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Patrick O'Sullivan interview

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Part Of: Westman Oral History collection

Description Level: Item

Item Number: OH210.O'Su

Accession Number: 35-1998

GMD: sound recordings

Date Range: June 17, 1982

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

History /

Biographical:

Patrick Joseph O'Sullivan was born on March 28, 1920 in Brandon, MB. Pat grew up on Percy Street and attended St. Augustine's School and Brandon Collegiate Institute (BCI). During the Second World War he was a reservist and worked at the Armories, but due to health issues was unable to enlist. His entire career was spent with Canadian National Railway, retiring in 1979. Pat married Edith Dorning (1921-2003) on July 7, 1951, and they lived on Russell Street in the city. They had no children. In 1970, in recognition of his commitment to St. Augustine's Church, Pat was Knighted by Pope Paul VI, as a Knight Commander in the Order of St. Gregory. Pat was active in the St. Vincent de Paul, Knights of Columbus and Sierra Club. In 2009, Pat moved to Rideau Park. Sir Patrick O'Sullivan died on July 9, 2011 in Brandon, MB. He is buried at Brandon Municipal Cemetery.

Custodial History:

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Scope and Content:

Item is an audiocassette tape containing an interview with Patrick J. O'Sullivan about separate schools - Catholic education in Brandon. Interviewer is Dr. Betty Gibson.

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

Audio Tracks



Patrick O'Sullivan interview

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Part Of: Westman Oral History collection

Description Level: Item

Item Number: OH215.O'Su

Accession Number: 35-1998

GMD: sound recordings

Date Range: November 10, 1982

Physical Description: 1 audio cassette [0:35:00]

History /

Biographical:

Patrick Joesph O'Sullivan was born on March 28, 1920 in Brandon, MB. Pat grew up on Percy Street and attended St. Augustine's School and Brandon Collegiate Institute (BCI). During the Second World War he was a reservist and worked at the Armories, but due to health issues was unable to enlist. His entire career was spent with Canadian National Railway, retiring in 1979. Pat married Edith Dorning (1921-2003) on July 7, 1951, and they lived on Russell Street in the city. They had no children. In 1970, in recognition of his commitment to St. Augustine's Church, Pat was Knighted by Pope Paul VI, as a Knight Commander in the Order of St. Gregory. Pat was active in the St. Vincent de Paul, Knights of Columbus and Sierra Club. In 2009, Pat moved to Rideau Park. Sir Patrick O'Sullivan died on July 9, 2011 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 Patrick J. O'Sullivan about the history of the Parish of St. Augustine of Canterbury. Interviewer is Dr. Betty Gibson.

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

Audio Tracks



Marfisa Bobinski interview

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14679>

Part Of: Westman Oral History collection

Description Level: Item

Item Number: OH198.Bob

Accession Number: 35-1998

GMD: sound recordings

Date Range: February 17, 1982

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

History /

Biographical:

Marfisa Merf Maria Donna Bobinski (nee Sedran) was born on April 30, 1914 in Brandon, MB. She owned and operated Sedran's Grocery on 18th Street North in the city for thirty-three years. She married Jack Michael Bobinski (1920-1980) in 1949. They had no children. Marfisa Bobinski died on March 31, 1998 in Brandon, MB. She is buried at Brandon Municipal Cemetery.

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Scope and Content:

Item is an audiocassette tape containing an interview with Marfisa Bobinski about family history and the Sedran grocery store. Interviewer is Effie McPhail.

Notes:

History/bio information from the records and Bobinski's obituary.
Description by Christy Henry. The records have misspelled Marfisa's first and last names. The corrected spellings have been used in this description.

Audio Tracks



Elsie Carnahan interview

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14569>

Part Of: Westman Oral History collection
Description Level: Item
Item Number: OH028.Car
Accession Number: 35-1998
GMD: sound recordings
Date Range: February 25, 1982
Physical Description: 1 audio cassette [00:50:00]
History /
Biographical:

Elsie Carnahan (nee Humphries) was born on February 24, 1901 in Brandon, MB. Her initial schooling took place at East Ward School, located at 4th Street and Princess Avenue. In 1912, her parents moved to a farm northwest of Brandon, and she attended Hunter and Mayne schools, as well as high school in Kemnay. In 1919, Elsie attended Brandon Normal School. In 1924, she received her second class professional certificate from Winnipeg Normal School. Her teaching experience in rural schools included Delton, Minore, and Hunter school divisions. Elsie married William Stanley Carnahan (1899-1997) on November 10, 1926. She and her husband raised two children, Gordon and Eleanor, on their Kemnay farm, before retiring to Brandon in 1976. Elsie Carnahan died on April 2, 2003 in Brandon, MB. She is buried at Alexander Cemetery.

Custodial History:

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Scope and Content:

Item is an audiocassette tape containing an interview with Elsie Carnahan about education. Interviewer is Hazel Patmore.

Notes: History/bio information from the records and Carnahan's obituary.
Description by Christy Henry.
Language Note: English

Audio Tracks



Betty Gibson interview

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14442>

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



Fred Courtice interview

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14475>

Part Of: Westman Oral History collection

Description Level: Item

Item Number: OH172.Cou

Accession Number: 35-1998

GMD: sound recordings

Date Range: [1981-1984]

Physical Description: 1 audio cassette [00:55:22]

History /

Biographical:

Frederick Clayton Courtice was born on September 7, 1901 in Wawanessa, MB. Raised in Brandon, he attended Alexander, King George, and Central schools, as well as Brandon Collegiate Institute (BCI). He began his career as a bookkeeper in the Merchants Bank in 1916, later becoming an accountant in the Bank of Montreal. He then worked as the office manager for Frank Massin for twenty-one years, before resigning due to his health. Frank then formed a partnership with Clarence Baker as farm dealers for Imperial Oil. He remained with this business until 1954. He served one term (1955-1956) as an alderman on the Brandon City Council, and then became the manager of the Wheat City Arena. Starting in 1957, when the city took over operations of the public transit system, he became the first manager of the Brandon transit department. In retirement, Fred focused on woodworking, especially building grandfather clocks. Fred served on the Brandon housing and parking authority, as well as the Brandon University Board of Governors. He was a charter member of the Brandon Kinsmen Club, which was founded in 1925, a member of the Navy League during World War II, and a member of the Masonic Lodge for over sixty years. Fred married Thelma Irene Smith (1903-1976) in 1925 and together they had three children: James, Noel and Norma Elaine. Fred Courtice died on September 3, 1987 in Brandon, MB. He is buried at Brandon Municipal Cemetery.

Custodial History:

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Scope and Content:

Item is an audiocassette tape containing an interview with Fred Courtice about his life story and the early days of Brandon. Subjects include: early places, people and businesses, such as Reesors, Sifton house, Senator Kirkhoffer's home, Billie Muir's store, the construction of the Prince Edward Hotel, Caledonian rink, Trotter Brothers, Massin's, various hotels; the street railway; prohibition; the Brandon Electric Light Company; and more. The interviewer is Terry Penton.

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

Audio Tracks



Edward I. Dow interview

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14556>

Part Of: Westman Oral History collection
Description Level: Item
Item Number: OH311.Dow
Accession Number: 35-1998
GMD: sound recordings
Date Range: November 19, 1982
Physical Description: 1 audio cassette [00:40:00]

History /

Biographical:

Edward Ingo Dow was born on September 13, 1904 in Pilot Mound, MB. He lived at Pilot Mound until 1911, then spent a year in Neepawa, before his family moved to Victoria, BC. The family returned to Manitoba in 1915, and settled in Boissevain where he completed his public schooling. Ed's university education was cut short when his father became ill and he returned home to operate the family mill. Ed married Dorothy Grace Taylor (1903-1994) on July 14, 1927. They had one son, George. Ed operated a Cockshutt implement business and a coal business in Boissevain for many years. After closing these businesses he was employed with Toman Engineering and Reid, Crowthers and Partners. From 1959-1969, Ed served in the Manitoba Legislature as a Liberal Member representing the Turtle Mountain constituency.

Ed was very involved in town council and other community affairs. He served on the Boissevain Town Council from 1934-1946, and was mayor of Boissevain from 1946-1968. During his tenure he helped oversee the development of adequate street, sewer and water systems for the town. He, along with the council, worked on many joint projects with the RM of Morton, including the Boissevain and Morton Library, Memorial Hospital, Westview Lodge, The Beckoning Hills Museum and the Community Swimming Pool. Additionally, Ed served as president and executive member of the Manitoba Urban Association, member of the International Peace Garden Board of Directors, member of the Sanitarium Board of Manitoba and member of the Westman Centennial Auditorium Board. For his many community activities, Ed received the Good Citizenship Award from the Tourism Industry Association of Manitoba in 1981. Ed was a member of the United Church and the Masonic Lodge, as well as an ardent sportsman. He was a life member of the Manitoba Curling Association. Edward Dow died on December 23, 1992 in Killarney, MB. He is buried at Boissevain and Morton Cemetery.

Custodial History:

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Scope and Content:

Item is an audiocassette tape containing an interview with Edward Dow about the town of Boissevain and its growth. Interviewer is Bernice Pettypiece.

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

Language Note: English

Audio Tracks



Alex Black interview

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14516>

Part Of: Westman Oral History collection

Description Level: Item

Item Number: OH148.Bla

Accession Number: 35-1998

GMD: sound recordings

Date Range: February 3, 1983

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

History /

Biographical:

Alexander Hector Black was born on August 31, 1901 in Oak River, MB. Alex lived in the Oak River area his entire life, farming until he retired in 1976. He married Blanche Edith Paddock (1905-1985) on October 14, 1936 and together they had four children: Frank, Margaret, Melvin and Eileen. The couple moved into Oak River in 1976, and Alex remained in the home until 1997. Alex was active in the community as a member of the church board, treasurer of the church, and Sunday School Superintendent. He was also a member of the school board and the Pool Elevator board, as well as a director of the Agricultural Society (1925-1987). Alex Black died on April 1, 1999 in Hamiota, MB. He is buried at Oak River Cemetery.

Custodial History:

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Scope and Content:

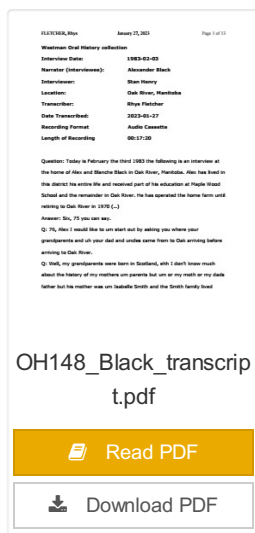
Item is an audiocassette tape containing an interview with Alex Black about his life from crofter to a modern farmer. Interviewer is Stan Henry.

Notes: History/bio information from the records and Black's obituary. Transcript by Rhys Fletcher (2023). Description by Christy Henry.

Language Note: English

Audio Tracks

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Joanne Titus interview

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14644>

Part Of: Westman Oral History collection

Description Level: Item

Item Number: OH273.Tit

Accession Number: 35-1998

GMD: sound recordings

Date Range: May 19, 1982

Physical Description: 1 audio cassette [0:15:00]

History /

Biographical:

Ada Joanne Titus (nee Graham) was born on January 24, 1940 in Wellwood, MB. Joanne married John (Jack) Sidney Titus (1918-1995) on October 7, 1961 in Wellwood. They had two children together - Michelle and Vonn - and also raised Jack's three children from his first marriage, Gerry, Karen and Kim. Jack served the Wellwood community as grocer and postmaster for 30 years, retiring in 1982. His father was postmaster before him. Joanne was a teacher, who began her career at Dempsey school, continued to Wellwood and Brookdale, and then spent 23 years at RJ Waugh School in Carberry. She retired in 1999. Joanne enjoyed travel, music and dance, and was a member of the Spud City Cloggers. She was an active community member within the Presbyterian Church, Guild and Choir, Wellwood Community Club, Trans Canada Trail, and the Carberry Public Library. Joanne Titus died on September 28, 2016 in Medicine Hat, AB.

Custodial History:

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Scope and Content:

Item is an audiocassette tape containing an interview with Joanne Titus about the history and closing of Wellwood Post Office. Interviewer is Jessie Whyte.

Notes:History/bio information from the records and the obituaries for Jack and Joanne Titus. The records list Joanne's birthdate as January 24, 1940. The obituary lists only the year as 1941. Transcript by Riise Dunseath (2023). Description by Christy Henry.

Language Note:English

Audio Tracks

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Interview Date

1982-01-29

Interviewer(s)

Joanne Titus

Interviewee(s)

Joanne Titus

Location

Brandon, Manitoba

Interviewer(s)

Mike Dunseath

Westman Oral History

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Recording Format

Audio cassette

Length of Recording

00:15:00

Notes

Today is Friday, 19, 1982. The following is an interview with Joanne Titus of the Westman Oral History collection. She has lived in the area since the mid-1940s, being called to parents in the town with the age of 17 years of age. She received her education at Westman Collegiate Institute and was going to Brandon University, where she completed her Bachelor's degree in June, 1966. She taught at Westman, where she was, for two and a half years, approximately two and a half years at Westman and then for one year at St. Joseph's School in Brandon. Joanne received her first job as a teacher and she will speak about that experience in the past and the present time at Westman. This interview is conducted by Riise Dunseath for the Westman Oral History collection. Please contact Riise Dunseath.

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Beatrice Carr interview

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14527>

Part Of:Westman Oral History collection

Description Level:Item

Item Number:OH264.Car

Accession Number:35-1998

GMD:sound recordings

Date Range:January 29, 1982

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

History / Biographical:

Ida Beatrice "Bea" Carr (nee Johnson) was born on December 23, 1912 in Brandon, MB. Bea attended school in Brandon, including Brandon Collegiate Institute (BCI). She worked at Doig's in downtown Brandon for many years, retiring in 1976. Bea married Thomas George Carr (1905-1992) in 1943. They had no children. Bea was a member of Central United Church and the UCW. She was also a member of the Teck Chapter of the IODEI and loved playing golf and bridge. Beatrice Carr died on November 11, 1995 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 Bea Carr about pioneers, the Power and William Johnson families, and Rhoda Tennant. Interviewer is Marjorie Lange.

Notes: History/bio information from the records and Carr's obituary. Transcript by Mary Longman (2023). Description by Christy Henry.

Language Note: English


Audio Tracks


Documents

Westman Oral History collection
Interview Date: 1981-10-18
Interviewer(s): Marjorie Lange
Interviewee(s): Bea Carr
Location: Brandon, Manitoba
Accession: 35-1998
Date Transcribed: 2023-05-17
Recording Format: Cassette
Length of Recording: 00:11:55
Notes:

The item is a cassette tape, 90 minutes long, containing an interview with Bea Carr, conducted by Marjorie Lange on October 18, 1981. The interview takes place in the home of Bea Carr in Brandon, Manitoba. The interview covers the lives of Bea Carr and her family, including her husband, William Johnson, and her children, Rhoda and William. The interview also covers the lives of Bea Carr's parents, John and Mary Carr, and her siblings, John and Mary Carr. The interview is a valuable source of information about the lives of the Carr family and the Johnson family in Brandon, Manitoba.

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Interview Date: 1981-10-18
Interviewer(s): Marjorie Lange
Interviewee(s): Bea Carr
Location: Brandon, Manitoba
Accession: 35-1998
Date Transcribed: 2023-05-17
Recording Format: Cassette
Interview Length: 00:11:55

Title:
Phyllis Lange: The tape is a handwritten letter. The letter is a conversation with Mrs. Phyllis Lange of 1/2, 1/2 1/2 Street Brandon, who is the daughter of the Brandon and daughter of the multiple and the family of Canada. It is located in the 1981-1982.

Description:
Phyllis Lange: Mrs. Lange, when was the chapter program in the Brandon and about once and by whom?

Accession:

Evelyn Conley interview

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14459>

Part Of: Westman Oral History collection

Description Level: Item

Item Number: OH204.Con

Accession Number: 35-1998

GMD: sound recordings

Date Range: October 18, 1981

Physical Description: 1 audio cassette [00:11:55]

History /

Biographical:

Mary Evelyn Conley (nee Dixon) was born on November 30, 1919 in Carievale, SK. She lived in Carievale until 1940, at which point she moved to Brandon, MB. In Brandon she received her nurses training, graduating as an RN in 1943, and then working at Brandon General Hospital (BGH). In 1945, she moved to Toronto where she continued working as a nurse and also married Murray Ross Conley (1919-1998) on April 21, 1945. The couple had three children: Judith, Sharon and Bradley. After a year in Toronto, Evelyn returned to Brandon to raise her family and work as a private nurse at BGH. She retired from Fairview Personal Care Home in 1971, to care for her son, who developed multiple sclerosis (MS) in his 20s. This experience precipitated Evelyn's involvement with the MS Society. Evelyn Conley died on September 3, 2013 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 Evelyn Conley about health services, specifically the Multiple Sclerosis Society of Canada. The interview includes a brief history of the MS Society, the trials and tribulations of funding, and Evelyn's personal ties to the organization. In particular she discusses the Prairie Division and the Brandon chapter.

Interviewer is Phyllis Long.

Notes: History/bio information from the records and Conley's obituary. Transcript by Kyle Head (2020). Description by Christy Henry.

Language Note: English

Audio Tracks

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Interview Date: 1981-08-18

Interviewer: Phyllis Long

Interviewee: Evelyn Conley

Location: Brandon, Manitoba

Format: Audio

Date Transcribed: 2020-09-07

Recording Format: Cassette

Interview Length: 0:11:05

Abstract:


Phyllis Long: The topic is health services. I'm having a conversation with Mrs. Evelyn Conley at 2, 23 1/2 Street Brandon. She is the chairperson of the Brandon and district chapter of the multiple sclerosis society of Canada. It is October the 18th, 1981.


Keywords:

Phyllis Long: Mrs. Conley, when was the chapter organized in the Brandon and district area and by whom?

Keywords:

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Janet Seward interview

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14458>

Part Of: Westman Oral History collection

Description Level: Item

Item Number: OH196.Sew

Accession Number: 35-1998

GMD: sound recordings

Date Range: March 23, 1981

Physical Description: 1 audio cassette [00:12:20]

History /
Biographical:

Janet Mortimer Seward (nee Anderson) was born on May 5, 1898 at Crown Hill, near Barrie, ON. She graduated with her RN from the Royal Victoria Hospital in Barrie in 1921. Coming to Brandon in 1927, she became a graduate of the first post-graduate class in psychiatric nursing at the Brandon Mental Hospital. In 1929, she became superintendent of nurses at that same institution. She stepped down from her position when she married Ernest Seward (1877-1949), a widower, in 1934, but following her husband's death, she resumed her nursing career, finally retiring in 1966. The couple had no children. An active member of St. George's Anglican Church, she also volunteered for the Red Cross. Janet Seward died on June 14, 1991 in Brandon, MB. She is buried at Brandon Municipal Cemetery.

Custodial History:

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Scope and Content:

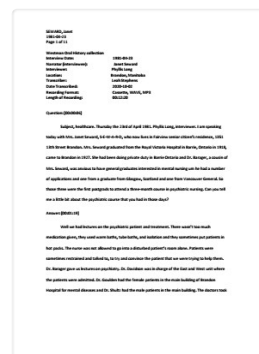
Item is an audiocassette tape containing an interview with Janet Seward about health care and her experiences as a nurse. Subjects discussed include the working conditions in hospitals, medication and treatment that were done, patient care, and the doctors who worked in Brandon, including doctors Barager, Davidson, Goulden, Evans, Cromary, Peters, Bigelow, Shultz and Purdy. Postgraduates Miss Steward and Miss Cansfield are also mentioned. Interviewer is Phyllis Long.

Notes: History/bio information from the records and Seward's obituary.
Transcript by Leah Stephens (2020). Description by Christy Henry.

Language Note: English

Audio Tracks

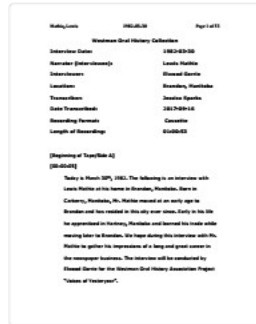
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Lewis Mathie interview

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14452>

Part Of: Westman Oral History collection

Description Level: Item

Item Number: OH035.Mat

Accession Number: 35-1998

GMD: sound recordings

Date Range: March 30, 1982

Physical Description: 1 audio cassette [01:02:19]

History /

Biographical:

Lewis Mathie was born November 8, 1889 in Carberry, MB. His family moved to Brandon in 1890. After completing schooling at Central and Park schools, he apprenticed as a printer with his uncle, Walpole Murdoch, publisher of the Hartney Star. After brief stints with a printing plant and The Brandon Times, Mathie joined the staff of The Brandon Sun as a printer. In 1916, Mathie enlisted in the 181st (Brandon) Battalion and served overseas as a signaler with the 52nd (Port Arthur) Regiment. He returned to Brandon after his discharge in 1919, and re-joined the staff of The Brandon Sun. Beginning in 1939, Mathie was foreman of the composing room. Although he retired in 1956, he continued to work part-time for the paper from 1956-1972. Mathie married Rosetta Mills (1903-1995) in 1926, and together they had two sons: Thomas and Frank. He was a founding member of Local 700 of the ITU. Lewis Mathie died on March 13, 1985 in Brandon, MB.

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Scope and Content:

Item is an audiocassette tape containing an interview with Lewis Mathie about his experiences as a printer at The Brandon Sun, 1911-1956, although the first half of the interview covers Mathie's childhood years and apprenticeship in Hartney. Interviewer is Elwood Gorrie.

Notes: History/bio information from the records and Mathie's obituary. Transcript by Jessica Spark (2017). Description by Christy Henry.

Language Note: English


Conservation: Preservation copy made 2021 (R. Hess)


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Interview Date:	1982-05-26	
Narrator (Interviewee):	Louis Mathie	
Interviewer:	Eileen Byrne	
Location:	Brandon, Manitoba	
Transcriber:	Jessica Sparta	
Date Transcribed:	2017-09-18	
Recording Format:	Cassette	
Length of Recording:	01:00:53	

(Beginning of Tape Side A)
[00:00:01]
Today is March 28th, 1981. The following is an interview with Louis Mathie at his home in Brandon, Manitoba. Born in Calgary, Manitoba, Mr. Mathie moved at an early age to Brandon and has resided in this city ever since. Early in his life he appeared in Hartney, Manitoba and learned the trade while moving back to Brandon. He later joined the interview with Mr. Mathie to gather the impressions of a long and great career in the newspaper business. The interview will be conducted by Eileen Byrne for the Westman Oral History Association Project "Voices of Yesterday".

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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:

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 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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Clarence B. Spurr interview

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Part Of:Westman Oral History collection

Description Level:Item

Item Number:OH053.Spu

Accession Number:35-1998

GMD:sound recordings

Date Range:October 28, 1981

Physical Description:1 audio cassette [00:59:55]

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Biographical:

Clarence Benjamin Graham? Spurr, was born in on February 13, 1891 in Bancroft, Ontario. Spurr began working for the Canadian Pacific Railway in 1914 as a station agent at Rocanville, SK and spent many years as an agent in various communities in Saskatchewan and Manitoba before retiring in 1955. In 1923, he married Elizabeth Wallace Lindsay (1893-1979) and they raised three children, sons Ewart and Delbert and adopted niece Verna Spurr. Clarence and Elizabeth moved to Brandon, MB following his retirement. Spurr joined the Canadian military in 1915, and was initially sent to Camp Hughes. A signaller and runner, he spent 1916-1918 overseas. Clarence Spurr died on December 21, 1982 in Brandon, MB. He is buried at Brandon Municipal Cemetery.

Custodial History:

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Scope and Content:

Item is an audiocassette tape containing an interview with Clarence B.G. Spurr about his experiences during World War I. Spurr discusses and reminisces about details of the Great War and some of the major turning points within it from Vimy Ridge, Lamont, Mons, Neuville-Saint-Vaast and the Armistice that ended the war on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day in November from the perspective of a Canadian soldier. Interviewer is Delbert Spurr.

Notes: History/bio information from the records and Spurr's obituary. Transcript by Whitney Hodgins (2017). Description by Christy Henry.

Access Restriction: Content Warning: Some of the material discussed in the interview is sensitive in nature, dealing with the war and some of the gruesome acts that go with it. Listener discretion is advised.

Language Note: English

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Alex McPhail interview

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Part Of: Westman Oral History collection

Description Level: Item

Item Number: OH206.McP

Accession Number: 35-1998

GMD: sound recordings

Date Range: February 13, 1982

Physical Description: 1 audio cassette [01:01:19]

History /

Biographical:

Peter Alexander (P.A.) Alex McPhail was born on July 11, 1897 in the RM of Elton. Raised on the family farm in Forrest, MB, he was the eldest son of Archie and Mary McPhail who came to Manitoba from Ontario. Alex took over the farm in 1915, and farmed there until 1949, when he and his family moved to Brandon. During the First World War, Alex was a lieutenant in the Royal Canadian Air Force. He married Effie Irene Weir (1900-1999) in 1933 and together they raised four children: Ronald, Malcolm, Archie and Donna. Effie and Alex were both active members of their community. Alex was especially involved in the agricultural community and won many prizes over the years for his livestock. From 1954-1965, Alex was the General Manager for the Provincial Exhibition Association of Manitoba and the Manitoba Winter Fair. He also served one term as the president of the Canadian Association of Exhibitions. Additionally, Alex was on the Brandon General Hospital board, the Brandon College board, and was a member of the Kiwanis and Shriners clubs. He was also involved in local sports. Both Alex and Effie McPhail were active members of the United Church. Alex McPhail died on June 28, 1989 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 Alex McPhail about his family history, agriculture, the Provincial Exhibition Association of Manitoba and the Manitoba Winter Fair. Interviewer is Frank Anderson.

Notes: History/bio information from the records and the description for the Effie and Alex McPhail collection at the Daly House Museum. Transcript by Alana Donohoe (2017). Description by Christy Henry.

Language Note: English

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