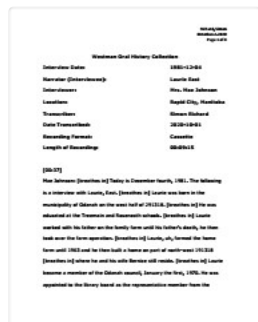


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## Laurie East interview

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14456>

Part Of: Westman Oral History collection

Description Level: Item

Item Number: OH044.Eas

Accession Number: 35-1998

GMD: sound recordings

Date Range: December 4, 1981

Physical Description: 1 audio cassette [00:09:15]

History /

Biographical:

Laurence Overton "Laurie" East was born in the municipality of Odanah on the west half of 29-13-18, on March 13, 1911. He attended Tremaine and Roseneath schools and worked on the family farm, eventually leaving school to work due to his father's ill health and then taking over the operation in 1936, after his father died. Laurie retired from farming in 1976. Laurie married Bernice McDonald (1916-2006), a teacher, on July 4, 1942. They had no children. Laurie's hobbies were music, dancing and travel; he took part in local entertainment and taught square dancing classes. He was a member of the Hunterville United Church, serving on the board and volunteering as Sunday School Superintendent or teacher. In the 1940s, Laurie was part of local committees to secure telephone and postal service. From 1970-1983, he was a member of Elton Municipal Council. Shortly after joining the council, Laurie was appointed as a representative to the library board; he joined representatives from Minnedosa and Minto councils, as there was support in the region for the organization and establishment of a regional library. Laurie East died on April 18, 2003 in Brandon, MB and is buried at the Rapid City Cemetery.

Custodial History:

As part of the Westman Oral History Collection, this collection was accessioned by the McKee Archives in 1998. The original tapes from the Westman Oral History project were deposited in the Brandon Public Library. Copies of these originals were made by Margaret Pollex of the Brandon University Language Lab at the request of Eileen McFadden, University Archivist in the early 1990s. These copies compose the collection held in the McKee Archives.

Scope and Content:

Item is an audiocassette tape containing an interview with Laurie East about the Minnedosa Regional Library. Interviewer is Mae Johnson.

Notes: History/bio information from the records and East's obituary. Transcript by Simon Richard (2020). Description by Christy Henry.

Language Note: English

## Audio Tracks

## Documents

Interview Date:	1981-12-04
Narrator (Interviewee):	Laurie East
Interviewer:	Mrs. Wae Johnson
Location:	Rapid City, Mandakoba
Transcriber:	Simon Richard
Date Transcribed:	2020-10-01
Recording Format:	Cassette
Length of Recording:	00:09:15

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Max Johnson: [Interviews a] Today is December fourth, 1981. The following is an interview with Laurie, Earl. [Interviews a] Laurie was born in the municipality of Qidān on the west half of 291318. [Interviews a] He was educated at the Tremaine and Rosemuth schools. [Interviews a] Laurie worked with his father on the family farm until his father's death, he then took over the farm operation. [Interviews a] Laurie, wife, formed the home farm until 1963 and then he built a home on part of north-west 291318. [Interviews a] where he and his wife Service still reside. [Interviews a] Laurie became a member of the Qidān church, January the first, 1970. He was appointed to the library board as the representative member from the

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## Bernice C. East interview

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Part Of: Westman Oral History collection

Description Level: Item

Item Number: OH045.Eas

Accession Number: 35-1998

GMD: sound recordings

Date Range: December 4, 1981

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

History /

Biographical:

Bernice Caroline East (nee McDonald) was born on August 30, 1914 at Brookdale, MB in the RM of North Cypress. She attended Brookdale school, Brandon Collegiate Institute (BCI) and the Winnipeg Normal School. Her BA was achieved by correspondence and night classes from the University of Manitoba in 1963. As a teacher, Bernice taught at Tremaine, Brookdale, Minnedosa and Elton. Bernice married Laurence Overton East (1911-2003) on July 4, 1942. They did not have any children. The couple farmed in the Hunterville district until Laurie retired in 1976. They moved to Brandon in 1992. Bernice loved the outdoors and gardening, as well as square dancing and music. For a number of years, Bernice and Laurie kept a Bluebird line. The couple also enjoyed travel. Bernice was also active and supportive in community affairs, spending time as a Director on the Manitoba Agricultural Hall of Fame Board. Bernice East died on April 13, 2006 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 Bernice East about aspects of education in Odanah Municipality, 1880-1981. Interviewer is Mae Johnson.

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

Language Note: English

Related Material: OH044 Lawrie O. East

### Audio Tracks

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