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James McKeand interview

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Part Of: Westman Oral History collection

Description Level: Item

Item Number: OH118.MacK

Accession Number: 35-1998

GMD: sound recordings

Date Range: May 16, 1982

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

History /

Biographical:

James David McKeand was born on April 11, 1925 on section 22-11-17 in the Douglas district of Manitoba. His early education was at Elton School. His grandfather was Robert McKeand (1848-1910) and his grandmother was Marion Johnstone (1860-1920). His father was David McKeand (1893-1979) and his mother was Mary Ethel Muirhead (1891-1963). David McKeand was inducted into the Manitoba Agricultural Hall of Fame in 1982.

Jim married Eva Meryl Gillespie (b. 1927) on May 7, 1947 and together they had two daughters: Elaine and Janet. The couple lived five miles north of Douglas and Jim attended an agricultural course at the Ag Centre in Brandon, graduating with a certificate. A pedigreed seed grower, Jim achieved his 25 year Long Service Certificate from the Canadian Seed Growers' Association. He also grew seed plots for foundation production. Outside of his farm, Jim served on the local school board, was a Manitoba Pool Elevators delegate, served as a director of the Manitoba Agricultural Museum, the Manitoba Agricultural Hall of Fame and the Brandon Consumers Co-operative. He was also active in politics and his church. James McKeand died on January 31, 1987 in Winnipeg, MB. He is buried at Madford Cemetery.

Custodial History:

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Scope and Content:

Item is an audiocassette tape containing an interview with James McKeand about the lives of his parents and grandparents. Interviewer is Blair Loree.

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

Language Note: English

Audio Tracks



James Young interview

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14641>

Part Of: Westman Oral History collection

Description Level: Item

Item Number: OH229.You

Accession Number: 35-1998

GMD: sound recordings

Date Range: November 25, 1982

Physical Description: 1 audio cassette [0:40:00]

History /

Biographical:

James Miller Young was born on February 4, 1901 at Eden, MB. Jim married Verna Mary Osborne (1907-1997) on October 27, 1930. Together they had three children: Gerald, Patricia and Marjorie. Jim served as a school trustee for the Eden Consolidated School District and Beautiful Plains School Division for more than 30 years, including 15 years at Board Chairman. Jim retired in 1967, and the couple's retirement years were spent in Neepawa, where they were very active in their community. Jim's service was commemorated by JM Young School in 1970. James Young died in May 1986. He is buried at Neepawa Cemetery.

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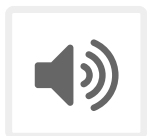
Scope and Content:

Item is an audiocassette tape containing an interview with James Young about education in rural Manitoba. Interviewer is Winnie Cheetham.

Notes: History/bio information from the records, Verna Young's obituary and the Manitoba Historical Society website entry on James Miller Young.
Description by Christy Henry.

Language Note: English

Audio Tracks



James and Bernice Guild interview

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14485>

Part Of: Westman Oral History collection

Description Level: Item

Item Number: OH132.Gui

Accession Number: 35-1998

GMD: sound recordings

Date Range: May 8, 1982

Physical Description: 1 audio cassette [01:02:48]

History /

Biographical:

James "Jim" Guild was born on December 2, 1905 in Dundee, Scotland. He immigrated to Canada when his father was hired as a farm laborer in 1907. Jim farmed in the RM of Elton, where he ran a hog and cattle operation. He was an avid curler and interested in sports. A member of the Brandon Curling Club and the Forrest Curling Club, he was also a member and president of the Justice Pool Elevator, the Forrest Church Board, and the Elton Seniors Club. Jim was active in the early years of the Forrest 4-H Club, a director of the Brandon Consumers Board and Credit Union Board, the Brandon Consumers Cooperative and the Manitoba Agricultural Hall of Fame.

Bernice Rae Klusedorf was born on February 19, 1909 in Welcome, Minnesota. She moved to Manitoba at the age of 8, when her parents established a farm in the Sinclair district. A graduate of the Brandon General Hospital (BGH) in 1931, Bernice worked as a nurse until her marriage to Jim on September 21, 1934. The couple had five children: Janice, Elaine, Alan, Murray and Betty. After her marriage, Bernice was dedicated to the farm and her family, while also making her nursing skills available to families in the community. She was active in the nurses' alumni of BGH and represented the Justice chapter of the Women's Institute at meetings throughout southern Manitoba. A member of the Justice and Forrest United Churches, Bernice also enjoyed travelling.

The Guilds retired from farming in the late 1970s. Jim Guild died on May 26, 1982. Three years later, Bernice moved into Brandon where she continued her practice of visiting hospital patients and residents of senior citizens homes. Bernice Guild died on March 18, 1995. They are both buried at Rosewood Memorial Gardens.

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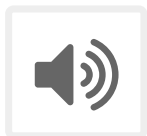
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Scope and Content:

Item is an audiocassette tape containing an interview with James and Bernice Guild about their lives and experiences. The interviewer is Blair Loree.

Notes:	History/bio information from the records, Jim Guild's and Bernice Guild's obituaries. Description by Christy Henry.
Language Note:	English
Conservation:	Preservation copy made 2021 (R. Hess)

Audio Tracks



James and Isabel Gilmour interview

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Description Level:	Item
Item Number:	OH224.Gil
Accession Number:	35-1998
GMD:	sound recordings

Date Range: June 16, 1981

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

History /

Biographical:

James Gilmour was born on December 4, 1910 at Griswold, MB. In 1936, he moved with his family to the Forrest District where he worked on the McPhail farm. In 1938, he went to Norway House where he and his twin brother Wesley were on the staff at the Residential School.

Isabel Marjory Forsyth was born on January 25, 1917 in the farm home south of Pipestone, MB. After graduating from high school, Isabel attended the Women's Institute Course in Deloraine for dressmaking and cooking, where she learned skills she used for the rest of her life. In 1939, Isabel travelled to Norway House with a group of teachers, and that is where she met Jim Gilmour.

Jim joined the Royal Canadian Air Force in 1942, and on November 7 of the same year he and Isabel were married. Following the marriage, the couple were stationed in Lethbridge, AB and then Mossbank, SK where Jim was a flight instructor. At the end of the war, the Gilmours moved to Pipestone where Jim was manager of the Co-op store. In 1948, they moved to join Jim's brother Hughie on the farm in the Forrest district. During his farming years, Jim was active in Forrest United Church, the rink board, the Pool Elevator board and the School board. He loved to garden, curl and visit. Isabel enjoyed cooking, canning, gardening and entertaining. She was involved in community activities including the United Church and as a 4-H leader for 17 years, and enjoyed curling and baseball. She also sketched and painted.

Jim and Isabel moved to Brandon in 1982, where they enjoyed bowling, bridge playing and square dancing. Isabel was also associated with "The Writer's Circle." In 2000, the couple moved to Virden to the Evergreen Place to be closer to family. Jim spent the last year of his life in the Sherwood Home in Virden.

Together the Gilmours had three daughters: Carol Anne, Joan and Lynne. James Gilmour died on March 20, 2003 in Virden, MB. Isabel Gilmour died on September 5, 2007 in Virden, MB. They are both buried at Rosewood Memorial Gardens.

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Scope and Content:

Item is an audiocassette tape containing an interview with James and Isabel Gilmour about early agriculture in Manitoba and life at Griswold. Interviewer is Frank Anderson.

Notes: History/bio information from the records and the obituaries for James and Isabel Gilmour. Description by Christy Henry.

Language Note: English

Audio Tracks



Charles Robert Turner interview

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14537>

Part Of: Westman Oral History collection

Description Level: Item

Item Number: OH213.Tur

Accession Number: 35-1998

GMD: sound recordings

Date Range: May 15, 1983

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

History /

Biographical:

Charles Robert Turner was born on March 8, 1912 on the family farm near Wellwood, MB.

Charles left home in 1929, working as bank clerk in Pipestone and Minto before returning to Wellwood in 1935. During World War II he spent three years in the RCAF as part of the War Assets Corp out of the Neepawa airport. Charles married Nora Emma Graham (1916-1999) on October 19, 1940 and together they had five children: Jane, George, Michael, Patrick and Bill. The family lived on the farm at Wellwood until 1992, when Charles and Nora moved to Carberry. Charles Turner died in 1995. He is buried at Wellwood Cemetery.

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Scope and Content:

Item is an audiocassette tape containing a recording of Charles Robert Turner narrating his life story and his political philosophy.

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

Language Note: English

Related Material: Music and the Brandon Community fonds (Bill Turner interview)



Edward Turner and Arthur Koping interview

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Description Level: Item

Item Number: OH292.Tur

Accession Number: 35-1998

GMD: sound recordings

Date Range: May 27, 1982

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

History /

Biographical:

Edward Turner was born 1913 in England. Sponsored by the Hudson's Bay Company, he immigrated to Canada in 1931. That fall he was sent by the unemployment agency to Riding Mountain National Park to clear scrub. For a number of years Ed worked on farms during harvest, did chores for the Ramgren family in winter, and cut ice at Otter Lake. He also learned how to shoot and snare rabbits, which he sold to fox farm owners. In 1937, Ed purchased 120 acres adjoining the Scandinavia Church, cutting and selling wood to pay for the land. Ed married Lorna Mary Tiller (1921-2003) on January 30, 1942, and together they had two children: James and Dianne. In October 1942, Ed joined the Canadian Army, serving for two years before receiving a medical discharge. Following the Second World War, Ed and Lorna sold the farm, purchasing and operating a general store in the Onanole district until 1956. For the next sixteen years they owned and operated the Outdoor Roller Rink at Clear Lake. In 1962, Ed became the manager of the Erickson Credit Union, and the couple built a home in Erickson. Ed was elected mayor of Erickson in 1968, a position he held for eight years. When they sold the roller rink in 1972, the Turners bought the Clear Lake bowling alley, which they operated until 1979. The couple retired to Onanole, where they were members of the United Church and Ed continued to do some work in real estate. Edward Turner died in 1994. He is buried at Scandinavian Cemetery.

Arthur Koping was born December 7, 1905 on section 15-17-17 in the RM of Clanwilliam. After his father died, Arthur, his brother John and his mother returned to Finland. When Arthur returned to Clanwilliam in 1926, he could not speak English. After a year with his Koping grandparents, Art went to New York where he did construction work and learned carpentry skills. Art returned to Manitoba in 1930, working at whatever jobs were available, carpentry, painting, paper hanging etc. At Riding Mountain National Park, he did road work, as well as carpentry, including helping build relief camps, the Superintendents house and the golf course clubhouse. In 1934, he built a house and married Lillie Marie Sundmark (1902-1970). The couple's only child died shortly after he was born. Art was asked to buy the family homestead in 1943, although the Kopings continued to live there. During World War II, Art began working for Harper Construction Company building homes for grain buyers in Manitoba and Saskatchewan. As his job required him being away for long periods, Art built a house for Lillie in Erickson in 1948. Following Lillie's death, Art married Mary Booth (1910-2006) in 1973. Arthur Koping died in 1988. He is buried in Finland.

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Scope and Content:

Item is an audiocassette tape containing an interview with Edward Turner and Arthur Koping about their early years in Canada and life as a Canadian-born immigrant. Interviewer is Mary Booth-Koping.

Notes: History/bio information taken from the records and the Clanwilliam-Erickson local history "Forest to Field." Description by Christy Henry.

Language Note: English

Audio Tracks
