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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.

Custodial History:

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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.

Custodial History:

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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 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.

Custodial History:

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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:

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 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



Sybil S. Tutthill interview

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14730>

Part Of: Westman Oral History collection

Description Level: Item

Item Number: OH302.Tut

Accession Number: 35-1998

GMD: sound recordings

Date Range: May 18, 1982

Physical Description: 1 audio cassette [0:45:00]

History /

Biographical:

Sybil Susie Tutthill (nee Balding) was born on July 5, 1906 in Wisbech, Cambridgeshire, England.

Sybil married Claude Arthur Eugene Tutthill (1905-1974) in England in 1926. She and Claude came to Canada in 1929 with their daughter Hazel, living first at Kisby, SK before moving to Manitoba in 1932. Their son Bernard was born in Saskatchewan. The Tutthill's worked on farms and farmed themselves in a number of locations before settling in Mossegel for a time. They then moved to Buckingham District and then west of Elkhorn. When the farm they were renting was sold, Claude was asked to help at Elkhorn Residential School until it closed in 1949. In 1951, the couple was asked to move to Prince Albert, SK to assist at St. Alban's Indian Residential School. They retired to Prince Albert in 1971. Following Claude's death, Sybil returned to Elkhorn to be closer to family. Sybil Tutthill died on October 31, 1989 in Virden, MB. She is buried at Elkhorn Cemetery.

Custodial History:

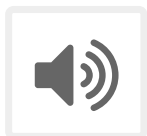
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Scope and Content:

Item is an audiocassette tape containing an interview with Sybil Tutthill about her life in Canada. Interviewer is Rosalyn Sutley.

Notes: History/bio information from the records, the Elkhorn local history "Steel and Grass Roots" and Tutthill's obituary. Description by Christy Henry.

Audio Tracks



Lynn Shier interview

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14432>

Part Of: Westman Oral History collection

Description Level: Item

Item Number: OH187.Shi

Accession Number: 35-1998

GMD: sound recordings

Date Range: May 11, 1983

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

Material Details: Sony HF60 Type I

History /

Biographical:

Lynn Shier was born November 28, 1942 in London, Ontario to Anglo-Saxon Protestant parents. Her father and mother were of German and English-Dutch descent, respectfully. On her father's side, Lynn's ancestors emigrated from Germany to the United States in 1749. Both of her parents were born and raised in Iowa, where they also married in 1929. Following her parent's marriage, the couple moved to London, Ontario in 1928 where her father was employed as a professor at the University of Western Ontario. Lynn resided in London, Ontario with her parents for sixteen years before relocating to Santa Barbara, California. After residing in California for three years, Lynn came back to London, Ontario in order to attend the University of Western Ontario. During her time at the University, Lynn met her future-husband Allan Shier. Allan Shier was born to parents of German and Scotch descent. His father's ancestors immigrated to North America during the late 1740s or early 1750s from roughly the same region of Germany as Lynn's ancestors.

Lynn and Allan were married in 1963. Following the wedding, the couple remained in Ontario for two years, one year of which was spent in Toronto. The couple later moved to Winnipeg, Manitoba where they lived for two years before travelling to Souris, Manitoba. While in Souris, Manitoba Allan worked as a district city planner. Lynn and Allan remained in Souris, Manitoba for four years after which they relocated to Brandon, Manitoba in 1970, where Allan continued to work as a district city planner for the city and Southwestern Manitoba. During their married life, Lynn worked as a household interviewer, and as a secretary for the Daly House Museum and the Assiniboine Historical Society while raising the couple's children, two girls and a boy. Lynn was also very active in the Brandon community.

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Scope and Content:

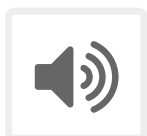
Item is an audiocassette tape containing the interview "Fur Trading in Brandon Area." The interviewee is Lynn Shier, the interviewer is Effie McPhail and the interview was conducted as part of the Voices of Yesteryear project. The tape contains details about the arrival of the first Europeans to Canada during the late sixteen-and early seventeenth-centuries, as well as more precise information concerning the history of the French and English fur trade within the Brandon, MB area.

Notes: Description by Jennifer Maxwell (2011) and Christy Henry.

Language Note: English

Conservation: Preservation copy created 2021 (R. Hess)

Audio Tracks



Gladys Ward interview

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14433>

Part Of: Westman Oral History collection

Description Level: Item
Item Number: OH033.War
Accession Number: 35-1998
GMD: sound recordings
Date Range: November 26, 1981
Physical Description: 1 audio cassette [00:50:00]
Material Details: Sony HF60

History /

Biographical:

Gladys Elizabeth Ward (nee Cartwright) was born August 16, 1909 in Dauphin, MB. In 1911 her family relocated to Winnipegosis, MB. Gladys worked as a school teacher in Winnipegosis from 1929-1931.

In 1931 Gladys married William Edward Ward (1910-1964), a fisherman and mechanic in Winnipegosis, MB. After her marriage, Gladys left her job as a fulltime school teacher to work part time as a substitute teacher, a cook in a girls camp and a full time housewife until 1933. In 1934, Gladys' only child, Mervyn Ward was born. She would not find out until many years later that her only child was born at the height of her tuberculosis infection. Gladys returned to teaching full time in 1938, until she was forced to resign due to illness in 1939.

Due to her tuberculosis illness Gladys was forced to relocate from Winnipegosis to Ninette, MB in 1941, where she lived in the Sanatorium as a patient until 1947. In 1945, Gladys was well enough to work part time as a cook in the Sanatorium kitchen. After her release from the Sanatorium in 1947, Gladys continued to live in Ninette with her husband and son, continuing to work at the Sanatorium as an assistant purchasing agent under the direction of Bill Stewart. After Stewart's retirement in 1963, Gladys took over as the purchasing agent for the Sanatorium until her own retirement in 1974.

After her retirement from the Sanatorium, Gladys cared for her elderly father, mother, and her older brother who was an epileptic, all of whom resided with her in her home in Ninette. Gladys Elizabeth Ward died in Killarney, MB on January 5, 1990. She is buried at Ninette Cemetery.

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Scope and Content:

Item is an audiocassette tape containing an interview with Gladys Ward about her experience as a tuberculosis patient and staff member at the Ninette Sanatorium. Interviewer is Dr. DB Stewart. The item covers biographical information and personal data, including how she contracted tuberculosis. The recording documents Gladys' recollection of her initial arrival at the Sanatorium and her first year of "chasing the cure." Gladys explores the hardships of being a patient at the Sanatorium. Moreover, the interview documents detailed medical terminology associated with tuberculosis and treatments used by doctors at the Sanatorium during the 1940s. In addition, the interview outlines names of Sanatorium employees as well as outlines the permanence and impermanence of friendships among patients. It also documents Gladys' recovery and movement from patient to staff member at the sanatorium. Lastly, the recording covers the conversion of the institution to the Pelican Lake Training Centre.

Notes: History/Biographical information taken from the records and the Find A Grave website. Description by Morganna Malyon (December 2011) and Christy Henry.

Subject Access: tuberculosis
sanatoriums

Access Restriction: Consult University Archivist for access.

Language Note: English

Conservation: Preservation copy created 2021 (R. Hess)



Hans Andersen interview

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14434>

Part Of: Westman Oral History collection

Description Level: Item

Item Number: OH043.And

Accession Number: 35-1998

GMD: sound recordings

Date Range: January 18, 1982

Physical Description: 1 audio cassette [00:35:00]

Material Details: Sony HF60

History /

Biographical:

Hans Andersen was born at Moline, Manitoba, on February 28, 1922, the third child of Andrew and Hansine Andersen. Andersen grew up on his family's farm, attending Moline public school. He served in the Canadian Armed Forces from 1943 to 1946, as part of the 23rd Field Artillery of the 4th Division, serving in England, Belgium, Holland, and Germany. After military service in World War II, Andersen returned home and started a farming career in the Moore Park district, located in the Rural Municipality of Odanah. In 1946, Andersen also married Marthe Renauld (1922-1977). The couple had 3 children: Karen, James and Mary Lou.

For 40 years, Andersen farmed in the Moore Park area, where he was also heavily involved in the local community. He was a trustee for Moore Park consolidated school district and a member of the Elton municipal school board. He was also a member of the Moore Park pool elevator board, and the Royal Canadian Legion. In 1970, Andersen was elected to the position of Reeve of the RM of Odanah. He remained the Reeve of Odanah until 1978.

In 1978, Andersen married Thelma Terry, and moved to Rapid City. In Rapid City, Andersen continued farming, gradually reducing his time in farming until he sold the last of his land to his family in 1990. In Rapid City, Andersen was involved in the building of a brand new seniors centre, and occupied himself in retirement with not only golfing but lots of traveling, going to places like the United States and Europe.

After 2000, Andersen's health began to deteriorate due to the onset of Alzheimer's disease. Hans Andersen died on January 12, 2008. He is buried at Rosewood Memorial Gardens.

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Scope and Content:

Item is an audiocassette tape containing an interview with Hans Andersen. Interviewer is Mae Johnson. Andersen discusses topics such as the history of the rural municipality, the administration of the RM, some of the issues dealt with by the leadership of the RM through its history, and some of the bylaws that were enacted since the establishment of the RM of Odanah in 1883.

Notes: History/Biographical information provided by Brandon Sun obituary entry, January 19, 2008, electronic correspondence with James Andersen, December 7-9, 2011, and the Manitoba Historical Society website. Description by Tyler Warren (2011) and Christy Henry.

Language Note: English

Audio Tracks



Eva Duncan interview

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14436>

Part Of: Westman Oral History collection

Description Level: Item

Item Number: OH060.Dun

Accession Number: 35-1998

GMD: sound recordings

Date Range: April 12, 1983

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

Material Details: Sony LNX60

History /

Biographical:

Alice Eva Simmons was born on July 23, 1909 in Wingham, ON. Her mother's side of the family came to Ontario from England through the Immigrant Department of Canada, with the help of the Salvation Army. After Eva's father died, her mother remarried a farmer from the Buncloody, MB area; Eva and her three siblings grew up in this area, with Eva attending high school in Brandon. Eva married Carman Duncan in 1932, and the couple farmed in the Moline area until Carman's death in 1957. It was here that their daughters Corinne and Peggy were born. Eva and Corrine lived in Brandon and Calgary before Eva moved back to Brandon, where she resided for the rest of her life. Eva was actively involved in the Salvation Army in Brandon, serving as the secretary of the Brandon Salvation Army court. She was also very active in the Daily House Museum auxiliary. Eva Duncan died on August 15, 2001 in Brandon, MB. She is buried at Rapid City Cemetery.

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Scope and Content:

Item is an audiocassette tape containing an interview with Eva Duncan about her personal experiences with the Salvation Army. The interview includes the historical origins of the Salvation Army, a chronological development of the Salvation Army in Canada and Brandon, as well as the major functions of the Salvation Army. Interviewer is Effie McPhail.

Notes: History/Bio information taken from The Brandon Sun. Description by Lei Peilong (2011) and Christy Henry.

Language Note: English

Audio Tracks

Elmer Travis interview

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14437>

Part Of: Westman Oral History collection

Description Level: Item

Item Number: OH145.Tra



Accession Number: 35-1998
GMD: sound recordings
Date Range: October 27, 1981
Physical Description: 1 audio cassette [00:29:00]
Material Details: Sony HF60
History /
Biographical:

Elmer A. Travis was born February 7, 1900 in the Rolla District of North Dakota. His family farmed sixteen miles east of Rolla, North Dakota. In May 1905, his family, which included his parents and seven children, and some friends, decided to move up to Canada as there was no wood source within 25 miles of their homestead. They also desired more range for their cattle. The group settled eighteen miles north of Roblin in the San Clara District, with a single quarter section of land, eventually expanding to five quarter sections of land. Due to their location the family often did their shopping in Togo, Saskatchewan, and shipped their grain from Mycroft, Manitoba. During his youth, he met a local girl named Mary Louise Lafournaise (1900-1993)

Travis married Mary Louise Lafournaise on May 3, 1921 in the San Clara District. After their marriage they settled on their own farm in the district. Elmer served as a blacksmith for the local area while farming, working as a mechanic, selling Rawleigh's goods, and hauling cream (1939-1940). In 1957, due to Mary's poor health, they moved to British Columbia for a year, before moving back to Elphinstone, Manitoba. They then moved to Souris in 1963, where they continued to live, except for another year in Creston, British Columbia from 1967-68. Elmer Travis died in 1995 and is buried in Souris-Glenwood.

Custodial History:

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Scope and Content:

Item is an audiocassette tape containing an interview with Elmer Travis about homesteading and rural community life. Contents include settlement at Roblin, Manitoba, schooling, farming practices, housing, social life in the area, Mr. Travis' musical talents, and his marriage to Mary Louise Lafournaise. In addition, there is content on the community working together on building, how to make lime from burning limestone, moving to BC and return to Manitoba, descriptions of the various jobs held by Mr. Travis, the installations of home telephones and hydro in his home district, Roblin hospital in the 1930's, and his hobbies at the time of the interview in 1981. Interviewer is John E. Forsyth.

Notes: Included on the cassette are several musical recordings done by Mr. Travis. Transcript by Jaclyn Matchullis (2014). Description by Joel Springer (2011) and Christy Henry.

Language Note: English

Audio Tracks

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Hilton Ashton interview

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14438>

Part Of: Westman Oral History collection
Description Level: Item
Item Number: OH170.Ash
Accession Number: 35-1998
GMD: sound recordings
Date Range: June 9, 1982
Physical Description: 1 audio cassette [00:30:00]
Material Details: Sony HF60

History /

Biographical:

J. Hilton Ashton was born on March 19, 1919 in Mulvihill, Manitoba. He lived in Mulvihill until 1925, before moving to Fleming, SK and Butler, MB, before settling in Virden, MB in 1930. Ashton was a journeyman electrician by trade. During World War II he served in the Air Force, serving a year in Canada and four years in England as a fighter pilot, seeing approximately 2 ½ years of active duty. Ashton married June MacMillan of Winnipeg, and together they had five children: Richard, Bruce, Janet, Judith and Glen. Hilton Ashton died in 1996 and is buried in Virden, MB.

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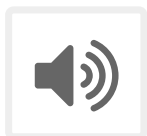
Scope and Content:

Item is an audiocassette tape containing an interview with Hilton Ashton about his experiences in the Airforce in the Second World War, as well as early air shows. Interviewer is Elmer Armstrong.

Notes: Description by Evan Stitt (2011) and Christy Henry.

Language Note: English

Audio Tracks



Dorothy Scott interview

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14440>

Part Of: Westman Oral History collection
Description Level: Item
Item Number: OH235.Sco
Accession Number: 35-1998
GMD: sound recordings
Date Range: November 22, 1982
Physical Description: 1 audio cassette [00:43:30]
Material Details: Sony LNX60

History /

Biographical:

Dorothy Gladys "Bobbie" Saunders was born in England in 1925. Donald James Scott (1922-1988), visited Bobbie's aunt while serving in England with the Winnipeg Rifles in 1941, and the couple married on July 24, 1943. Their first child, Robert, was born in England. Don was discharged in August 1945 and returned to the farm at Eden, MB and awaited the arrival of his family. Bobbie and Robert arrived in February 1946. The couple had three more children together: Betty Anne, Peter and David. They also raised a foster daughter, Violet Long.

Don worked the family farm and for Hare's Cartage, while Bobbie worked with Dr. Del Dawson. In 1958, they started the Neepawa Canvas Works. Although they later sold the business, Bobbie continued to manage it. In October 1971, Bobbie became the Administrator of Touchwood Park Association. She held this position until taking early retirement in 1982. Bobbie and Don enjoyed travelling and spending time with family. Following her husband's death, Bobbie remained on the farm until 1998, when she moved into Neepawa.

Dorothy Scott died on December 22, 2010. She is buried at Riverside Cemetery.

Custodial History:

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Scope and Content:

Item is an audiocassette tape containing an interview with Dorothy Scott about the formation, history and details of Touchwood Park Association, an organization that supports individuals with developmental disabilities. Then known as the "Touchwood Park Association for the Mentally Retarded," the organization was founded in 1963 and located in Neepawa, MB. Scott discusses the philosophy of the association as well as its specific functions. She also describes the contributions made by the Canadian government, the town of Neepawa, local businesses, charity organizations, and a supportive surrounding community. In several instances Mrs. Scott reflects on the necessity of this type of association. Anecdotes are given on Mrs. Scott's experience working for the Association. Interviewer is Winnie Cheetam.

Notes: History/Bio information taken from the records, the Eden local history "East of the Mountains: Eden-Birnie Story," "The Beautiful Plains Story" local history book, the Find a Grave website and Scott's obituary . Description by Natalie Majcher (2011) and Christy Henry.

Language Note: English

Audio Tracks

Dorothy Broomhall interview

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14441>

Part Of: Westman Oral History collection
Description Level: Item
Item Number: OH003.Bro
Accession Number: 35-1998



GMD: sound recordings
Date Range: December 3, 1981
Physical Description: 1 audio cassette [00:16:04]
History /
Biographical:

Dorothy Irene Broomhall was born on March 28, 1920 in Brandon, MB. She attended Business College and then worked for the Federal Government from 1942-1976, mostly with the Veteran's Land Act. Dorothy never married. Involved with the Girl Guide organization for over 80 years, she also volunteered at Fairview Personal Care Home for more than 30 years, and was very active in her church (St. Mary's Anglican Church and then St. Matthew's Cathedral). In addition to travelling, her hobbies included knitting for family, friends and Christmas Cheer. Dorothy Broomhall died on November 14, 2020 in Brandon, MB. She is buried at Brandon Municipal Cemetery.

Custodial History:

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Scope and Content:

Item is an audiocassette tape containing an interview with Dorothy Broomhall primarily about the history of St. Mary's Anglican Church in Brandon, MB, although some autobiographical topics are covered at the beginning of the interview. Interviewer is Isabelle Heeney.

Notes: History/Bio information taken from Broomhall's obituary. Transcript by John Ball (2014). Description by Christy Henry.

Language Note: English

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Betty Gibson interview



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Part Of: Westman Oral History collection

Description Level: Item

Item Number: OH058.Gib

Accession Number: 35-1998

GMD: sound recordings

Date Range: October 21, 1981

Physical Description: 1 audio cassette [00:39:31]

History /

Biographical:

Betty Margaret Gibson was born on July 14, 1911 in Brandon, MB. She attended primary school in Alexandra and Park schools, and took her teachers education at the Brandon Normal School. She began her teaching career in 1929. Teaching first in Deloraine and Chater, in 1936, Gibson travelled to South Africa to be the headmistress at Kingsmead College, Johannesburg. She returned to Brandon ten years later to take up the post of Principal at Fleming School. During this time she completed a BA from Brandon College (1959). Attaining her Master's degree in Early Childhood Education, she taught at the University of Saskatoon and Brandon College/University. At Brandon University she was heavily involved with Indigenous teacher programs, including BUNTEP, PENT and IMPACT. She was briefly the Assistant Superintendent for the Brandon School Division (1967-1968). Gibson was active in the Children's Aid Society, co-created and appeared in a television show called "Common Sense About Reading" (CBC), and was the author of a children's book called "The Story of Little Quack." Gibson received the Centennial Medal in 1967, and the J.M. Brown Award (1974), for contribution to education in Manitoba. She was awarded an Honorary Doctorate of Liberal Laws from BU in 1975, and even in retirement continued to teach education courses at BU and help children with reading disabilities. In 2003, she was inducted into Brandon University's Hall of Fame. Betty Gibson School in the Brandon School Division is named in her honor. Gibson never married. Betty Gibson died on February 23, 2001 in Brandon, MB. She is buried at Rosewood Memorial Gardens.

Custodial History:

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Scope and Content:

Item is an audiocassette tape containing an interview with Betty Gibson about her teaching career. Interviewer is JE Bateman.

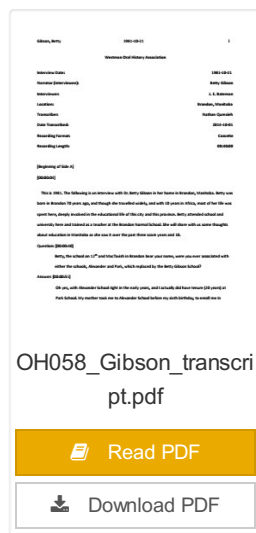
Notes: History/Bio information taken from the Manitoba Historical Society, The Brandon Sun and the records. Transcript by Nathan Qumsieh (2014).
Description by Christy Henry.

Language Note: English

Conservation: Preservation copy created 2021 (R. Hess)

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Jean Lyall interview

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14443>

Part Of: Westman Oral History collection

Description Level: Item

Item Number: OH070.Lya

Accession Number: 35-1998

GMD: sound recordings

Date Range: April 21, 1981

Physical Description: 1 audio cassette [00:36:37]

History /

Biographical:

Jean Eleanor Lyall (nee Cairns) was born on August 29, 1908 in the Ryerson District, north of Oak Lake, MB. She attended schools at Ryerson and Oak Lake before graduating from Regina General Hospital as a registered nurse in 1932. She nursed in the Kenton-Oak Lake area until until she married Thomas Williamson Lyall (1912-1967) of Kenton, MB in 1940. The couple had one son, Gordon and farmed in the Kenton district until Tom's death. Jean then moved into town, where she continued to live until her death. Jean loved to travel and was very active in the community, including the Leisure Club, UCW, women's institute and sports. Jean Lyall died on December 11, 1987 in Hamiota. She is buried at Greenwood Cemetery.

Custodial History:

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Scope and Content:

Item is an audiocassette tape containing an interview with Jean Lyall about country nursing in the 1930s. Interviewer is Shirley Hunt.

Notes: History/bio information from the Kenton local history book "Cradle to combine, vol. 3" and Lyall's obituary in the Hamiota Echo. Transcript by Brianna Workman (2014). Description by Christy Henry.

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Gerald McLeod interview

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14444>

Part Of: Westman Oral History collection

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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.

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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.

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

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