



Molly Malinowski and Freda Sheridan interview

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Accession Number: 35-1998

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Date Range: March 18, 1982

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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.

Custodial History:

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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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Molly Vance interview

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Item Number: OH111.Van

Accession Number: 35-1998

GMD: sound recordings

Date Range: June 2, 1982

Physical Description: 1 audio cassette [0:45:00]

History /

Biographical:

Edna Mary "Molly" Vance (nee Bell) was born on May 18, 1912 in Prince Albert, SK. After high school, Molly attended business college in Price Albert and teacher training in Saskatoon. She then Attended Brandon College from 1933-1935, with a one year absence to teach in Dry Gully, SK. In 1935, Molly moved to Kenton, MB, where she taught until her marriage to Garnet Vance (1912-1952) on December 31, 1938 in Brandon, MB. Molly stopped teaching to raise their sons, Alfred and Raymond, but returned to the classroom following her husband's death in 1952. She taught in Kenton until 1970 and then Hamiota until 1974, before retiring. In her free time Molly enjoyed travelling and art. Molly Vance died on September 18, 2001 in Hamiota, MB. She is buried at Greenwood Cemetery.

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Scope and Content:

Item is an audiocassette tape containing an interview with Molly Vance about teaching in country schools. Interviewer is Shirley Hunt.

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

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