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Harold E. Watson interview - part I

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14479>

Part Of: Westman Oral History collection

Description Level: Item

Item Number: OH102a.Wat

Accession Number: 35-1998

GMD: sound recordings

Date Range: August 7, 1982

Physical Description: 1 audio cassette [01:00:05]

History /

Biographical:

Harold Ernest Watson was born on April 14, 1905 on section 4-11-24 in the RM of Woodworth. The family moved to Brandon, MB in 1911. As a young man, Harold worked for many years as a carpenter with his father. He was then employed for a few years with the Canadian National Railway (CNR) before becoming a carpenter and carman with the Canadian Pacific Railway (CPR) for thirty-five years. Harold married Winifred Elizabeth Schiedel (1916-1982) in 1939 and together they had six children: Eldine, Marjorie, David, Dale, Mildred and Ralph. A keen conservationist, Harold was a member of the Manitoba Naturalist Society. He also enjoyed gardening, bird watching, fishing, hunting, woodworking, reading, typing and cribbage, and possessed an excellent knowledge of the history of Brandon and surrounding area. Harold Watson died on November 30, 1994 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 Watson about the history of the East End of Brandon, including its early residents, buildings and activities. The interviewer is Lillian Mummery.

Notes: History/bio information from the records and Watson's obituary.
Description by Christy Henry. Fred McGuinness wrote about Harold Watson in his November 4, 2004 "The Notebook" column in The Brandon Sun.

Language Note: English

Conservation: Preservation copy made 2021 (R. Hess)

Audio Tracks



Harold E. Watson interview - part III

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14650>

Part Of: Westman Oral History collection

Description Level: Item

Item Number: OH102c.Wat

Accession Number: 35-1998

GMD: sound recordings

Date Range: August 7, 1982

Physical Description: 1 audio cassette [01:01:47]

History /

Biographical:

Harold Ernest Watson was born on April 14, 1905 on section 4-11-24 in the RM of Woodworth. The family moved to Brandon, MB in 1911. As a young man, Harold worked for many years as a carpenter with his father. He was then employed for a few years with the Canadian National Railway (CNR) before becoming a carpenter and carman with the Canadian Pacific Railway for thirty-five years. Harold married Winifred Elizabeth Schiedel (1916-1982) in 1939 and together they had six children: Eldine, Marjorie, David, Dale, Mildred and Ralph. A keen conservationist, Harold was a member of the Manitoba Naturalist Society. He also enjoyed gardening, bird watching, fishing, hunting, woodworking, reading, typing and cribbage, and possessed an excellent knowledge of the history of Brandon and surrounding area. Harold Watson died on November 30, 1994 in Brandon, MB.

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Scope and Content:

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Notes:

History/bio information from the records and Watson's obituary.
Description by Christy Henry. Fred McGuinness wrote about Harold Watson in his November 4, 2004 "The Notebook" column in The Brandon Sun.

Audio Tracks



Flora Cowan interview - part II

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14645>

Part Of: Westman Oral History collection

Description Level: Item

Item Number: OH036b.Cow

Accession Number: 35-1998

GMD: sound recordings

Date Range: May 1983

Physical Description: 1 audio cassette [00:22:46]

History /

Biographical:

Flora C. Cowan (nee Cruickshanks) was born on July 15, 1902 in Edinburgh, Scotland. She immigrated to Canada with her family in 1913. Flora married Edgar Clarence Cowan (1894-1951) on August 15, 1922. The couple had two children: Franklin and Ruth. Edgar, who served in the First World War with the Royal Canadian Engineers, was employed as municipal engineer at Springfield, MB. In 1927, Edgar was appointed district engineer with the highways branch in Boissevain; a year later he was transferred to Brandon and the family moved to the city.

For much of her life, Flora was a leader in the Brandon community. During the Second World War, she mobilized Brandon's volunteer efforts and in 1953, she was appointed Dean of Women at Brandon College. In 1954, Flora became only the second woman ever elected to the Brandon City Council. She served on the council for 16 years and stepped down as Dean of Women in 1969. A champion for Fairview Personal Care Home, she chaired its board for more than 20 years. Flora Cowan Hall on the Brandon University campus is named in her honour. Flora Cowan died on September 25, 1986 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 Flora Cowan about her involvement in community and civic affairs in Brandon, 1927-1981. This second cassette includes the following subjects: the War Services Centre, which operated during the Second World War; special events in the city, such as the visit of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and Prince Philip and Brandon's centennial year; and special awards bestowed on Flora Cowan. The interviewer is Marjorie Fitton.

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

Audio Tracks



Kay Rowe interview - part II

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14648>

Part Of: Westman Oral History collection

Description Level: Item

Item Number: OH115b.Row

Accession Number: 35-1998

GMD: sound recordings

Date Range: March 8, 1983

Physical Description: 1 audio cassette [00:07:46]

History /

Biographical:

Kathleen Joan "Kaye" Rowe (nee Moreland) was born on June 10, 1910 in Winnipeg, MB. Kaye attended St. John's Technical High School. She moved to Brandon following her marriage to Gabriel Richard "G.R." Rowe (1898-1968) on July 12, 1932. Kaye had widespread interests in fashion, politics, the arts and journalism. Her journalism career began in 1935, when she began writing book reviews for CKX Radio. Four years later she became a society columnist for the Winnipeg Free Press and from 1945 to the 1980s she was a freelance columnist for the Brandon Sun, writing pieces on people, fashion and the arts. In 1958 and 1960, Kaye won awards for the best fashion stories of the year in Canada, and in 1970, she received a Margaret McWilliams Award from the Manitoba Historical Society for the best newspaper story on Manitoba history in the province's centennial year. The Rowes had no children. Kaye Rowe died on December 16, 1995 in Brandon, MB. She is buried at Brandon Municipal Cemetery.

Custodial History:

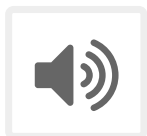
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Scope and Content:

Item is an audiocassette tape containing an interview with Kaye Rowe about her knowledge and memories of Brandon entertainment, 1900-1983. The interviewer is Betty Gibson.

Notes: History/bio information from the records and the Manitoba Historical Society website. Description by Christy Henry.

Audio Tracks



Frank Ernest Ellis interview - part II

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14646>

Part Of: Westman Oral History collection

Description Level: Item

Item Number: OH096b.Eli

Accession Number: 35-1998

GMD: sound recordings

Date Range: July 10, 1981

Physical Description: 1 audio cassette [01:01:37]

History /

Biographical:

Frank Ernest "Ernie" Ellis was born on April 3, 1915. He lived and farmed all his life just north of Wawanesa, MB, and established a seed cleaning and fertilizer business entitled Ellis Farm Supplies on the south side of Wawanesa. Ernie married Margaret Alyce Viola Medd (1922-2022) in 1946 and together they had five children: Margaret, Brenda, Kathryn, Jennifer and Warren. In 1985, Ernie and Alyce moved to Winnipeg and their son Warren took over the farm.

Ernie was active in his community, local politics and the agriculture and health care sectors. His commitment to land conservation and a love of nature, led him to serve on the boards of many farming organizations, including the Wawanesa Crop Improvement Club, the Wawanesa Cooperative Elevator Association, and the Wawanesa Consumers Co-op Association. He was also one of the founders of the Manitoba Stock Growers' Association, which became the Manitoba Beef Growers' Association. Additionally, Ernie served on the board of the Royal Manitoba Winter Fair, was a member of the Canadian Seed Growers' Association, served terms as president for both the Brandon-Souris Liberal Association and the Souris-Killarney Association, ran as the MLA Liberal candidate for the Souris-Lansdowne constituency and served on the Oakland Council for 11 years. He was also elected chairman of the first Board of Directors for the Wawanesa & District Recreation Centre, was a trustee of the governing board of the Wawanesa & District Hospital, including 12 years as chairman. He was elected to the Board of Directors of the Manitoba Health Organization, where he advocated for health care in Wawanesa and rural areas. Ernie wrote two newspaper columns, "The Rural Scene" for the Wawanesa Optimist, and "On the Manitoba Range" for The Canadian Cattleman, and along with his wife Alyce, did much of the research and writing for the Wawanesa centennial local history book. Aside from writing, Ernie was also passionate about music, and played the trombone in the Wawanesa Band.

When he became ill in 2010 the Ellises left Winnipeg; Ernie moved to the Personal Care Home in Wawanesa and Alyce moved to the Wawanesa Valley Lodge. Ernie Ellis died on February 16, 2011 in Wawanesa, MB.

Custodial History:

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Scope and Content:

Item is an audiocassette tape containing an interview with Ernie Ellis. This second hour discusses stock growing and grain marketing, as well as hospitals and health care at Wawanesa, MB. The interviewer is John Moore.

Notes: History/bio information from the records and obituaries for both Ernie and Alyce Ellis. Description by Christy Henry.

Audio Tracks



G. Albert Hodson interview - part II

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14651>

Part Of: Westman Oral History collection
Description Level: Item
Item Number: OH168b.Hod
Accession Number: 35-1998
GMD: sound recordings
Date Range: February 22, 1982
Physical Description: 1 audio cassette [01:58:11]
History /
Biographical:

George Albert Hodson was born in 1910 on his father's farm, just south of Elkhorn, MB. He attended Buckingham School and worked on the farm with his father until his father's retirement, at which point Albert took over the farm. Albert married Evelyn Bolam on December 17, 1939 and they had four children: Leland, Valerie, Sherryl and Tannis. The couple moved into Elkhorn in 1967, and Albert retired from farming in 1978. Active in his community, Albert served as a trustee for the Buckingham School District, on the United Church Board, and was a member of the Agricultural Society and the Curling Club. He also served 34 years on the local Manitoba Pool Elevator board, eleven of which he was chairman of Sub-District No. 502. In 1996, Albert was recognized as an outstanding volunteer by the Manitoba Association of Agricultural Societies. Albert Hodson died on September 18, 2009 in Elkhorn, 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 Albert Hodson about pioneering, grain, grain elevators and Elkhorn history, including the Elkhorn Auto Museum. The interviewer is Elmer Armstrong.

Notes: History/bio information from the records, the Elkhorn local history "Steel and Grass Roots" and Hodson's obituary. Description by Christy Henry.

Audio Tracks



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

Documents

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Harold Lund interview

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14603>

Part Of: Westman Oral History collection

Description Level: Item

Item Number: OH308.Lun

Accession Number: 35-1998

GMD: sound recordings

Date Range: June 12, 1982

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

History /

Biographical:

Harold Garfield Lund was born on August 9, 1896 in the RM of Wallace. He lived in the Lippintot district south of Elkhorn and attended school at Kola. Harold married Eretta Jean McDonald (1901-1988) on January 1, 1926. They had three children, including Eretta Ilene and Doris. Harold Lund died in 1985. He is buried at Woodville Cemetery.

Custodial History:

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Scope and Content:

Item is an audiocassette tape containing an interview with Harold Lund about life in the Virden area from the 1920s to 1950s. Interviewer is Rosalyn Sutley.

Notes: History/bio information from the records and the Find A Grave website.
Description by Christy Henry.

Language Note: English

Audio Tracks



Harold Cleaver interview

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14604>

Part Of: Westman Oral History collection

Description Level: Item

Item Number: OH123.Cle

Accession Number: 35-1998

GMD: sound recordings

Date Range: March 6, 1982

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

History /

Biographical:

Harold (Barney) Victor Cleaver was born on October 23, 1916 on the SE section of 20-12-17 in the RM of Elton. He was the eldest son of Donald and Ida Cleaver. Harold attended school in Justice. In 1942, Harold joined the Army, and subsequently served in Europe with the R.C.E.M.E., taking part in the D-Day landings at Normandy. Following the Second World War, he returned to the family farm, which he farmed until retirement. Harold married Marie M Curle (1925-2013) on May 30, 1951 and together they raised two children: Louise and Brian. In his younger years, Harold enjoyed hunting and fishing. He also served as a councillor for the RM of Elton for 20 years and was a charter member of the Minnedosa Legion. The couple moved to Brandon in 1996, when Harold's health began to fail. Harold Cleaver died on December 3, 1998 in Brandon, MB. He is buried at Moore Park Cemetery.

Custodial History:

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Scope and Content:

Item is an audiocassette tape containing an interview with Harold Cleaver about the Cleaver and Kirschner pioneers. Interviewer is Blair Loree.

Notes: History/bio information from the records, the Find A Grave website and Cleaver's obituary. Description by Christy Henry.

Language Note: English

Audio Tracks



Flora Cowan interview - part I

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14473>

Part Of: Westman Oral History collection

Description Level: Item

Item Number: OH036a.Cow

Accession Number: 35-1998

GMD: sound recordings

Date Range: May 1983

Physical Description: 1 audio cassette [00:58:45]

History /

Biographical:

Flora C. Cowan (nee Cruickshanks) was born on July 15, 1902 in Edinburgh, Scotland. She immigrated to Canada with her family in 1913. Flora married Edgar Clarence Cowan (1894-1951) on August 15, 1922. The couple had two children: Franklin and Ruth. Edgar, who served in the First World War with the Royal Canadian Engineers, was employed as municipal engineer at Springfield, MB. In 1927, Edgar was appointed district engineer with the highways branch in Boissevain; a year later he was transferred to Brandon and the family moved to the city.

For much of her life, Flora was a leader in the Brandon community. During the Second World War, she mobilized Brandon's volunteer efforts and in 1953, she was appointed Dean of Women at Brandon College. In 1954, Flora became only the second woman ever elected to the Brandon City Council. She served on the council for 16 years and stepped down as Dean of Women in 1969. A champion for Fairview Personal Care Home, she chaired its board for more than 20 years. Flora Cowan Hall on the Brandon University campus is named in her honour. Flora Cowan died on September 25, 1986 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 Flora Cowan about her involvement in community and civic affairs in Brandon, 1927-1981. This first hour includes the following subjects: church involvement, including the union of the Methodist and Knox churches, the Women's Auxiliary and volunteer work; the Imperial Order Daughters of the Empire (IODE); her recollections during her tenure as Dean of Women at Brandon College, including the death of JRC Evans, the official opening of the McKenzie Building, the expansion of campus, the layout of Clark Hall, social functions, the granting of the University charter, the retirement of John E. Robbins, the BJ Hales Natural History Museum and her retirement; her work as an alderman on Brandon City Council; and the history of Fairview Personal Care Home. The interviewer is Marjorie Fitton.

Notes: History/bio information from the records, the article reporting Edgar Cowan's death by drowning and Flora Cowan's obituary. Description by Christy Henry.

Language Note: English

Conservation: Preservation copy made 2021 (R. Hess)

Related Material: Brandon College fonds

Audio Tracks



Kay Rowe interview - part I

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14489>

Part Of: Westman Oral History collection

Description Level: Item

Item Number: OH115a.Row

Accession Number: 35-1998

GMD: sound recordings

Date Range: March 8, 1983

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

History /

Biographical:

Kathleen Joan "Kaye" Rowe (nee Moreland) was born on June 10, 1910 in Winnipeg, MB. Kaye attended St. John's Technical High School. She moved to Brandon following her marriage to Gabriel Richard "G.R." Rowe (1898-1968) on July 12, 1932. Kaye had widespread interests in fashion, politics, the arts and journalism. Her journalism career began in 1935, when she began writing book reviews for CKX Radio. Four years later she became a society columnist for the Winnipeg Free Press and from 1945 to the 1980s she was a freelance columnist for the Brandon Sun, writing pieces on people, fashion and the arts. In 1958 and 1960, Kaye won awards for the best fashion stories of the year in Canada, and in 1970, she received a Margaret McWilliams Award from the Manitoba Historical Society for the best newspaper story on Manitoba history in the province's centennial year. The Rowes had no children. Kaye Rowe died on December 16, 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 Kaye Rowe about her knowledge and memories of Brandon entertainment, 1900-1983. The interviewer is Betty Gibson.

Notes: History/bio information from the records and the Manitoba Historical Society website. Description by Christy Henry.

Language Note: English

Conservation: Preservation copy made 2021 (R. Hess)

Audio Tracks



Frank Ernest Ellis interview - part I

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14474>

Part Of: Westman Oral History collection

Description Level: Item

Item Number: OH096a.Eli

Accession Number: 35-1998

GMD: sound recordings
Date Range: July 10, 1981
Physical Description: 1 audio cassette [01:00:32]
History /
Biographical:

Frank Ernest "Ernie" Ellis was born on April 3, 1915. He lived and farmed all his life just north of Wawanesa, MB, and established a seed cleaning and fertilizer business entitled Ellis Farm Supplies on the south side of Wawanesa. Ernie married Margaret Alyce Viola Medd (1922-2022) in 1946 and together they had five children: Margaret, Brenda, Kathryn, Jennifer and Warren. In 1985, Ernie and Alyce moved to Winnipeg and their son Warren took over the farm.

Ernie was active in his community, local politics and the agriculture and health care sectors. His commitment to land conservation and a love of nature, led him to serve on the boards of many farming organizations, including the Wawanesa Crop Improvement Club, the Wawanesa Cooperative Elevator Association, and the Wawanesa Consumers Co-op Association. He was also one of the founders of the Manitoba Stock Growers' Association, which became the Manitoba Beef Growers' Association. Additionally, Ernie served on the board of the Royal Manitoba Winter Fair, was a member of the Canadian Seed Growers' Association, served terms as president for both the Brandon-Souris Liberal Association and the Souris-Killarney Association, ran as the MLA Liberal candidate for the Souris-Lansdowne constituency and served on the Oakland Council for 11 years. He was also elected chairman of the first Board of Directors for the Wawanesa & District Recreation Centre, was a trustee of the governing board of the Wawanesa & District Hospital, including 12 years as chairman. He was elected to the Board of Directors of the Manitoba Health Organization, where he advocated for health care in Wawanesa and rural areas. Ernie wrote two newspaper columns, "The Rural Scene" for the Wawanesa Optimist, and "On the Manitoba Range" for The Canadian Cattleman, and along with his wife Alyce, did much of the research and writing for the Wawanesa centennial local history book. Aside from writing, Ernie was also passionate about music, and played the trombone in the Wawanesa Band.

When he became ill in 2010 the Ellis' left Winnipeg; Ernie moved to the Personal Care Home in Wawanesa and Alyce moved to the Wawanesa Valley Lodge. Ernie Ellis died on February 16, 2011 in Wawanesa, MB.

Custodial History:

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Scope and Content:

Item is an audiocassette tape containing an interview with Ernie Ellis. This first hour of the interview covers the history of the Ellis and Criddle families. The interviewer is John Moore.

Notes: History/bio information from the records and obituaries for both Ernie and Alyce Ellis. Description by Christy Henry.
Language Note: English
Conservation: Preservation copy made 2021 (R. Hess)

Audio Tracks



G. Albert Hodson interview - part I

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14477>

Part Of: Westman Oral History collection

Description Level: Item

Item Number: OH168a.Hod

Accession Number: 35-1998

GMD: sound recordings

Date Range: February 22, 1982

Physical Description: 1 audio cassette [01:58:11]

History /

Biographical:

George Albert Hodson was born in 1910 on his father's farm, just south of Elkhorn, MB. He attended Buckingham School and worked on the farm with his father until his father's retirement, at which point Albert took over the farm. Albert married Evelyn Bolam on December 17, 1939 and they had four children: Leland, Valerie, Sherryl and Tannis. The couple moved into Elkhorn in 1967, and Albert retired from farming in 1978. Active in his community, Albert served as a trustee for the Buckingham School District, on the United Church Board, and was a member of the Agricultural Society and the Curling Club. He also served 34 years on the local Manitoba Pool Elevator board, eleven of which he was chairman of Sub-District No. 502. In 1996, Albert was recognized as an outstanding volunteer by the Manitoba Association of Agricultural Societies. Albert Hodson died on September 18, 2009 in Elkhorn, 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 Albert Hodson about pioneering, grain, grain elevators and Elkhorn history, including the Elkhorn Auto Museum. The interviewer is Elmer Armstrong.

Notes: History/bio information from the records, the Elkhorn local history "Steel and Grass Roots" and Hodson's obituary. Description by Christy Henry.

Language Note: English

Conservation: Preservation copy made 2021 (R. Hess)

Audio Tracks



Frank Ernest Ellis interview - part III

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14647>

Part Of: Westman Oral History collection

Description Level: Item

Item Number: OH096c.Eli

Accession Number: 35-1998

GMD: sound recordings
Date Range: July 10, 1981
Physical Description: 1 audio cassette [01:01:00]
History /
Biographical:

Frank Ernest "Ernie" Ellis was born on April 3, 1915. He lived and farmed all his life just north of Wawanesa, MB, and established a seed cleaning and fertilizer business entitled Ellis Farm Supplies on the south side of Wawanesa. Ernie married Margaret Alyce Viola Medd (1922-2022) in 1946 and together they had five children: Margaret, Brenda, Kathryn, Jennifer and Warren. In 1985, Ernie and Alyce moved to Winnipeg and their son Warren took over the farm.

Ernie was active in his community, local politics and the agriculture and health care sectors. His commitment to land conservation and a love of nature, led him to serve on the boards of many farming organizations, including the Wawanesa Crop Improvement Club, the Wawanesa Cooperative Elevator Association, and the Wawanesa Consumers Co-op Association. He was also one of the founders of the Manitoba Stock Growers' Association, which became the Manitoba Beef Growers' Association. Additionally, Ernie served on the board of the Royal Manitoba Winter Fair, was a member of the Canadian Seed Growers' Association, served terms as president for both the Brandon-Souris Liberal Association and the Souris-Killarney Association, ran as the MLA Liberal candidate for the Souris-Lansdowne constituency and served on the Oakland Council for 11 years. He was also elected chairman of the first Board of Directors for the Wawanesa & District Recreation Centre, was a trustee of the governing board of the Wawanesa & District Hospital, including 12 years as chairman. He was elected to the Board of Directors of the Manitoba Health Organization, where he advocated for health care in Wawanesa and rural areas. Ernie wrote two newspaper columns, "The Rural Scene" for the Wawanesa Optimist, and "On the Manitoba Range" for The Canadian Cattleman, and along with his wife Alyce, did much of the research and writing for the Wawanesa centennial local history book. Aside from writing, Ernie was also passionate about music, and played the trombone in the Wawanesa Band.

When he became ill in 2010 the Ellis' left Winnipeg; Ernie moved to the Personal Care Home in Wawanesa and Alyce moved to the Wawanesa Valley Lodge. Ernie Ellis died on February 16, 2011 in Wawanesa, MB.

Custodial History:

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Scope and Content:

Item is an audiocassette tape containing an interview with Ernie Ellis. This final hour includes rural roads, recreation, World War II years on the farm, and life in Wawanesa since the war. The interviewer is John Moore.

Notes: History/bio information from the records and obituaries for both Ernie and Alyce Ellis. Description by Christy Henry.

Audio Tracks



Mary E. Edwards interview

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14495>

Part Of: Westman Oral History collection

Description Level: Item

Item Number: OH099.Edw

Accession Number: 35-1998

GMD: sound recordings

Date Range: June 22, 1981

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

History /

Biographical:

Mary Elizabeth Edwards (nee Tweed) was born on April 19, 1897 at Riceville, ON. Within a year of her birth, she and her mother came to Manitoba, to join her father who had already moved west. Mary attended Burns School and then Winnipeg Normal School, graduating in 1917. Over the course of her career she taught at a number of schools, including Otter, Medora, Purple Hill, Thirlstone, Broomhill, Lake Max and Whitewater schools. On January 7, 1920, Mary married Kestle Henry Edwards (1894-1974) in Medora, MB and together the couple had four children: Harvey, Frank, Ralph and Ruth. The family lived on section 35-3-25. Mary was secretary-treasurer of both the Medora Methodist Sunday School and the Royal Templars, taught Sunday school and sang in the choir before her marriage. In 1920, she joined the Home Economics Society (later the Women's Institute). She was also a member of the WA. Following her husband's death, Mary left the farm and moved into Medora. Mary Edwards died in 1994. She is buried at Roselawn Cemetery.

Custodial History:

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Scope and Content:

Item is an audiocassette tape containing an interview with Mary Edwards about her life and pioneer settlement around Medora, MB. The interviewer is Mayme Warren.

Notes: History/bio information from the records, the Medora local history "Glimpse through the years" and Edwards' obituary. Description by Christy Henry.

Language Note: English

Conservation: Preservation copy made 2021 (R. Hess)

Audio Tracks



Don E. Hockley interview

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14548>

Part Of: Westman Oral History collection

Description Level: Item

Item Number: OH116.Hoc

Accession Number: 35-1998

GMD: sound recordings

Date Range: February 27, 1982

Physical Description: 1 audio cassette [00:45:00]

History /

Biographical:

Donovan Elliott Hockley was born on July 26, 1912 in North Brandon, MB. Don married Helen Violet Wagner (1917-2005) on August 12, 1942. Together they had four children: Wesley, Garth, Glen and Dale. The couple purchased their farm in North Brandon in 1945, gradually increasing their holdings and evolving their operation. Don founded Donovan Holsteins in 1958, and remained active in farming into his 80s. His hobbies included woodworking, the restoration of antique cars and travelling. After his wife died in 2005, Don spent his winters in Chilliwack, BC with his son Dale and his family. Don Hockley died on July 19, 2011 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 Don Hockley about agriculture and rural life in Manitoba. The interviewer is Frank Anderson.

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

Language Note: English

Audio Tracks



Duncan E. Kennedy interview

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14552>

Part Of: Westman Oral History collection

Description Level: Item

Item Number: OH067.Ken

Accession Number: 35-1998

GMD: sound recordings

Date Range: April 6, 1982

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

History /

Biographical:

Duncan E Kennedy was born on July 5, 1906 on the farm in Elton municipality. Duncan married Helen Laurie Hutcheon (1906-1985) in 1927. They raised four children: Leonard, Gordon, Cecil and Lorna. The couple spent their early married life on a farm in Springwater, SK, before moving to Hartney, Forrest and Brandon where Duncan was employed by Manitoba Pool Elevators as a grain buyer and elevator manager. Duncan enjoyed sports, including hockey, curling and fishing. He also enjoyed camping with his family and in later years travelling. Duncan Kennedy died on September 22, 1996 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 Duncan Kennedy about early agriculture and his life. The interviewer is Frank Anderson.

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

Language Note: English

Audio Tracks



Ruth E. Tester interview

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14723>

Part Of: Westman Oral History collection

Description Level: Item

Item Number: OH269.Tes

Accession Number: 35-1998

GMD: sound recordings

Date Range: March 10, 1982

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

History /

Biographical:

Ruth Elizabeth Tester (nee Cater) was born on August 31, 1908 in Brandon, MB, the eldest child of Harry William Cater (1886-1945) and Eliza Jane Heal (1882-1967). Ruth worked as her father's bookkeeper from 1926 until approximately 1950. In 1940, Ruth married Alfred Aasen (1915-?). Their son, Phillip Bruce, was born in 1941; Bruce was adopted by Eliza Carter's brother Stanley and his wife Irene. By 1958, Ruth had married Albert Tester (1888-1965).

Members of the Cater family were active in church and community projects at the local and provincial level. They were involved with Explorers, CGIT, Cubs and Scouts and Girl Guides and the Children's Aid Board, as well as charter members of the Business and Professional Women's Club and the Allied Arts Centre. Ruth was also an active genealogist; she was a charter member of the Manitoba Genealogical Society Inc and was instrumental in chartering the Brandon and District Branch in 1978. As a memorial, the South West Branch of the Manitoba Genealogical Society created The Ruth Tester Memorial Award, which is presented annually to a member of the branch who, in the opinion of their peers, exemplifies the spirit of service to genealogy and the branch. Ruth Tester died on January 21, 1988 in Brandon, MB. She is buried at Brandon Municipal Cemetery.

Custodial History:

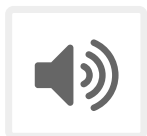
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Scope and Content:

Item is an audiocassette tape containing an interview with Ruth Tester about Harry Cater, his business and personal life. Interviewer is Marjorie Lange.

Notes: History/bio information from the records, Brandon Sun articles mentioning Ruth Tester, obituaries for Ruth and Albert Tester, and Heal genealogy information on the Geni website. Description by Christy Henry.

Audio Tracks



Lynn Shier interview

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

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.

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

Audio Tracks



Gladys Ward interview

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

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.
Language Note:	English
Conservation:	Preservation copy created 2021 (R. Hess)