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Lillian Mummery, Isabelle Heeney and Gordon Frazer interview

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14490>

Part Of: Westman Oral History collection

Description Level: Item

Item Number: OH130.Mum

Accession Number: 35-1998

GMD: sound recordings

Date Range: May 30, 1983

Physical Description: 1 audio cassette [01:02:08]

History /

Biographical:

Lillian Velma Mummery was born on November 7, 1901 at Toronto Junction, ON. Her family moved to Brandon shortly after she was born. Attending schools in Brandon, Lillian graduated as a teacher in 1922, and after several years teaching in western Manitoba, she started with the Brandon School Division in 1926. Before her retirement in 1966, Lillian taught at most of the elementary and junior high schools in the city. After her retirement she continued to tutor in Latin and English for many years. Lillian spent time overseas as a member of the Navy Wrens and for a year in England on a teaching exchange. An active member with First Church United, later Central United Church, she also spent considerable time working with St. John Ambulance and travelling. Lillian never married. Lillian Mummery died on August 5, 1994 in Brandon, MB. She is buried at Brandon Municipal Cemetery.

Isabelle Burton Heeney (nee Allan) was born on May 11, 1902 on section 7-11-18 in the RM of Elton, north of Brandon, MB. Initially a public school teacher who taught in Kemnay, Oak Lake, Starbuck and in Brandon at David Livingstone School, Isabelle stayed home after her marriage to Fred Heeney on October 21, 1931. The couple had two children: Dennis and Margaret. Following Fred's retirement, the couple moved to Brandon. Isabelle was active in both community and church organizations, taking a special interest in the 4-H Club and the Daly House Museum. Isabelle Heeney died on June 2, 1996 in Brandon, MB. She is buried at Brandon Municipal Cemetery.

William Gordon Frazer was born on February 14, 1913 in Winnipeg, MB and raised at Beulah, MB. He received degrees from the University of Manitoba (BSc 1934, BEd 1935), then taught at Maple Leaf Collegiate from 1935-1939. In 1939, he married Dorothy Jean Gregory (1912-1990) and together they had two children: Donna and Harold. The family moved to Brandon in 1942, where Gordon taught at Brandon Collegiate Institute (BCI), serving as Vice-Principal (1959-1960) and Principal (1960-1966). He retired from teaching in 1973 from Harrison High School. Gordon was a Mason, a past president and life member of the Brandon Teachers' Association, and a director of the Westman Retired Educators. He was also an adjutant of the 82nd Squadron of the Royal Canadian Air Cadets for twelve years, as well as an active member of Knox United Church, serving as secretary to the Committee of Stewards and as a member of the group responsible for the construction of the new building. For fifteen years Gordon and his wife spent part of their winters in Hawaii. Gordon Frazer died on March 19, 1998 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 Lillian Mummery, Isabelle Heeney and Gordon Fraser about the history of Brandon Collegiate Institute, 1908-1974. The interviewer is Effie McPhail.

Notes: History/bio information from the records and obituaries for the interviewees. Description by Christy Henry.

Language Note: English

Conservation: Preservation copy made 2021 (R. Hess)

Audio Tracks



Gordon and Edna Chalmers interview

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14598>

Part Of: Westman Oral History collection

Description Level: Item

Item Number: OH201.Cha

Accession Number: 35-1998

GMD: sound recordings

Date Range: February 19, 1982

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

History /

Biographical:

Gordon Hayes Chalmers was born on September 30, 1893 at Hayfield, MB. In 1903, he came to Brandon. Edna Pearl Smyth was born on July 27, 1900 near Breckenridge Station in the county of Eardley, Quebec. She came west with her parents in 1902 to Carlyle, SK. In 1919, Edna came to Brandon, MB, where she took business training and worked as a housekeeper. Edna married Gordon in 1926, and together they raised five children - Jean, Harold, Evelyn, Allen and Dorothy - while farming in the Brandon district at Grand Valley. They retired from farming in 1968, and moved into Brandon. Gordon was a life member of St. Paul's Church and later of Central United Church, where he served as an elder and usher for many years. He was also a long time trustee of the Grand Valley School and served on the Brandon Fair Board.. Edna was also active in the church, where she was a member of the UCW. Gordon Chalmers died on October 14, 1982 in Brandon, MB. Edna Chalmers died on February 7, 1987 in Brandon, MB. They are both buried at Rosewood Memorial Gardens.

Custodial History:

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Scope and Content:

Item is an audiocassette tape containing an interview with Gordon Chalmers and Edna Chalmers about family history and early agriculture. Interviewer is Frank Anderson.

Notes: History/bio information from the records and obituaries for the Chalmers.
Description by Christy Henry.

Language Note: English

Audio Tracks



Gordon Mooney interview

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14599>

Part Of: Westman Oral History collection

Description Level: Item

Item Number: OH268.Moo

Accession Number: 35-1998

GMD: sound recordings

Date Range: October 4, 1982

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

History /

Biographical:

Gordon Alexander Mooney was born on July 31, 1905 in the RM of Wallace. He farmed in the Woodnorth area until 1966, then retired to Virden, MB. In addition to farming, Gordon was reeve of the RM of Pipestone from 1949-1951. In retirement he did volunteer work, acted as a caretaker of public buildings and was assistant to the Trustee of Bankruptcy. Gordon married Sarah Ellen Cook (1903-1931) on December 31, 1929. Ellen died while giving birth to their son, Glenn Edward. Gordon married Elizabeth Muir Torrance (1910-1985) on October 1, 1938, and together they had a daughter, Diane Elizabeth. Gordon Mooney died on August 31, 1987 in Virden, MB. He is buried at Virden Cemetery.

Custodial History:

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Scope and Content:

Item is an audiocassette tape containing an interview with Gordon Mooney about "The Mooney's of Woodnorth," a pioneer family. Interviewer is Ola Duncan.

Notes: History/bio information from the records, the local history "Hometown Virden" and Mooney's obituary. Description by Christy Henry.

Language Note: English

Audio Tracks



Gordon Patterson interview

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14600>

Part Of: Westman Oral History collection

Description Level: Item

Item Number: OH088.Pat

Accession Number: 35-1998

GMD: sound recordings

Date Range: November 12, 1981

Physical Description: 1 audio cassette [00:50:00]

History /

Biographical:

William Gordon Patterson was born on January 19, 1901 on 11-7-18 in the Chesley district. He farmed the home farm from 1947 to 1963, then retired to Wawanesa. Gordon married Hannah Jane Bryce (1906-1984) in April 1958. They had no children. Gordon Patterson died on February 22, 1988 in Wawanesa, MB. He is buried at the Patterson family cemetery.

Custodial History:

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Scope and Content:

Item is an audiocassette tape containing an interview with Gordon Patterson about the Chesley Beef Ring (1912-1949), the curling rink, storms in the area and private cemeteries. Interviewer is Elsie Cory.

Notes: History/bio information from the records, the Wawanesa and district local history "Sipiweske" and Patterson's obituary. Description by Christy Henry.

Language Note: English

Audio Tracks



Roy Gordon Coates interview

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14722>

Part Of: Westman Oral History collection
Description Level: Item
Item Number: OH054.Coa
Accession Number: 35-1998
GMD: sound recordings
Date Range: October 21, 1982
Physical Description: 1 audio cassette [0:20:00]

History /

Biographical:

Roy Gordon Coates was born on July 23, 1920 in Brandon, MB. He attended King George, Earl Haig and Central schools in the city. Following school, he began a career with the Canadian Pacific Railway (CPR) in 1939. Due to illness he was forced to retire in 1979. Roy married Thelma Cunningham (1922-1949) in 1942. In 1952, he married Norma Jean Orser (1932-?) in Souris, MB and together they had a daughter, Brenda Colleen. Roy was a member of the Brotherhood of Railway Clerks, Local 1113, the Orange Lodge, Sons of Ulster No. 1512, St. Paul's United Church, and later First Presbyterian Church where he served as superintendent of Sunday school. He enjoyed golf, fishing and music. In retirement he became active with the Hillcrest Adult Day Club. Roy Coates died on July 12, 1985 in Brandon, MB. He is buried at Brandon Municipal Cemetery.

Custodial History:

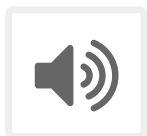
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Scope and Content:

Item is an audiocassette tape containing an interview with Roy Gordon Coates about the Coates' family association with the CPR. Interviewer is Marjorie Lange.

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

Audio Tracks



Ken Hanly collection

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions4067>

Part Of: RG 6 Brandon University fonds
Description Level: Sub-series
Series Number: MG 3 1.6
Accession Number: 16-1997
GMD: sound recordings
Date Range: 1974
Physical Description: 6 sound recordings

Physical Condition: Tapes are fragile

History /

Biographical:

Kenneth Ralph Hanly was born in Clinton, Ontario on July 30, 1932. He obtained his B.A. (Honors in English and Philosophy) from the University of Saskatchewan in 1959, his M.A. in Philosophy from the same institution in 1960, and his Ph.D. in Philosophy with honors from the University of Oregon in 1967. Hanly was initially appointed to the Philosophy Department at Brandon University in 1963. He retired as of June 30, 1996 and in 1998, the Board of Governors of Brandon University conferred the title of Professor Emeritus on him.

At Brandon University, Hanly was the poetry co-editor of "Pierian Spring" for 1982 and 1983, the editor for that publication for 1984 and 1985, and the editor of "Dollar Poems" from 1983-1987. He also served as a representative on the University Tenure Committee and the Senate. His research interests included the Canadian left and political radicalism and labour movements in Brandon. During his tenure at Brandon University he was active in the NDP and particularly interested in municipal politics.

Hanly was also a member of the Manitoba Police Commission (1982-1987), the Manitoba Law Reform Commission (1970s), Amnesty International, the Canadian Authors Association, the Manitoba Writer's Guild, the Manitoba Association of Rights and Liberties, and an associate member of the League of Canadian Poets (1984-1986).

As of January 2006, Ken Hanly divides his time between Oakburn, MB and the Philippines. He can be contacted at northsunm@yahoo.com.

Custodial History:

While doing research in 1974, Ken Hanly sent three tapes and a request to William Pritchard to record an oral history of the Socialist Party of Canada. The tapes were recorded in October of 1974. Wiszniowski and Pirozek were interviewed by Hanly himself in the same year. Magnacca was also interviewed by Hanly. Hanly kept these materials from 1974 until 1997 when he decided to donate them to the McKee Archives.

Scope and Content:

Fonds includes cassette tapes of a conversation with W. A. (Bill) Pritchard in which he provides an oral history of the Socialist Party of Canada (SPC) and describes his activities as a militant within the party from 1911 to 1927. Pritchard devotes a good deal of time to describing his many experiences as editor of the Western Clarion, the party newspaper, running in various elections, and his tours of B.C. and Alberta on behalf of the party. Pritchard also discusses the ideology of the Socialist Party of Canada and the ideological splits within it that occurred in the 1920s.

Fonds also includes a recording of a conversation with Brandon Communist Frank Wiszniowski dealing with Wiszniowski's involvement in various organizations following his arrival in Brandon in 1926. Fonds also includes a taped conversation with former Brandon Mayor Stephen Magnacca concerned with various features of political life in Brandon.

Notes: CD copies of the Pritchard tapes have been made.

Name Access: William Pritchard
Frank Wiszniowski
S. Magnacca
J. Pirozek

Subject Access: Socialist Party of Canada
Western Clarion
Canadian Marxism
Radicalism

Accruals:	Further accruals expected.
Repro Restriction:	Researchers are responsible for observing Canadian copyright restrictions.
Conservation:	Archives has determined that the Wiszniowski, Pirozek and Magnacca tapes are too fragile to make copies.
Location Original:	Originals and copies are being stored in the same box.
Storage Location:	MG 3 Brandon University Administration and Teaching 1.6 Ken Hanly
Related Material:	Copies of "Pierian Spring" and "Dollar Poems" are located in RG 6, series 7, sub sub series 7.1.2 (Faculty of Arts Publications).