

# S. J. McKee Archives



## Earl Murray interview

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14553>

Part Of: Westman Oral History collection

Description Level: Item

Item Number: OH236.Mur

Accession Number: 35-1998

GMD: sound recordings

Date Range: May 16, 1983

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

History /

Biographical:

Melvin Earl Murray was born on October 16, 1901 in Neepawa, MB and he lived his entire life in there. Earl left school at the age of 15 to assist an uncle on the farm; he was one of a number of young men who took the place of men who were called to serve in the armed services during the First World War. He worked with his father on his farm until starting a transportation business locally in 1927. In 1932, he obtained a contract with General Motors to sell G.M. products. Subsequently he contracted to sell IHC farm machinery and later added a contract as distributor of Thomas school buses for the Province of Manitoba. Earl married Margaret Mary McIntosh (1902-1994) on November 5, 1924 and together they had one son, Gerald. Earl was active in church and community affairs, service clubs and sporting circles. Among his awards were The Town of Neepawa Honorary Citizen award, The Golden Boy award, The Red Cross Service award, a Chamber of Commerce award, Motor Dealers awards provincially and nationally and Her Majesty The Queen Silver Anniversary award. Earl Murray died on September 4, 1986 in Brandon, 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 Earl Murray about automobiles in Neepawa since the early days. The interviewer is Winnie Cheetham.

Notes: History/bio information taken from the records, the Neepawa local history "Heritage" and Murray's obituary. Description by Christy Henry.

Language Note: English

## Audio Tracks



## Eleanor Siple interview

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14563>

Part Of: Westman Oral History collection

Description Level: Item

Item Number: OH305.Sip

Accession Number: 35-1998

GMD: sound recordings

Date Range: June 12, 1982

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

### History /

#### Biographical:

Eleanor May Siple (nee Mills) was born in October 1899 in Chatham, Kent, England. She came to Canada with her parents and siblings in 1907. Eleanor married Joseph Shipley (1896-1989) on February 24, 1925. Together they had five children: Harold, Lorne, Aileen, Lindsay and Allan. The Siple's lived at Elkhorn until 1979, when they moved to Virden. Eleanor Siple died on June 8, 1996 in Virden, MB. She is buried at Elkhorn Cemetery.

#### Custodial History:

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#### Scope and Content:

Item is an audiocassette tape containing an interview with Eleanor Siple about life in Elkhorn, MB. 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

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## Eleanor Warren interview

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14564>

Part Of: Westman Oral History collection

Description Level: Item

Item Number: OH282.War

Accession Number: 35-1998

GMD: sound recordings

Date Range: May 26, 1981

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

History /

Biographical:

Eleanor Fison Warren (nee Brayshay) was born on April 30, 1902 in Laughrme, Wales. Although her father had come to Canada in 1891, and her parents were married in the RM of Shoal Lake, her mother returned to Wales for Eleanor's birth. Eleanor attended high school in Birtle, MB. In 1929, Eleanor married Major Oliver Quin "OQ" Warren (1884-1949) and together they had four daughters: Phoebe, Diana, Cynthia and Penelope. Following her marriage, Eleanor was a farm housewife. After her husband died she stayed on the farm but hired help, while also working as a post office clerk and then a part-time municipal clerk. She retired in 1968. For many years Eleanor played the organ for St. Alban's Anglican Church and supported the Blenheim Remembrance Club, whose members sewed comfortors for soldiers overseas. She was a lifetime member of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Birtle branch of the Royal Canadian Legion, served the local school board and drove many seniors to events in surrounding communities. Eleanor was awarded the Sovereign's Medal for Volunteers and the Governor General's Caring Canadian Award (posthumous). Eleanor Warren died on April 30, 2003 in Winnipeg, MB. She is buried at Birtle Cemetery.

Custodial History:

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Scope and Content:

Item is an audiocassette tape containing an interview with Elizabeth Warren about her life story. Interviewer is Marge Deschambault.

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

Language Note: English

### Audio Tracks

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