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## Lynn Shier interview

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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.

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

#### Audio Tracks

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### 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.

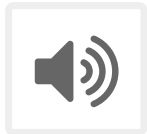
#### Custodial History:

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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)



## 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 Renault (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.

### Custodial History:

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### Scope and Content:

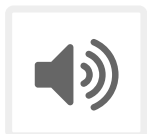
Item is an audiocassette tape containing an interview with Hans Andersen. Interviewer is Mae Johnson. Andersen discusses topics such as the history of the rural municipality, the administration of the RM, some of the issues dealt with by the leadership of the RM through its history, and some of the bylaws 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

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## 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.

Custodial History:

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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

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## 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.

Custodial History:

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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.

#### Custodial History:

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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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## Hilton Ashton interview

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14438>

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.

#### Custodial History:

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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

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## 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.

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.

#### Custodial History:

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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

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14441>

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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### 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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## Clifford Clarke interview

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14448>

Part Of: Westman Oral History collection

Description Level: Item

Item Number: OH167.Cl4

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.

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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

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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:

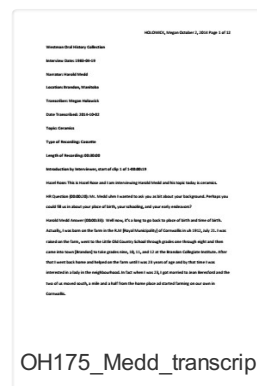
Item is an audiocassette tape containing an interview with Harold Medd about his experiences in ceramics. Interviewer is Hazel Rose.

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

Language Note: English

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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.

Custodial History:

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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

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14451>

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.

Custodial History:

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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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Mathie, Lewis

Westman Oral History Collection

Interview Date: 1982-03-30

Interviewer: Lewis Mathie

Interviewee: Ethel Hall

Location: Brandon, Manitoba

Accession Number: 35-1998

Date Transcribed: 2014-03-14

Recording Format: Cassette

Length of Recording: 01:02:19

[Beginning of Tape (Side A)]

[01:02:19]

Today is March 30th, 1982. The following is an interview with Lewis Mathie at his home in Brandon, Manitoba. Born in Brandon, Manitoba, Mr. Mathie moved to an early age to Brandon and has resided in this city ever since. Early in his life he apprenticed to farming, Brandon and learned his trade while working later in Brandon. Mr. Mathie during this interview with the Mathie to gather his impressions of a long and great career in the newspaper business. The interview will be conducted by Ethel Hall for the Westman Oral History Collection Project "Voices of History".

## Lewis Mathie interview

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14452>

Part Of: Westman Oral History collection

Description Level: Item

Item Number: OH035.Mat

Accession Number: 35-1998

GMD: sound recordings

Date Range: March 30, 1982

Physical Description: 1 audio cassette [01:02:19]

## History /

### Biographical:

Lewis Mathie was born November 8, 1889 in Carberry, MB. His family moved to Brandon in 1890. After completing schooling at Central and Park schools, he apprenticed as a printer with his uncle, Walpole Murdoch, publisher of the Hartney Star. After brief stints with a printing plant and The Brandon Times, Mathie joined the staff of The Brandon Sun as a printer. In 1916, Mathie enlisted in the 181st (Brandon) Battalion and served overseas as a signaler with the 52nd (Port Arthur) Regiment. He returned to Brandon after his discharge in 1919, and re-joined the staff of The Brandon Sun. Beginning in 1939, Mathie was foreman of the composing room. Although he retired in 1956, he continued to work part-time for the paper from 1956-1972. Mathie married Rosetta Mills (1903-1995) in 1926, and together they had two sons: Thomas and Frank. He was a founding member of Local 700 of the ITU. Lewis Mathie died on March 13, 1985 in Brandon, MB.

### Custodial History:

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### Scope and Content:

Item is an audiocassette tape containing an interview with Lewis Mathie about his experiences as a printer at The Brandon Sun, 1911-1956, although the first half of the interview covers Mathie's childhood years and apprenticeship in Hartney. Interviewer is Elwood Gorrie.

Notes: History/bio information from the records and Mathie's obituary. Transcript by Jessica Spark (2017). Description by Christy Henry.

Language Note: English

Conservation: Preservation copy made 2021 (R. Hess)

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Interview Date: 1985-03-08

Narrator (Interviewee): Lewis Mathie

Interviewer: Elwood Gorrie

Location: Brandon, Manitoba

Transcriber: Jessica Spark

Date Transcribed: 2017-09-18

Recording Format: Cassette


Length of Recording: 01:00:53


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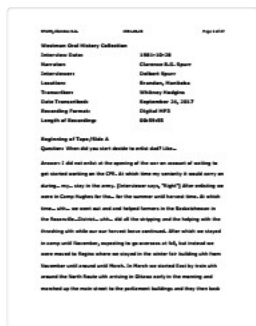
(00:00:01)

Today is March 30th, 1985. The following is an interview with Lewis Mathie at the home in Brandon, Manitoba. Born in Carberry, Manitoba, Mr. Mathie moved at an early age to Brandon and has resided in this city ever since. Early in life he apprenticed in Hartney, Manitoba and learned the trade while working later in Brandon. He began during the interview with Mr. Mathie to gather the impressions of a long and great career in the newspaper business. The interview will be conducted by Elwood Gorrie for the Westman Oral History Association Project "Voices of Yesterday".

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## Clarence B. Spurr interview

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14453>

Part Of: Westman Oral History collection

Description Level: Item

Item Number: OH053.Spu

Accession Number: 35-1998

GMD: sound recordings

Date Range: October 28, 1981

Physical Description: 1 audio cassette [00:59:55]

History /

Biographical:

Clarence Benjamin Graham? Spurr, was born in on February 13, 1891 in Bancroft, Ontario. Spurr began working for the Canadian Pacific Railway in 1914 as a station agent at Rocanville, SK and spent many years as an agent in various communities in Saskatchewan and Manitoba before retiring in 1955. In 1923, he married Elizabeth Wallace Lindsay (1893-1979) and they raised three children, sons Ewart and Delbert and adopted niece Verna Spurr. Clarence and Elizabeth moved to Brandon, MB following his retirement. Spurr joined the Canadian military in 1915, and was initially sent to Camp Hughes. A signaller and runner, he spent 1916-1918 overseas. Clarence Spurr died on December 21, 1982 in Brandon, MB. He is buried at Brandon Municipal Cemetery.

Custodial History:

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Scope and Content:

Item is an audiocassette tape containing an interview with Clarence B.G. Spurr about his experiences during World War I. Spurr discusses and reminisces about details of the Great War and some of the major turning points within it from Vimy Ridge, Lamont, Mons, Neuville-Saint-Vaast and the Armistice that ended the war on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day in November from the perspective of a Canadian soldier. Interviewer is Delbert Spurr.

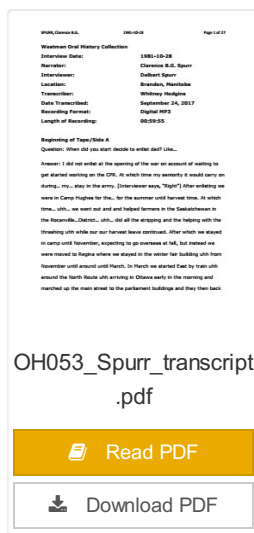
Notes: History/bio information from the records and Spurr's obituary. Transcript by Whitney Hodgins (2017). Description by Christy Henry.

Access Restriction: Content Warning: Some of the material discussed in the interview is sensitive in nature, dealing with the war and some of the gruesome acts that go with it. Listener discretion is advised.

Language Note: English

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## Alex McPhail interview

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14454>

Part Of: Westman Oral History collection

Description Level: Item

Item Number: OH206.McP

Accession Number: 35-1998

GMD: sound recordings

Date Range: February 13, 1982

Physical Description: 1 audio cassette [01:01:19]

History /

Biographical:

Peter Alexander (P.A.) Alex McPhail was born on July 11, 1897 in the RM of Elton. Raised on the family farm in Forrest, MB, he was the eldest son of Archie and Mary McPhail who came to Manitoba from Ontario. Alex took over the farm in 1915, and farmed there until 1949, when he and his family moved to Brandon. During the First World War, Alex was a lieutenant in the Royal Canadian Air Force. He married Effie Irene Weir (1900-1999) in 1933 and together they raised four children: Ronald, Malcolm, Archie and Donna. Effie and Alex were both active members of their community. Alex was especially involved in the agricultural community and won many prizes over the years for his livestock. From 1954-1965, Alex was the General Manager for the Provincial Exhibition Association of Manitoba and the Manitoba Winter Fair. He also served one term as the president of the Canadian Association of Exhibitions. Additionally, Alex was on the Brandon General Hospital board, the Brandon College board, and was a member of the Kiwanis and Shriners clubs. He was also involved in local sports. Both Alex and Effie McPhail were active members of the United Church. Alex McPhail died on June 28, 1989 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 Alex McPhail about his family history, agriculture, the Provincial Exhibition Association of Manitoba and the Manitoba Winter Fair. Interviewer is Frank Anderson.

Notes: History/bio information from the records and the description for the Effie and Alex McPhail collection at the Daly House Museum. Transcript by Alana Donohoe (2017). Description by Christy Henry.

Language Note: English

Conservation: Preservation copy made 2021 (R. Hess)

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Westman Oral History Collection

Interview Date: 1983-05-13

Interviewer: Frank Anderson

Interviewee: Irene Wasylyshyn

Location: Brandon, Manitoba

Transcriber: Alana Donohoe

Date Transcribed: 2017-09-28

Recording Format: Cassette

Length of Recording: 00:15:00

(00:00:00) [This is the audio for the interview of Irene Wasylyshyn, nee Stevens, at the residence of Fletcher and Grace Stevens, 1000 Main Street, Brandon, MB. The interview was conducted by Frank Anderson, for the Westman Oral History Collection project "Voices of Yesterday."]

(00:00:15) Question: Irene, what do you know about the early McPhail history in Canada and when did they come to the [unclear] North Brandon area?

## Irene Wasylyshyn interview

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14455>

Part Of: Westman Oral History collection

Description Level: Item

Item Number: OH010.Was

Accession Number: 35-1998

GMD: sound recordings

Date Range: June 28, 1983

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

History /

Biographical:

Winifred Irene Wasylyshyn (nee Stevens) was born on September 22, 1923 at Deloraine, MB. The daughter of Fletcher and Grace Stevens, the family had a long tradition of camping at Lake Metigoshe going back to Irene's paternal grandparents, who began camping there in 1908. Irene, who was a florist, married Jake Wasylyshyn (1916-?) on May 19, 1956. They had one daughter, Donna. Irene Wasylyshyn died on March 25, 2005 in Deloraine, MB.

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Item is an audiocassette tape containing an interview with Irene Wasylyshyn about the development of Lake Metigoshe. Spanning the international border into North Dakota, Lake Metigoshe is twenty miles south of Deloraine and part of a collection of lakes in the Turtle Mountains. Lake Metigoshe became the hub of a cluster of cottage developments, which boasted a local store with grocery and café services, golf course, and other recreational facilities over the years. In her interview Irene relates stories of fishing, boat rides, campfires and sing songs with neighbors who became long term family friends. She described the establishment of different local stores over the years, who owned them or worked there and for how long. She details the growth of the different cottage developments, along with both Investment and Improvement Associations, which worked to balance the growth. Through the entire interview Irene describes her love for the beauty and serenity of the lake itself and how much it came to mean to generations of her family. Interviewer is Eva Cassils.

Language Note: English

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## Laurie East interview

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Item Number:	OH044.Eas
Accession Number:	35-1998
GMD:	sound recordings
Date Range:	December 4, 1981
Physical Description:	1 audio cassette [00:09:15]
History /	
Biographical:	

Laurence Overton "Laurie" East was born in the municipality of Odanah on the west half of 29-13-18, on March 13, 1911. He attended Tremaine and Roseneath schools and worked on the family farm, eventually leaving school to work due to his father's ill health and then taking over the operation in 1936, after his father died. Laurie retired from farming in 1976. Laurie married Bernice McDonald (1916-2006), a teacher, on July 4, 1942. They had no children. Laurie's hobbies were music, dancing and travel; he took part in local entertainment and taught square dancing classes. He was a member of the Hunterville United Church, serving on the board and volunteering as Sunday School Superintendent or teacher. In the 1940s, Laurie was part of local committees to secure telephone and postal service. From 1970-1983, he was a member of Elton Municipal Council. Shortly after joining the council, Laurie was appointed as a representative to the library board; he joined representatives from Minnedosa and Minto councils, as there was support in the region for the organization and establishment of a regional library. Laurie East died on April 18, 2003 in Brandon, MB and is buried at the Rapid City Cemetery.

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Item is an audiocassette tape containing an interview with Laurie East about the Minnedosa Regional Library. Interviewer is Mae Johnson.

Notes: History/bio information from the records and East's obituary. Transcript by Simon Richard (2020). Description by Christy Henry.

Language Note: English

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