both Alex and Effie McPhail were active members of the United Church. Alex McPhail died on June 28, 1989 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 Alex McPhail about his family history, agriculture, the Provincial Exhibition Association of Manitoba and the Manitoba Winter Fair. Interviewer is Frank Anderson.

Notes: History/bio information from the records and the description for the Effie

and Alex McPhail collection at the Daly House Museum. Transcript by

Alana Donohoe (2017). Description by Christy Henry.

Language Note: English

Conservation: Preservation copy made 2021 (R. Hess)

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## Duncan E. Kennedy interview

## http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14552

Part Of: Westman Oral History collection

Description Level: Item

Item Number: OH067.Ken
Accession Number: 35-1998

GMD: sound recordings

Date Range: April 6, 1982

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

History / Biographical:

Duncan E Kennedy was born on July 5, 1906 on the farm in Elton municipality. Duncan married Helen Laurie Hutcheon (1906-1985) in 1927. They raised four children: Leonard, Gordon, Cecil and Lorna. The couple spent their early married life on a farm in Springwater, SK, before moving to Hartney, Forrest and Brandon where Duncan was employed by Manitoba Pool Elevators as a grain buyer and elevator manager. Duncan enjoyed sports, including hockey, curling and fishing. He also enjoyed camping with his family and in later years travelling. Duncan Kennedy died on September 22, 1996 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 Duncan Kennedy about early agriculture and his life. The interviewer is Frank Anderson.

Notes: History/bio information taken from the records and Kennedy's obituary.

Description by Christy Henry.

Language Note: English

## **Audio Tracks**



## Frank Anderson interview

### http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14584

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

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## Jacob Krueger interview

## http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14637

Part Of: Westman Oral History collection

Description Level: Item

Item Number: OH042.Kru
Accession Number: 35-1998

GMD: sound recordings
Date Range: February 1, 1982

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

History / Biographical:

Jacob Peter Krueger was born on March 14, 1927 near Oakville, MB. Jacob married Katherine Elizabeth "Kaye" Martens (1923-2022) on August 4, 1951, and together they had three sons: Donald, Robert and Edward. The couple farmed at Carnegie. Jacob was involved in church leadership most of his life, was a member of the local Manitoba Pool Elevator Board, helped start the local chapter of the Canadian Food Grains Bank, volunteered on the Youth For Christ crisis phone line and reupholstered hundreds of chairs for the New To You Store for charity. Jacob Krueger died on December 30, 2019 in Brandon, MB. He is buried at Zion United Church Cemetery.

#### Custodial History:

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#### Scope and Content:

Item is an audiocassette tape containing an interview with Jacob Krueger about the history of the Mennonite Church. Interviewer is Gwen Hickson.

Notes: History/bio information from the records and Krueger'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

Physical Description: 1 audio cassette [0:15:00]

History / Biographical:

John Duncan McDonald was born on April 30, 1893 in Brandon, MB. He attended Winterton and Basswood schools. John married Margaret Emily Greer (1894-1980) in the Greer home in the Moline district in 1917. Together they had four children: Sadie Julia Elva, Robert James, John Elmer and Roy Peter. From 1919-1965, he farmed at Basswood, MB on SW 36-14-20. John McDonald died on January 11, 1989. He is buried at Basswood Cemetery.

#### Custodial History:

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### Scope and Content:

Item is an audiocassette tape containing an interview with John MacDonald about pioneer farming. Interviewer is Gordon Shanks.

Notes: History/bio information from the records. Transcript by Desiree Glover

(2023). Description by Christy Henry.

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## 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 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.

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## Alex Black interview

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Part Of: Westman Oral History collection

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, teasurer 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 (1925-198?). Alex Black died on April 1, 1999 in Hamiota, MB. He is buried at Oak River Cemetery.

#### Custodial History:

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#### 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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### Ethel Allen interview

## http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14578

Part Of: Westman Oral History collection

Description Level: Item

Item Number: OH181.All

Accession Number: 35-1998

GMD: sound recordings

Date Range: November 22, 1982

Physical Description: 1 audio cassette [00:10:00]

History / Biographical:

Ethel Elizabeth Mary Allen (nee Baker) was born on June 30, 1915 on Springhill Farm in the RM of Rosedale. She attended Springhill School and Neepawa Collegiate. An accomplished pianist, she formed a band with her brothers and together they played many dances. Ethel married William Allen (1902-1964) in June 1938 and together they had one son, Larry. Following the marriage, the couple lived in the residence at Howden elevator where Bill was the elevator agent for the Ogilvie company. Ethel helped Bill with bookkeeping. When Bill died, Ethel moved to Neepawa, where she worked for the Osborone Senior Citizens Home for a number of years. A long time member of the Order of the Eastern Star, Naomi Chapter No. 11, Ethel enjoyed curling, sewing and travel. Ethel Allen died on May 14, 2001 in Neepawa, MB. She is buried at Riverside Cemetery.

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#### Scope and Content:

Item is an audiocassette tape containing an interview with Ethel Allen about the history of the Potter-Baker Centennial Farm. Interviewer is Isabelle Heeney.

Notes: History/bio information from the records and the local history "The

Beautiful Plains Story, 1983-2008." Transcript by Sarah Gerdis-Filipchuk

(2023). Description by Christy Henry.

Language Note: English

## **Audio Tracks**

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## Joanne Titus interview

http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14644

Part Of: Westman Oral History collection

Description Level: Item

Item Number: OH273.Tit
Accession Number: 35-1998

GMD: sound recordings
Date Range: May 19, 1982

Physical Description: 1 audio cassette [0:15:00]

History / Biographical:

Ada Joanne Titus (nee Graham) was born on January 24, 1940 in Wellwood, MB. Joanne married John (Jack) Sidney Titus (1918-1995) on October 7, 1961 in Wellwood. They had two children together - Michelle and Vonn - and also raised Jack's three children from his first marriage, Gerry, Karen and Kim. Jack served the Wellwood community as grocer and postmaster for 30 years, retiring in 1982. His father was postmaster before him. Joanne was a teacher, who began her career at Dempsey school, continued to Wellwood and Brookdale, and then spent 23 years at RJ Waugh School in Carberry. She retired in 1999. Joanne enjoyed travel, music and dance, and was a member of the Spud City Cloggers. She was an active community member within the Presbyterian Church, Guild and Choir, Wellwood Community Club, Trans Canada Trail, and the Carberry Public Library. Joanne Titus died on September 28, 2016 in Medicine Hat, AB.

#### Custodial History:

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Scope and Content:

Item is an audiocassette tape containing an interview with Joanne Titus sabout the history and closing of Wellwood Post Office. Interviewer is Jessie Whyte.

Notes: History/bio information from the records and the obituaries for Jack and

Joanne Titus. The records list Joanne's birthdate as January 24, 1940. The obituary lists only the year as 1941. Transcript by Riise Dunseath

(2023). Description by Christy Henry.

Language Note: English

## **Audio Tracks**

### **Documents**

