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Lorne Carruthers interview

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14674>

Part Of: Westman Oral History collection

Description Level: Item

Item Number: OH248.Car

Accession Number: 35-1998

GMD: sound recordings

Date Range: May 29, 1982

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

History /

Biographical:

Herbert Lorne Carruthers was born on May 5, 1883 in Cannamore, ON. He came west on harvest excursions in 1902, 1903, 1904 and 1906, working for his uncle William Carruthers, who lived one mile west of Hargrave, MB. In 1907, his father bought him a farm south of Hargrave and Lorne made the move west permanently. Lorne married Mary Elizabeth "Bessie" Odell (1891-1977) on December 28, 1910. They lived on the farm south of Hargrave until moving to Hargrave in 1940 and then Virden in 1972. Together they had two children: Cecil and Inez. Lorne volunteered at the Hargrave skating rink when it opened in 1950. He also enjoyed playing the violin and the harmonica at concerts and dances. Lorne Carruthers died on July 1, 1985 in Virden, MB. He is buried at Virden Cemetery.

Custodial History:

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Scope and Content:

Item is an audiocassette tape containing an interview with Lorne Carruthers about his trip to Hargrave, MB from Crysler, ON, as well as homesteading north of Swift Current in the early 1900s. Interviewer is Gladys Bray.

Notes:

History/bio information from the Clan Carruthers family history and genealogy website, the local histories "Hometown Virden: Pioneers and Progress" and "Binding Our Districts." Description by Christy Henry.

Audio Tracks



Lorne Carruthers interview

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14675>

Part Of: Westman Oral History collection

Description Level: Item

Item Number: OH309.Car

Accession Number: 35-1998

GMD: sound recordings

Date Range: August 22, 1983

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

History /

Biographical:

Herbert Lorne Carruthers was born on May 5, 1883 in Cannamore, ON. He came west on harvest excursions in 1902, 1903, 1904 and 1906, working for his uncle William Carruthers, who lived one mile west of Hargrave, MB. In 1907, his father bought him a farm south of Hargrave and Lorne made the move west permanently. Lorne married Mary Elizabeth "Bessie" Odell (1891-1977) on December 28, 1910. They lived on the farm south of Hargrave until moving to Hargrave in 1940 and then Virden in 1972. Together they had two children: Cecil and Inez. Lorne volunteered at the Hargrave skating rink when it opened in 1950. He also enjoyed playing the violin and the harmonica at concerts and dances. Lorne Carruthers died on July 1, 1985 in Virden, MB. He is buried at Virden Cemetery.

Custodial History:

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Scope and Content:

Item is an audiocassette tape containing an interview with Lorne Carruthers about Hargrave, MB in the early 1900s. Interviewer is Gladys Bray.

Notes: History/bio information from the Clan Carruthers family history and genealogy website, the local histories "Hometown Virden: Pioneers and Progress" and "Binding Our Districts." Description by Christy Henry.

Audio Tracks



Lorne Dunn interview

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14676>

Part Of: Westman Oral History collection

Description Level: Item

Item Number: OH107.Dun

Accession Number: 35-1998

GMD: sound recordings

Date Range: May 11, 1982

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

History /

Biographical:

Lorne Vincent Dunn was born on March 13, 1906 in Smith Falls, ON. He came to Boissevain, MB with his family in 1917. Lorne married Edith Leila Coultis (1902-1998) in Russell, MB on September 10, 1927. In February 1928, the couple came to Boissevain and Lorne opened a grocery and dry goods store with his brother Glen. The couple raised their four children - Joan, Oral, Berith and Beverley - in town. Lorne sold the store in 1949. He then did accounting work until 1953, when he became a member of Investors Syndicate of Canada, retiring in 1970. Lorne enjoyed golfing and curling and was a member of the Agricultural Society. In retirement he took an interest in the Drop-In Centre. Lorne Dunn died on December 17, 1983 in Boissevain, MB. He is buried at Boissevain and Morton Cemetery.

Custodial History:

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Scope and Content:

Item is an audiocassette tape containing an interview with Lorne Dunn about the general store, L&G Dunn, he operated with his brother in Boissevain, MB from 1928-1949. Interviewer is Phyllis Hallet.

Notes:

History/bio information from the records, the Boissevain Morton local history "Beckoning Hills Revisited," and Dunn's obituary. Description by Christy Henry.

Audio Tracks



Lorne and Grace Rogers interview

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14673>

Part Of: Westman Oral History collection

Description Level: Item

Item Number: OH257.Rog

Accession Number: 35-1998

GMD: sound recordings

Date Range: March 27, 1982

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

History /

Biographical:

Lorne Melville Rogers was born on May 24, 1910 in Brandon, MB. He attended Mount Vernon School, before taking over the family farm. Lorne was on the Mount Vernon School Board for a number of years and also Forrest Elementary. He was a member of the Manitoba Pool Elevator and served on the local board. In his earlier years, he played the violin in a band for many Red Cross programs and dances in the war years. Grace Ellen Howard was born on January 10, 1910 in Stony Mountain, MB. The family moved to the "Rugby Farm" near Forrest in 1924. Grace completed her schooling at Rugby School.

Grace and Lorne married on November 20, 1934 and together had two children, Doris and Norman. The couple farmed the Rogers family farm together. Grace was active in the St. George's Red Cross during the war years and St. George's ACW. She was also a member of the Forrest Legion Auxiliary, and enjoyed flower gardening, sports, music and cards. Grace and Lorne retired to Brandon in 1983, where they enjoyed senior activities together, as well as travelling. Grace Rogers died on March 10, 2001 in Brandon, MB. Lorne Rogers died on December 19, 2001 in Brandon, MB. They are both buried at Rosewood Memorial Gardens.

Custodial History:

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Scope and Content:

Item is an audiocassette tape containing an interview with Lorne and Grace Rogers about early agriculture. Interviewer is Frank Anderson.

Notes: History/bio information from the records, the Forrest and District local history "Family Trees & rural Roots," and Grace Rogers' obituary.
Description by Christy Henry.

Audio Tracks



Hugh Armstrong interview

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14628>

Part Of: Westman Oral History collection

Description Level: Item

Item Number: OH192.Arm

Accession Number: 35-1998

GMD: sound recordings

Date Range: October 10, 1981

Physical Description: 1 audio cassette [0:25:00]

History /

Biographical:

Hugh Armstrong was born on March 16, 1922 at Vista, MB. He attended Perth School before farming at home with his father. He later farmed his grandfather, John D. McKinnon's, land SW 4-19-24. In 1981, the farm received a Century Family Farm Award. Hugh married Dorothy Breakey (1923-2014) in 1944, and together they had three children: Katherine, Foster and Grant. Hugh Armstrong died on April 26, 2004. He is buried at Rosburn Municipal Cemetery.

Custodial History:

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Scope and Content:

Item is an audiocassette tape containing an interview with Hugh Armstrong about the history of the Armstrong family. Interviewer is Cliff Findlay.

Notes: History/bio information from the records, as well as Rosburn and district local histories "On the Sunny Slopes of the Riding Mountains" (volumes 1 and 2). Description by Christy Henry.

Language Note: English

Audio Tracks



Eric B. Gowler and Hugh Broadfoot interview

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14572>

Part Of: Westman Oral History collection

Description Level: Item

Item Number: OH313.Gow

Accession Number: 35-1998

GMD: sound recordings

Date Range: November 10, 1982

June 23, 1983

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

History /

Biographical:

Eric Bamford Gowler was born on September 2, 1901 in Toronto, ON. His family moved to Grenfell, SK in 1904, and that is where he received his schooling. From 1920-1926, Eric worked as a bank clerk for Dominion Bank in Grenfell, Regina and Boissevain, moving to the latter in 1923. In 1926, Eric resigned from the bank and formed a partnership with George McDonald in an implement business. The partnership was dissolved in 1935. Subsequently, Eric took on an International Harvester dealership for tractors and machines. In 1946, his dealership was the first International Harvester dealer outside of the United States to be modernized. A significant portion of the business' success, was the publication of the advertising bulletin, "The Waggin' Tongue," which ran for twenty-two years. Eric retired in 1961, selling the business, but not the building, to John McDonald, Hugh Broadfoot and R. Nicholson. Eric married Mildred Welch (1900-1971) in 1927 and together they had two sons: Douglas and James. Eric Gowler died in 1990.

Hugh Gibson Broadfoot was born on July 2, 1935. When Gowler retired from the implement business, Hugh bought into the company along with John McDonald and R. Nicholson. Hugh married Judith Elaine Smith (1939-2022) on May 26, 1962 and together they had four children: Devron, Jason, Susan and Shirley. Hugh Broadfoot died on April 4, 2015 in Boissevain, MB. He is buried at Boissevain and Morton Cemetery.

Custodial History:

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Scope and Content:

Item is an audiocassette tape containing an interview with Eric Gowler and Hugh Broadfoot about their implement business in Boissevain, MB. Interviewer is Bernice Pettypiece.

Notes: History/bio information from the records, the Boissevain-Morton local history "Beckoning Hills Revisted," FamilySearch.org and obituaries for Hugh and Judy Broadfoot. Description by Christy Henry.

Language Note: English

Audio Tracks
