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Robert John Coates interview

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Part Of: Westman Oral History collection

Description Level: Item

Item Number: OH025.Coa

Accession Number: 35-1998

GMD: sound recordings

Date Range: April 19, 1982

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

History /

Biographical:

Robert John Coates was born on December 30, 1908 on the home farm in the Elm Valley district. He took his schooling at Elm Valley and Virden. He received Bachelor of Science of Bachelor of Education degrees at the University of Manitoba. Bob married Margaret Grace Cullen (1915-2007) in 1936 and together they had two children: Karen and John. Bob began his teaching career as principal in Pierson, MB, later moving to Ninga as principal. During the Second World War he joined the RCAF, serving as a navigation officer and teaching pilots in the Commonwealth Air Training Plan. After the war, the family moved to Brandon where Bob taught at Brandon Collegiate Institute (BCI), Earl Haig, Earl Oxford and was principal at Central School. He was the first principal at Green Acres School, teaching there until retiring in 1973. Bob was made a Brandon Diocesan Layreader of the Anglican Church and spent years taking services throughout the Diocese.

Bob served as president of the Manitoba Teachers' Society, Brandon Local, The Western Manitoba Teacher's Association, the Brandon PC Association and the UN Association. He also served as executive member of the International School Masters Club, The Manitoba Teachers' Society Pensions Committee, Men's Canadian Club and the Westman Oral History Association. He served as Chairman of the Local MTS Pension Committee and on the board of directors of Hobbs Manor. Bob was a lifetime member of the Manitoba Teachers' Society and the Brandon Teachers' Society, as well as a charter member of the Assiniboine Historical Society, the Daly House Museum, and the Commonwealth Air Training Museum. He was also a member of The Monarchist League of Canada and Royal Canadian Legion No. 3. At the time of his death Bob was an honorary Vestryman at St. Matthew's Cathedral. Robert Coates died on March 10, 1990 in Brandon, MB. He is buried at Rosewood Memorial Gardens.

Custodial History:

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Scope and Content:

Item is an audiocassette tape containing an interview with Robert Coates about the history of St. Matthew's Anglican Cathedral, Brandon. Interviewer is Irene Heeney.

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

Audio Tracks



Roy Gordon Coates interview

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14722>

Part Of: Westman Oral History collection

Description Level: Item

Item Number: OH054.Coa

Accession Number: 35-1998

GMD: sound recordings

Date Range: October 21, 1982

Physical Description: 1 audio cassette [0:20:00]

History /

Biographical:

Roy Gordon Coates was born on July 23, 1920 in Brandon, MB. He attended King George, Earl Haig and Central schools in the city. Following school, he began a career with the Canadian Pacific Railway (CPR) in 1939. Due to illness he was forced to retire in 1979. Roy married Thelma Cunningham (1922-1949) in 1942. In 1952, he married Norma Jean Orser (1932-?) in Souris, MB and together they had a daughter, Brenda Colleen. Roy was a member of the Brotherhood of Railway Clerks, Local 1113, the Orange Lodge, Sons of Ulster No. 1512, St. Paul's United Church, and later First Presbyterian Church where he served as superintendent of Sunday school. He enjoyed golf, fishing and music. In retirement he became active with the Hillcrest Adult Day Club. Roy Coates died on July 12, 1985 in Brandon, MB. He is buried at Brandon Municipal Cemetery.

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Scope and Content:

Item is an audiocassette tape containing an interview with Roy Gordon Coates about the Coates' family association with the CPR. Interviewer is Marjorie Lange.

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

Audio Tracks



Robert Neilson interview

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14718>

Part Of: Westman Oral History collection

Description Level: Item

Item Number: OH263.Nei

Accession Number: 35-1998

GMD: sound recordings

Date Range: January 13, 1982

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

History /

Biographical:

Robert Neilson was born on June 15, 1914 in Glasgow, Scotland. He came to Canada with his family in October 1919. They settled briefly in Manor, SK before moving to Brandon, MB in 1920. After high school, Bob worked at Yaeger's Furs and was promoted to general manager. Bob Robert married Margaret McComb (1919-2001) on June 19, 1944 and together they had two daughters, Jean and Linda. From 1969-1975, Bob and Marg owned Eve's Gift Shop, and after the store was sold, they were caretakers at Princess Park and Towers until retiring in 1979. They continued to live at Princess Towers for several years, before moving to Hillcrest Place Personal Care Home. Bob and Marg loved spending time at Waskesiu, Clear Lake, and later at Killarney. He was an active member of the Eastern Star, Shriners, Central United Church, K-40, Kinsmen and YMCA, as well as a long time volunteer at Prairie Oasis. Robert Neilson died on August 3, 2006 in Brandon, MB. He is buried at Brandon Municipal Cemetery.

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Scope and Content:

Item is an audiocassette tape containing an interview with Robert Neilson about his experience with Gus Yaeger, furrier, 1939-1942. Interviewer is Phyllis M. Cairns.

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

Audio Tracks



Robert Smith interview

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14719>

Part Of: Westman Oral History collection

Description Level: Item

Item Number: OH177.Smi

Accession Number: 35-1998

GMD: sound recordings

Date Range: March 11, 1983

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

History /

Biographical:

Robert Alexander Smith was born on March 25, 1901 at Madford-Ingelow, MB. He attended Matheson school and farmed in the Ingelow district. The family farm, 2-12-17, was sold in 1951, and Robert moved to Winnipeg where he was employed with the International Harvester Company and Triange Auto Supply. Robert met Martha Buchanon Thorburn (1917-2010) when they were both Scout leaders and actively involved with Chalmers United Church in Winnipeg. The couple married in 1955, and together they had one son, Alexander. Robert and Martha retired in 1971, and moved to Douglas, MB. Robert Smith died on November 30, 1983 in Brandon, MB. He is buried at Carberry Plains Cemetery.

Custodial History:

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Scope and Content:

Item is an audiocassette tape containing an interview with Robert Smith about the early days at 2-12-17. Interviewer is Blair Loree.

Notes: History/bio information from the records, the Douglas local history "Echoes of A Century," and the obituaries for Robert and Martha Smith. Description by Christy Henry.

Audio Tracks



Robert Strath interview

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14720>

Part Of: Westman Oral History collection

Description Level: Item

Item Number: OH147.Str

Accession Number: 35-1998

GMD: sound recordings

Date Range: February 11, 1982

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

History /

Biographical:

Robert Strath was born on December 28, 1888 on the farm Mains of Elrich at Auchnagatt, Aberdeenshire, Scotland. He attended school in Scotland until he was 12, and then was a farm helper to age 18. He immigrated to Canada in 1907, originally travelling from St. John, NB to Brandon, MB. For the next several years, Bob moved around the provinces of Western Canada working on farms, the railway, in the bush, homesteading and mining. In 1913, he returned to Manitoba, where he began farming. For the next fifty years, Bob would farm as a tenant or owner in the Hebron district, Carroll district and at Riverside. He retired to Brandon in 1963, then moved to Souris in 1965. Bob married Selina Gladys Rogers (1896-1975) on November 14, 1917 in Souris, MB and together they had five children: George, Russell, Jim, Roberta and Donald. Robert Strath died on March 17, 1987 in Souris, MB. He is buried at Glenwood Cemetery.

Custodial History:

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Scope and Content:

Item is an audiocassette tape containing an interview with Robert Strath about being a Scottish immigrant farming in Manitoba. Interviewer is John E. Forsyth.

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

Audio Tracks



Norah and Robert Wright interview

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14704>

Part Of: Westman Oral History collection

Description Level: Item

Item Number: OH031.Wri

Accession Number: 35-1998

GMD: sound recordings

Date Range: December 8, 1981

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

History /

Biographical:

Robert Charles Tracy Wright was born on March 24, 1896 on a farm in the Ninette district. Robert attended Duncraig School, but much of his time was spent helping his father on the farm. A. Norah Wright was born on September 23, 1899, also on the family farm. She attended Lenore School. Robert farmed until his health failed, while Norah kept house. In 1947, the siblings moved to Ninette and Robert worked in the lumber yard and Norah did housework for families in the village. The Wrights left Ninette in October 1981, and moved to the Lakeview Senior Citizens Home in Killarney, MB. Robert Wright died on March 21, 1983 in Killarney, MB. Norah Wright died on January 7, 1986 in Killarney, MB. They are both buried at Ninette Cemetery.

Custodial History:

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Scope and Content:

Item is an audiocassette tape containing an interview with Norah and Robert Wright about the Ninette, MB area. Interviewer is Dr. D.B. Stewart.

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

Audio Tracks



Robert J. Campbell interview

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14717>

Part Of: Westman Oral History collection

Description Level: Item

Item Number: OH078.Cam

Accession Number: 35-1998

GMD: sound recordings

Date Range: May 19, 1982

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

History /

Biographical:

Robert James (RJ) Campbell was born on January 16, 1905 on Section 14-11-23 in the RM of Woodworth. He attended Education Point School. RJ worked in the Rivers area on a number of farms, then in 1925 went to Regina and worked in a garage. He returned to Manitoba shortly thereafter to work on his uncle's farm and then on the home farm with his mother until 1935. RJ married Edith Marian Bell (1913-2010) on December 23, 1937, and together they had two sons: Cordell and Urschel.

The family lived on the farm in the Brierwood district south of Harding until 1946, when they moved to Halls Bridge district north of Griswold where they continued to farm until 2006. RJ built all of the buildings on the farm including "Halls Bridge Dance Garden" in 1966. He loved to sing square dance calls, and along with Marian, travelled a great deal in North America and Europe, as well as a trip to the Soviet Union. Due to ill health, RJ moved to Hillcrest Place Personal Care Home in 2006. Robert Campbell died on February 14, 2007 in Brandon, MB. He is buried at Griswold Cemetery.

Custodial History:

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Scope and Content:

Item is an audiocassette tape containing an interview with Robert Campbell about farming in the 20th century. Interviewer is Phyllis M. Cairns.

Notes: History/bio information from the records and Campbell'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.

Custodial History:

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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

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 Renault (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.

Custodial History:

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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

Documents



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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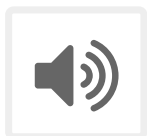
Scope and Content:

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.

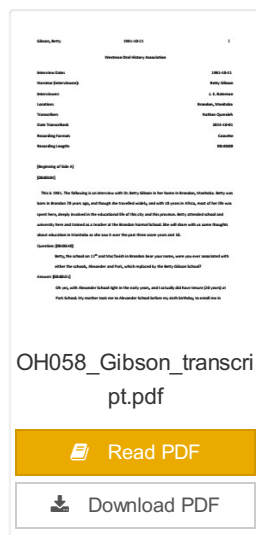
Notes: History/Bio information taken from the Manitoba Historical Society, The Brandon Sun and the records. Transcript by Nathan Qumsieh (2014).
Description by Christy Henry.

Language Note: English

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Gerald McLeod interview

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Part Of: Westman Oral History collection

Description Level: Item

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.

Custodial History:

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Scope and Content:

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.

Interviewer is Irene Brown.

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

Language Note: English

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Item Number: OH095

Item Title: Root, Hog or Die

Accession Number: 35-1998

Interviewer: Irene Brown

Interviewee: Gerald McLeod

Date Recorded: May 24, 1982

Date Transcribed: 2014-08-01

Introduction by Interviewer and first questions, start of file 1 of 2 (20140801)

This is the second file of file 1 of 2, "Root, Hog or Die" is the interview with Gerald McLeod of Westman Oral History collection. The interview was conducted by Irene Brown, at the Glenboro Gazette, on 24 May 1982. The interview is the 15th of the 16 interviews conducted as part of the Westman Oral History project. "Root, Hog or Die" is the interview with Gerald McLeod, who was born in Brandon, Manitoba, and lived in Glenboro, Manitoba, for most of his life. He was a lumber mill worker, a firewood cutter, an engineer's assistant, a volunteer firefighter, and a member of the CCF. He also spoke a great deal about the financial destitution people faced during his time in Saskatchewan and later in Manitoba during the Depression.

Interviewer: Irene Brown


Interviewee: Gerald McLeod


They were born in Brandon, Manitoba, and lived in Glenboro, Manitoba, for most of their lives.

G. McLeod

Root, Hog or Die

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Emma Pratt interview

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Part Of: Westman Oral History collection

Description Level: Item

Item Number: OH097.Pra

Accession Number: 35-1998

GMD: sound recordings

Date Range: May 24, 1982

Physical Description: 1 audio cassette [00:40:50]

History /

Biographical:

Emmaline "Emma" Garland Pratt was born on November 15, 1884 in Portage la Prairie, MB. She spent her early life in the village, approximately two miles down the river from Portage la Prairie. She received her education and studied music, voice and organ at the Portage Presbyterian Boarding School; while school age, she lived with white missionaries Mr and Mrs. Brown. She was adopted by the Garland family in Portage la Prairie.

Emma came to the then Oak River Reserve in 1904, to be with her mother following a family crisis. The same year, she married Matthew Tunkancekigana, who was later given the surname Pratt. The couple resided in Sioux Valley, where Matthew farmed and did farm work. Matthew died in 1951. Emma dedicated her life to her family and in service to her community, especially through her church St. Luke's Anglican Church at Sioux Valley, where she was church organist for 75 years. In 1961, she received life membership in the Women's Auxiliary of the Diocese of Brandon and in 1977, she received a Good Citizenship Award from the Lieutenant-Governor. The Pratts had eleven children, including Allan, Donald, Archie, Ina, Hilda, and Dorothy. Allan was a chief on the Sioux Valley Reserve, Donald was a Reverend with the Anglican Church. Three other children died of tuberculosis. Emma Pratt died in January 1989.

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Scope and Content:

Item is an audiocassette tape containing an interview with Emma Pratt about her childhood and early married years as a Sioux woman. Interviewer is Phyllis Cairns.

Notes: History/bio information taken from the records, and articles in The Brandon Sun reporting on Pratt's 100th birthday celebration (November 22, 1984) and her death (January 16, 1989). Transcript by Brianna Workman (2014). Description by Christy Henry.

Language Note: English

Conservation: Preservation copy created 2021 (R. Hess)

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Winnie North interview

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14446>

Part Of: Westman Oral History collection

Description Level: Item

Item Number: OH158.Nor

Accession Number: 35-1998

GMD: sound recordings

Date Range: April 13, 1984

Physical Description: 1 audio cassette [00:16:30]

History /

Biographical:

Winifred North (nee Seaborn) was born December 13, 1920 in Burwash, Sussex, England. At the age of five, she moved to Manitoba, growing up in the Osprey and Mentmore districts, attending Osprey and Gordon schools. Winnie married Alfred James North (1917-1994) on October 16, 1948. Together they had three children: Bruce, Heather and Maureen. Alf served in the armed forces during the Second World War. Following the war he farmed in the Norman district until 1966, at which point the family moved to Brookdale. Alf then served as custodian for the Brookdale school before retiring in 1983. In Brookdale, Winnie worked at the post office, becoming postmistress. Winnie was a member of the Brookdale United Church, the Neepawa Legion Ladies Auxiliary and the Brookdale Belles and Beaux square dancing group. Winifred North died on January 13, 2018 in Neepawa, MB. She is buried at Neepawa Cemetery.

Custodial History:

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Scope and Content:

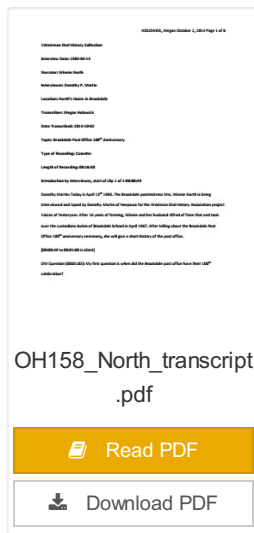
Item is an audiocassette tape containing an interview with Winnie North about the 100th Anniversary of the Brookdale Post Office. Interviewer is Dorothy P. Martin.

Notes: History/bio information taken from the records and the Brookdale local history "Quest in Roots." Transcript by Megan Holowick (2014).
Description by Christy Henry.

Language Note: English

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Thomas Martin interview

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14447>

Part Of: Westman Oral History collection

Description Level: Item

Item Number: OH159.Mar

Accession Number: 35-1998

GMD: sound recordings

Date Range: November 11, 1982

Physical Description: 1 audio cassette [00:31:06]

History /

Biographical:

Thomas Henry Martin was born December 23, 1904 in Brookdale, MB. From when he was born until 1965, Thomas lived in the Brookdale region and worked at farming and road building. He retired from farming in 1965, and moved to Neepawa, although he continued to help his son farm in the area. On October 25, 1933 he married Harriet North (1911-1986). Together they had two children: Mona and Vincent. Thomas Martin died on November 6, 1986 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 Thomas Martin about early road building and the 1930s. Between 1929 and 1931, Thomas and two of his neighbors were employed by the North Cypress Municipality to build roads in the district, and this is the subject of most of the interview. Thomas also discusses at length the equipment used in road building, how the equipment was used, and the work camps formed by the governments during the 1930's to create jobs for the unemployed. Interviewer is Dorothy Martin.

Notes:	History/bio information taken from the records and the Brookdale local history "Quest in Roots." Transcript by Richard Bee (2014). Description by Christy Henry.
Language Note:	English

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