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## Ruth E. Tester interview

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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



## Ruth Whitlaw interview

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Description Level: Item

Item Number: OH009.Whi

Accession Number: 35-1998

GMD: sound recordings

Date Range: November 14, 1982

Physical Description: 1 audio cassette [0:48:00]

History /

Biographical:

Francis Ruth Whitlaw (nee Boles) was born on December 27, 1906 in Deloraine, MB. Trained as a legal secretary, Ruth's first job was with the firm George & Watson. Following her marriage to John Alexander Whitlaw (1906-1989) on October 20, 1928, she was a housewife and mother to the couple's three sons: John, Richard and Robert. A life-long resident of Deloraine, Ruth helped develop community family histories in 1974 and the Deloraine Centennial History in 1980. She also active in the United Church, teaching Sunday School, singing in the choir and serving as alternative organist. She won a Rose Bowl award in 1925 for her singing voice. Over the years, Ruth was active as a member of the Women's Institute and the Order of the Eastern Star, serving as Worthy Matron in 1958. Ruth Whitlaw died on November 13, 1998 in Deloraine, MB. She is buried at Del-Win Cemetery.

Custodial History:

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Scope and Content:

Item is an audiocassette tape containing a narration by Ruth Whitlaw about the history of "Old" and "New" Deloraine.

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

### Audio Tracks

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