

# S. J. McKee Archives



## Jack Naismith interview

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14483>

Part Of: Westman Oral History collection

Description Level: Item

Item Number: OH087.Nai

Accession Number: 35-1998

GMD: sound recordings

Date Range: December 31, 1981

Physical Description: 1 audio cassette [01:00:13]

History /

Biographical:

Jack Fenton Naismith was born on June 9, 1908 in Heward, SK. When he was three months old his family moved to Wawanesa and the Northfield district. Jack began farming the family farm in 1932, but successive crop failures convinced him to move to Edmonton, AB where he began working in the life insurance business. While in Edmonton, Jack married Erica "Erie" Hugo (1913-2000) on January 7, 1939 and together they had two daughters, Dell and Arlie. In 1950, the family moved to the West Coast where he entered the general insurance and real estate business. For many years the family farm was rented to Jack Mooney; Mooney bought the farm in 1964 and married Dell Naismith two years later. For a time after retiring, Jack and Erie spent their winters in Victoria, BC and their summers on the family farm in Manitoba. At some point after 1988, the couple returned to Wawanesa for good. Jack Naismith died on March 24, 2008 in Wawanesa, MB. He is buried at Wawanesa Cemetery.

Custodial History:

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Scope and Content:

Item is an audiocassette tape containing an interview with Jack Naismith about his life experience in the Northfield District. The interviewer is John Moore.

Notes: History/bio information from the records, the Wawanesa local history "Sipiweske: Light through the trees" and Naismith's obituary. Description by Christy Henry.

Language Note: English

Conservation: Preservation copy made 2021 (R. Hess)

## Audio Tracks



## Jack Kingsmill interview

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14533>

Part Of: Westman Oral History collection

Description Level: Item

Item Number: OH290.Kin

Accession Number: 35-1998

GMD: sound recordings

Date Range: April 28, 1982

Physical Description: 3 audio cassettes [02:30:00]

History /

Biographical:

John C. "Jack" Kingsmill was born on April 24, 1891 at Browk, near Ashford, Kent, England. He arrived in Canada in 1906, and his family settled at Miami, MB briefly before moving to Carman and finally Souris in 1909. Jack served in World War I (1915-1918) with the 16th Fusiliers from Souris, but otherwise spent his life farming. On November 11, 1919, Jack married Elva Jane Carlisle (1898-1977) and together they raised two daughters: Hazel and Iris. Jack Kingsmill died on March 11, 1983 in Winnipeg, MB. He is buried at Souris Glenwood Cemetery.

Custodial History:

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Scope and Content:

Item is an audiocassette tape containing an interview with Jack Kingsmill about farming in the early days and his service in World War I. Interviewer is John Forsyth.

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

Language Note: English

### Audio Tracks

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## Jack Vickers interview

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14636>

Part Of: Westman Oral History collection

Description Level: Item

Item Number: OH040.Vic

Accession Number: 35-1998

GMD: sound recordings

Date Range: April 1, 1982

Physical Description: 1 audio cassette [1:10:00]

History /

Biographical:

John Dick Vickers was born on September 12, 1903 at Straiton, Edinburgh, Scotland. He came to Canada in June 1910 with his family and they settled near Greenway, MB. John received his schooling in Scotland and at Zepher and Wolsely Schools near Greenway. He participated in the Agricultural Society fairs, was secretary-treasurer of the Greenway Community Hall and played violin at Greenway dances. John married Frances Margaret Girling on June 12, 1928 and together they had two children: Dorothy and Allan. The Vickers' farmed in the Greenway area until selling up in 1935 and moving to Brandon. John began employment with Central Refineries (Anglo Canadian Oils) in 1936, when the refinery in Brandon opened, and he remained there until his retirement in 1966. John's hobbies included fishing and gardening, and he and his wife enjoyed their retirement summers at the family cottage at Sandy Lake. John Vickers died on August 30, 2022 in Brandon, MB. He is buried at Rosewood Memorial Gardens.

Custodial History:

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Scope and Content:

Item is an audiocassette tape containing an interview with Jack Vickers about Anglo-Canadian Oils Limited. Interviewer is Elwood Gorrie.

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

Language Note: English

### Audio Tracks

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## Jack and Jessie Blatchford interview

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14461>

Part Of: Westman Oral History collection

Description Level: Item

Item Number: OH266.Bla

Accession Number: 35-1998

GMD: sound recordings



Date Range: April 5, 1983

Physical Description: 1 audio cassette [00:13:25]

History /

Biographical:

Edward John "Jack" Blatchford was born on the family farm near Bradwardine, MB on July 1, 1904. He remained at home to help with farm duties after attending Bradwardine School. In 1930, he rented a farm, but also worked odd jobs plowing the town gardens, hauling freight and coal, taking care of the rink and butchering for the mink ranch in Hamiota and the beef ring. Jack married Jessie Bowyer Mawer on August 6, 1931 in Winnipeg.

Jessie was born on July 14, 1910 in the Tarbolton district of the RM of Daly and attended schools in Spring Valley, Tarbolton and Bradwardine. Her nursing training at the Brandon Mental Hospital was not completed when she married in 1931. After the marriage, the couple farmed north of Bradwardine before moving into the village in 1944, when Jack changed his occupation; he started a trucking business hauling grain for farmers and also working for Good Roads. Jack was also employed with Canadian Comstock at Rivers, Brandon and Carberry-Portage before being hired in the C.E. Section of the Department of National Defence at Rivers CFB. He held this position from 1959 until his retirement.

Jack was an avid sportsman, playing hockey, football, broomball, curling, baseball, softball, as well as speed skating. He also enjoyed hunting. In Bradwardine, Jessie provided care for the sick, as well as maternity care, but also worked in the local grocery and hardware store, and was Postmistress from 1969-1972. Jessie was active in her community as a member of the United Church, Forester's Lodge, Hospital Guild, and 50 Plus Club. The couple moved to Hamiota in 1984, and then Rivers the following year. Jack and Jessie Blatchford had no children. Jack Blatchford died on November 7, 1992. Jessie Blatchford died on May 16, 2008. They are both buried in Saint Matthew Anglican Cemetery in Bradwardine, MB.

Custodial History:

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Scope and Content:

Item is an audiocassette tape containing an interview with Jack and Jessie Blatchford about early schooling and home nursing in the 1930s. The interviewer is Mrs. K. Cochrane.

Notes: History/bio information from the records, the Bradwardine local history and Jessie Blatchford's obituary. Transcript by Michyla Turnbull (2020). Description by Christy Henry.

Language Note: English

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## Jack H. Renton interview

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14635>

Part Of: Westman Oral History collection

Description Level: Item

Item Number: OH005.Ren

Accession Number: 35-1998

GMD: sound recordings

Date Range: August 25, 1982

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

History /

Biographical:

John Hugh "Jack" Renton was born November 23, 1899 on the home farm south of Deloraine, MB. He attended Hazeldean and Delorane schools. Jack married Margaret Ellen Potter (1904-1984) in 1929, and together they had two children: Hugh and Jean. The Renton's spent their lives farming in the Hazeldean district until retiring and moving to the town of Deloraine in 1964. In 1988, Jack moved to Delwynda Court. Jack was a member and Past Patron of Deloraine Masonic Lodge, Chapter Member and Past Patron of Deloraine Chapter Eastern Star, a member of the Cemetery Board, served on Hazeldean School Board and was an Honorary Member of the United Church Session and of the Agricultural Society. John Hugh Renton died on March 11, 1989 at Deloraine Memorial Hospital. He is buried at Deloraine Cemetery.

Custodial History:

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Scope and Content:

Item is an audiocassette tape containing an interview with Jack Renton about the history of Old Deloraine and the move to New Deloraine. Interviewer is Eva Cassils.

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

Language Note: English

### Audio Tracks

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