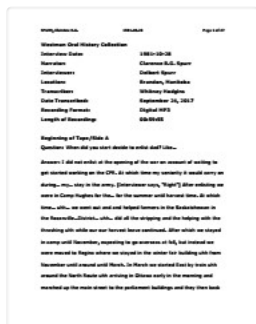


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Clarence B. Spurr interview

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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]

History /

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:

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 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

Audio Tracks

Documents

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William Grant History Collection

Interview Date:1980-10-28

Interviewer:Clarence B.S. Spurr

Interviewee:Robert Spurr

Location:Brandsen, Florida

Transcriber:William Higgins

Date Transcribed:September 24, 2017

Recording Format:Digital MP3

Length of Recording:00:29:55


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Question: When did you start decide to outfit Gulf Line...

Answer: I did not outfit at the opening of the war on account of wanting to get started working on the DFL. At which time my mother, I would carry on during... etc. etc. etc. in the early 1900s... etc. etc. etc. after which we were in Camp Hughes for the... for the summer until harvest time. At which time... etc. etc. we went out and and helped farmers in the Statesboro area in the November... etc. etc. did all the arduous and the helping with the harvesting etc. while our our harvest leave continued. After which we stayed in camp until November, expecting to go overseas at last, but instead we were moved to Rogers where we stayed in the center for building etc. from November until around March. In March we started back to train etc. around the North House etc. arriving in Ocala early in the morning and marched up the main street to the parliament buildings and they then back

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