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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.

Custodial History:

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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)



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.

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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.

Language Note: English

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Thomas Martin interview

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

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| 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] |

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

Audio Tracks

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Clifford Clarke interview

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Part Of: Westman Oral History collection

Description Level: Item

Item Number: OH167.Cla

Accession Number: 35-1998

GMD: sound recordings

Date Range: March 11, 1982

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

History /

Biographical:

Clifford McDonald Clarke was born on March 23, 1914 on section 8/12/29, near Elkhorn, MB. He married Margaret Eleanor Hayward (1918-2003) in 1937, and together they had four children: Larry, Donald, Rose Marie and Kaylynn. Cliffe was a farmer for many years (1937-1952) in the Mossgiel area. While in the Mossgiel district, Cliff served on the school board, was active in baseball and hockey, and was a member of the L.O.L. lodge. Cliff moved to Elkhorn in 1951, and in 1968 became the curator for the Elkhorn Automobile Museum. Prior to assuming the role of curator, Cliff was involved with the museum board, working with the first curator, Isaac Clarkson. While living in Elkhorn, Cliff served on the town council and was chairman of the Elkhorn Centennial Committee in 1970. Clifford McDonald Clarke died on August 17, 1989 in Virden, MB. He is buried at Elkhorn Cemetery.

Custodial History:

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Scope and Content:

Item is an audiocassette tape containing an interview with Clifford Clarke about the Elkhorn Automobile Museum and its first curator, Isaac Clarkson. Interviewer is Elmer Armstrong.

Notes: History/bio information taken from the records, the Elkhorn local history "Steel and Grass Roots" and Clarke's obituary. Transcript by John Ball (2014). Description by Christy Henry.

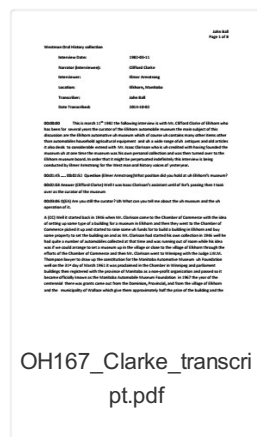
Language Note: English

Related Material: OH151 Clifford Clarke

OH169 Clifford Clarke

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Harold Medd interview

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14449>

Part Of: Westman Oral History collection

Description Level: Item

Item Number: OH175.Med

Accession Number: 35-1998

GMD: sound recordings

Date Range: April 19, 1983

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

History /

Biographical:

Harold Bertram Medd was born on July 21, 1912 in the Rural Municipality of Cornwallis on the family farm two miles south of Brandon, MB. Medd attended Cornwallis School and Brandon Collegiate Institute. Medd married Jean Stella Beresford (1914-2001) on April 25, 1936 and together they raised four children: William, Jack, Harold and Frances. The family moved to Brandon in 1947, and Medd continued to operate a successful farming operation. In his younger years, Medd was an avid hunter and conservationist, and an active member of the Brandon Wildlife Association. In the 1940s, he took up flying, and during his many trips around the countryside he recorded wildlife sightings, sharing them with the Provincial Wildlife branch; for many years he conducted official wildlife surveys for the province. Following retirement in 1961, he and his wife set up a ceramic studio in their home. Medd and his wife were members of the Baha'i faith and very active in that community. Harold Medd died on October 19, 2003 in Brandon, MB. He is buried at Brandon Municipal Cemetery.

Custodial History:

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Scope and Content:

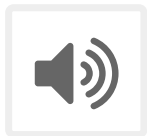
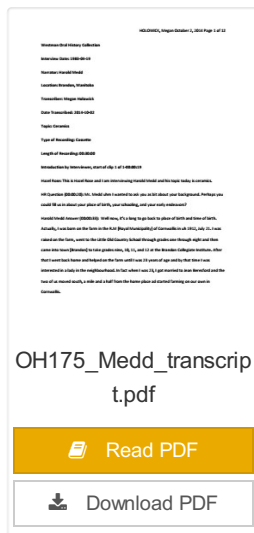
Item is an audiocassette tape containing an interview with Harold Medd about his experiences in ceramics. Interviewer is Hazel Rose.

Notes: History/bio information taken from Medd's obituary. Transcript by Megan Holowick (2014). Description by Christy Henry.

Language Note: English

Audio Tracks

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Lynn Shier interview

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14432>

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| 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.

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| Notes: | Description by Jennifer Maxwell (2011) and Christy Henry. |
| Language Note: | English |
| Conservation: | Preservation copy created 2021 (R. Hess) |

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Gladys Ward interview

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14433>

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| Part Of: | Westman Oral History collection |
| Description Level: | Item |
| Item Number: | OH033.War |

Accession Number: 35-1998
GMD: sound recordings
Date Range: November 26, 1981
Physical Description: 1 audio cassette [00:50:00]
Material Details: Sony HF60

History /

Biographical:

Gladys Elizabeth Ward (nee Cartwright) was born August 16, 1909 in Dauphin, MB. In 1911 her family relocated to Winnipegosis, MB. Gladys worked as a school teacher in Winnipegosis from 1929-1931.

In 1931 Gladys married William Edward Ward (1910-1964), a fisherman and mechanic in Winnipegosis, MB. After her marriage, Gladys left her job as a fulltime school teacher to work part time as a substitute teacher, a cook in a girls camp and a full time housewife until 1933. In 1934, Gladys' only child, Mervyn Ward was born. She would not find out until many years later that her only child was born at the height of her tuberculosis infection. Gladys returned to teaching full time in 1938, until she was forced to resign due to illness in 1939.

Due to her tuberculosis illness Gladys was forced to relocate from Winnipegosis to Ninette, MB in 1941, where she lived in the Sanatorium as a patient until 1947. In 1945, Gladys was well enough to work part time as a cook in the Sanatorium kitchen. After her release from the Sanatorium in 1947, Gladys continued to live in Ninette with her husband and son, continuing to work at the Sanatorium as an assistant purchasing agent under the direction of Bill Stewart. After Stewart's retirement in 1963, Gladys took over as the purchasing agent for the Sanatorium until her own retirement in 1974.

After her retirement from the Sanatorium, Gladys cared for her elderly father, mother, and her older brother who was an epileptic, all of whom resided with her in her home in Ninette. Gladys Elizabeth Ward died in Killarney, MB on January 5, 1990. She is buried at Ninette Cemetery.

Custodial History:

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Scope and Content:

Item is an audiocassette tape containing an interview with Gladys Ward about her experience as a tuberculosis patient and staff member at the Ninette Sanatorium. Interviewer is Dr. DB Stewart. The item covers biographical information and personal data, including how she contracted tuberculosis. The recording documents Gladys' recollection of her initial arrival at the Sanatorium and her first year of "chasing the cure." Gladys explores the hardships of being a patient at the Sanatorium. Moreover, the interview documents detailed medical terminology associated with tuberculosis and treatments used by doctors at the Sanatorium during the 1940s. In addition, the interview outlines names of Sanatorium employees as well as outlines the permanence and impermanence of friendships among patients. It also documents Gladys' recovery and movement from patient to staff member at the sanatorium. Lastly, the recording covers the conversion of the institution to the Pelican Lake Training Centre.

Notes: History/Biographical information taken from the records and the Find A Grave website. Description by Morganna Malyon (December 2011) and Christy Henry.

Subject Access: tuberculosis
sanatoriums

Access Restriction: Consult University Archivist for access.



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 Renauld (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



Lillian Mummery and Reg Mummery interview

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14435>

Part Of: Westman Oral History collection

Description Level: Item

Item Number: OH026.Mum

Accession Number: 35-1998

GMD: sound recordings

Date Range: December 21, 1981

Physical Description: 1 audio cassette [00:43:20]

Material Details: Sony HF60

History /

Biographical:

Harry Mummery was born on August 26, 1889 in Chicago, Illinois. Harry arrived in Canada in 1898 and lived in Hamilton, Woodstock, Toronto, before the family moved to Brandon, MB in 1903; for many years he lived at 17 Lorne Avenue East. He and his wife Lena (nee Anderson) had nine children: Gordon, William, James, Donna, Grace, Helen, Patricia, Beverley and Enid. Outside the sporting world Harry worked on the Canadian Pacific Railway as a locomotive fireman and an engineer. Harry played professional Hockey in the National Hockey League for the Toronto Arenas, Quebec Bulldogs, Montreal Canadians and Hamilton Tigers. He played hockey with many of the great players such as Pat Moran, Joe Hall, Joe Malone, Billy Creighton, Jeff Malone, Rusty Crawford, Tommy Smith, Mike Quinn, Jack Adams, Reg Noble, Al Skinner, and Cy Didenny. Playing for the Montreal Canadiens he won the Stanley Cup. Harry Mummery died December 9, 1945. He is buried at Brandon Municipal Cemetery.

Walter "Bump" Mummery was born in Chicago, Illinois on September 10, 1893 and moved with his family to Canada, settling in Brandon, MB in 1903. Walter was employed as a locomotive engineer with the CPR for 46 years, retiring in 1955. He and his wife Myrtle (nee Ramsden) had three sons: Walter, Reginald and Kenneth. Mummery played professional hockey with the Quebec Bulldogs (1913-1918) and with the Dominion Hockey Club, Edmonton (1920-1923). Walter Mummery died suddenly on March 30, 1974, in Chicago. He is buried at Brandon Municipal Cemetery.

Reg Mummery (1920-1983) is the nephew of Harry Mummery and the son of Walter Mummery. Lillian Mummery (1901-1994) is the sister of Harry and Walter Mummery.

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Scope and Content:

Item is an audiocassette tape containing an interview with Lillian Mummery and Reg Mummery about hockey, particularly the life and careers of Harry Mummery and Walter Mummery.

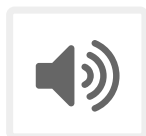
Interviewer is John Miller.

Notes: History/Bio information taken from The Brandon Sun. Description by Jeremy Roberts (2011) and Christy Henry.

Subject Access: Hockey

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.

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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

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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.

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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

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Travis, Walter G.

October 17, 1981

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

DATE: 10/17/81

TO: DIRECTOR

FROM: TRAVIS, WALTER G.

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

RE: [REDACTED]

Enclosed for the Director are two copies of a letterhead memorandum (LHM) dated 10/17/81, and two copies of a letterhead memorandum (LHM) dated 10/17/81, both of which are being submitted to the Director for his information and guidance. The LHM dated 10/17/81 is being submitted to the Director for his information and guidance, and the LHM dated 10/17/81 is being submitted to the Director for his information and guidance.

Very truly yours,
Walter G. Travis

Walter G. Travis
Special Agent in Charge

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Hilton Ashton interview

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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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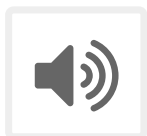
Scope and Content:

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



Molly Malinowski and Freda Sheridan interview

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14439>

Part Of: Westman Oral History collection
Description Level: Item
Item Number: OH230.Mal
Accession Number: 35-1998
GMD: sound recordings
Date Range: March 18, 1982
Physical Description: 1 audio cassette [01:01:34]
Material Details: Sony HF60

History /

Biographical:

Mary Elizabeth "Molly" Malinowski (nee Edwards) was born on April 5, 1926 in Bury, Lancashire, England. She met her husband Kazimar John "Kaz" Malinowski (1917-1977) at age 18, while at a dance while he was on leave. One week after meeting her husband-to-be, Molly was engaged. After a two-year engagement, Molly and Kaz were married. Kaz returned to Canada before Molly and set up their homestead in Saskatchewan. Molly set sail to Canada and arrived at her new home in Saskatchewan on August 1, 1945. The couple had three children: twins Kenneth and Christine and Barry. Kenneth died at birth. Molly and Kaz spent several years on the farm before relocating to Winnipeg (1954-1957) when Kaz re-enlisted in the Army. In 1957, the family was transferred to Germany, and later to Camp Gagetown in Oromocto, New Brunswick. During this time, Molly joined the United Church. Kaz's final posting was to Shilo, MB, and the family moved to Brandon. In Brandon, Molly joined the U.C.W. She also bowled in the Five Pin Thursday afternoon league, volunteered for Meals on Wheels and at Prairie Oasis. She also loved to travel. Molly married Donald Charles Rollins (1920-2004) in 1987 or 1988. Molly Rollins (Malinowski) died on April 22, 2011 in Brandon, MB. She is buried at Rosewood Memorial Gardens.

Freda Josephine Sheridan (nee Miles) was born on January 31, 1913 in London, England. Raised in Blackham, Kent, she was educated as a nurse and spent time in the early years of World War II working at Seven Oakes Hospital, near Brighton. Freda met her husband, William Sheridan (1909-1983), a Canadian from Hamiota, MB, while visiting relatives. Bill and Freda were married in 1942 and Freda began the process of immigrating to Canada. Freda travelled to Canada with the last convoy of ships that sailed prior to the end of World War II in April 1945. She arrived in Hamiota after three weeks of travel, including 14 days of travel by sea. Bill arrived back in Canada four months after Freda, and the couple set up a homestead on a farm in the local area. The couple had four children: Terry, Michael, Carol and Kathy. The family left Hamiota in 1954, and moved to Brandon, MB. Freda was a member of the War Brides Group of Brandon and the Salvation Army Home League. Freda Sheridan died on April 23, 1998 in Brandon. She is buried at Brandon Municipal Cemetery.

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Scope and Content:

Item is an audiocassette tape containing an interview with Molly Malinowski and Freda Sheridan about their experiences as war brides. In the interview the subjects discuss life in the United Kingdom before their marriages to Canadians. They also discuss social activities that the youth in Cumbridge and Bury partook in during the Second World War. The interview also covers the experience of being a War Bride and what it was like to immigrate to Canada in 1945 and what life was like in small towns on the Canadian Prairies at that time. Interviewer is Hazel Rose.

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| Notes: | History/Bio information taken from the records and The Brandon Sun. Description by Natalie Majcher (2011) and Christy Henry. |
| Language Note: | English |
| Conservation: | Preservation copy created 2021 (R. Hess) |
| Related Material: | OH 228.She - an interview with Freda's husband William Sheridan called "Riding the 'rods'" |

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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.

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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.

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Dorothy Broomhall interview

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Part Of: Westman Oral History collection

Description Level: Item

Item Number: OH003.Br

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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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:

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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

Conservation: Preservation copy created 2021 (R. Hess)

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Jean Lyall interview

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Part Of: Westman Oral History collection

Description Level: Item

Item Number: OH070.Lya

Accession Number: 35-1998

GMD: sound recordings

Date Range: April 21, 1981

Physical Description: 1 audio cassette [00:36:37]

History /

Biographical:

Jean Eleanor Lyall (nee Cairns) was born on August 29, 1908 in the Ryerson District, north of Oak Lake, MB. She attended schools at Ryerson and Oak Lake before graduating from Regina General Hospital as a registered nurse in 1932. She nursed in the Kenton-Oak Lake area until until she married Thomas Williamson Lyall (1912-1967) of Kenton, MB in 1940. The couple had one son, Gordon and farmed in the Kenton district until Tom's death. Jean then moved into town, where she continued to live until her death. Jean loved to travel and was very active in the community, including the Leisure Club, UCW, women's institute and sports. Jean Lyall died on December 11, 1987 in Hamiota. She is buried at Greenwood Cemetery.

Custodial History:

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Scope and Content:

Item is an audiocassette tape containing an interview with Jean Lyall about country nursing in the 1930s. Interviewer is Shirley Hunt.

Notes: History/bio information from the Kenton local history book "Cradle to combine, vol. 3" and Lyall's obituary in the Hamiota Echo. Transcript by Brianna Workman (2014). Description by Christy Henry.

Language Note: English

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Interview Date: 1998
Interview Location: Brandon, Manitoba
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Interviewer's Phone: 224-1111
Interviewer's Email: shirley.hunt@brun.ca
Interviewer's Website: www.brun.ca

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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.

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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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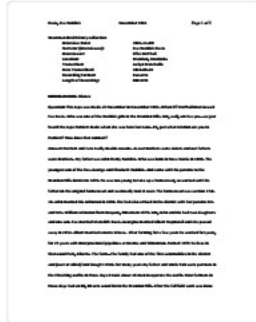
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Eva Roddick Davis interview

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Part Of: Westman Oral History collection

Description Level: Item

Item Number: OH190.Dav

Accession Number: 35-1998

GMD: sound recordings

Date Range: November 1981

Physical Description: 1 audio cassette [00:12:55]

History /

Biographical:

Eva Blanche Roddick Davis was born September 20, 1900 at Linkwood Lodge farm in the Brandon Hills area of the RM of Cornwallis. She was the daughter of John Hardy Roddick and Ida Johnson, and spent her childhood on the home farm in the Brandon Hills, which had been settled by her grandfather, the Rev. George Roddick, a pioneer who came to the area in 1879 from Nova Scotia. Eva attended Brandon Hills school and Brandon Collegiate Institute (BCI), before graduating from the Brandon Normal School in 1920. From 1920-1921, she taught at Little Souris. Although her parents moved to Brandon that year, she returned to the Brandon Hills to the Davis family farm, Glenwood Farm, after marrying Meredith William Davis (1897-1968) on February 28, 1931. The Davis family came to the Brandon Hills in 1879 from Palmer, Massachusetts. The couple sold the farm in 1940, and moved into Brandon, where Med worked as a motor mechanic. The Davis' had three children: Georgina, Shirley, and Bill. Eva was involved with the family farm and on a committee for planning the Brandon Hills district centennial in 1979. Additionally, she was a member of the Brandon Hills Busy Bees, the Women's Missionary Society, the UCW at Knox United Church, the Canadian Lady Foresters and the Court Princess Mary L2. Eva Roddick Davis died in Brandon on December 20, 1986. She is buried at Brandon Hills Cemetery.

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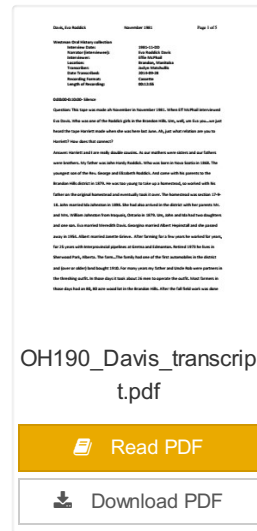
Scope and Content:

Item is an audiocassette tape containing an interview with Eva Roddick Davis about the pioneer years in the Brandon Hills and her family history. Interviewer is Effie McPhail.

Notes: History/bio information taken from the Brandon Hills local history "The Brandon Hills Story" and Davis' obituary. Transcript by Jaclyn Matchullis (2014). Description by Christy Henry.

Language Note: English

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Ethel Hall interview

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Part Of: Westman Oral History collection

Description Level: Item

Item Number: OH297.Hal

Accession Number: 35-1998

GMD: sound recordings

Date Range: June 16, 1982

Physical Description: 1 audio cassette [00:07:35]

History /

Biographical:

Ethel Maude Hall was born in the Cameron Municipality around 1901. She worked as a housekeeper and never married. Until 1965, she also farmed in the Millerway district northeast of Hartney with her brother William J "Bill" Hall (1899-1989), sister Mary E "Nellie" (1904-1983) and Joseph E. "Joe" Clark (1893-1981). When they sold the farm, the family moved to Hartney. Nellie and Ethel were active in a variety of organizations including the United Church, the Horticultural Society and the Willing Workers. The family all enjoyed travel as well as the Hart-Cam Centre and sports at the rink. Ethel Hall died on May 5, 1991 in Hartney, MB and is buried in the Elgin Cemetery.

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Scope and Content:

Item is an audiocassette tape containing an interview with Ethel Hall about threshing.

Interviewer is Mary Thomas.


Notes: History/bio information taken from the records and the RM of Cameron local history "A Community with Spirit: 1982-2002." Transcript by Nathan Qumsieh (2014). Description by Christy Henry.


Language Note: English

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