

# S. J. McKee Archives



## George Crighton interview

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Part Of: Westman Oral History collection

Description Level: Item

Item Number: OH153.Cri

Accession Number: 35-1998

GMD: sound recordings

Date Range: February 13, 1983

Physical Description: 1 audio cassette [00:35:00]

### History /

### Biographical:

George H. Crighton was born on January 29, 1925 in the McConnell district. He married Myrtle Harriet Isabelle Westbrook (1934-2009) June 27, 1959, and together they had two sons: Ryan and Brent. The Crightons farmed Myrtle's family farm in the Hamiota district. George and Myrtle were heavily involved with the creation of the Cardale local history "Foot Prints & Chalk Dust." George Crighton died in 1992. He is buried at Marney Cemetery.

### Custodial History:

As part of the Westman Oral History Collection, this collection was accessioned by the McKee Archives in 1998. The original tapes from the Westman Oral History project were deposited in the Brandon Public Library. Copies of these originals were made by Margaret Pollex of the Brandon University Language Lab at the request of Eileen McFadden, University Archivist in the early 1990s. These copies compose the collection held in the McKee Archives.

### Scope and Content:

Item is an audiocassette tape containing an interview with George Crighton about his life, his parents and siblings, and early farm days. Interviewer is Stan Henry.

Notes: History/bio information from the records, the local history "Hamiota: Grains of the Century" and the Find a Grave website. Description by Christy Henry.

Language Note: English

### Audio Tracks



## George Grieve interview

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14592>

Part Of: Westman Oral History collection

Description Level: Item

Item Number: OH173.Gri

Accession Number: 35-1998

GMD: sound recordings

Date Range: February 17, 1982

Physical Description: 1 audio cassette [00:25:00]

History /

Biographical:

George Alexander Grieve was born on January 11, 1902 in Newstead, Melrose, Scotland. His family immigrated to Canada in June 1910, and settled in the Virden area of Manitoba.

George attended school in the Montgomery, Pacific and Arawana districts. George married Mary Dorothy Walker (1917-2012) on November 17, 1937 and together they raised two sons, Alex and Robert, as well as Mary's brother from infancy, Lloyd Walker. From 1942 to 1972, George served as a councillor for Ward 2 in the RM of Wallace. During this time he helped develop a network of roads. George was a member of the Arawansa Seed Club and a director of the Elkhorn Agricultural Society. Avid dancers, George called quadrilles for many years in Arawana and surrounding districts. He also enjoyed curling and playing cards. Due to his arthritis, George was confined to a wheelchair for the last fifteen years of his life. George Grieve died on June 14, 1990 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 George Grieve about Scottish immigrants, his life and early road building in Manitoba. Interviewer is Elmer Armstrong.

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

Language Note: English

### Audio Tracks

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## George Thomas interview

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14593>

Part Of: Westman Oral History collection

Description Level: Item

Item Number: OH245.Tho

Accession Number: 35-1998

GMD: sound recordings

Date Range: April 29, 1982

Physical Description: 1 audio cassette [00:26:00]

History /

Biographical:

George Thomas was born on December 24, 1888 in Birmingham, England. George married Beatrice Maud Taylor (1890-1970) on May 12, 1913 in Birmingham, England. The left for Canada a week later and settled in Neepawa where George's sister Alice already lived. In 1917, George started with the Canadian National Railway (CNR) as a Locomotive Foremans Clerk. George retired from the CNR in 1954, and promptly began a successful greenhouse. In his early days in Neepawa, George was Captain of the Neepawa Soccer Team, President of the CNR Recreation Association and also played cricket. He won numerous awards for his flowers in Neepawa, Brandon and Minnedosa, and was a life member of the Neepawa Horticultural Society, which he joined in 1916. He served on the Neepawa Parks Board for eighteen years and was made an Honorary Citizen of the Town of Neepawa in 1973. George and Beatrice had five children: Beatrice, Stanley, Jack, Mary and Roy. George Thomas died in 1985 in Neepawa, MB. He is buried at Neepawa Riverside Cemetery.

Custodial History:

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Scope and Content:

Item is an audiocassette tape containing an interview with George Thomas about his life, especially his work with the railroad and in horticulture. Interviewer is Winnie Cheetham.

Notes: History/bio information from the records, the Neepawa local history "Heritage," Ancestry.ca and the Billion Graves website. Description by Christy Henry.

Language Note: English

### Audio Tracks

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## W. George Flay interview

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14506>

Part Of: Westman Oral History collection

Description Level: Item

Item Number: OH021.Fla

Accession Number: 35-1998

GMD: sound recordings

Date Range: March 10, 1983

Physical Description: 1 audio cassette [00:57:06]

History /

Biographical:

William George Flay was born on March 7, 1909 in Bampton, Devonshire, England. He came to Canada with his mother and sister in 1916 to join his father, who had immigrated three years earlier. After living and farming in several southern Manitoba communities, George joined the army in 1941, and saw service in England and the continent with the 12th Manitoba Dragoons. He returned to Canada in 1946. George was employed with the Brandon Mental Health Centre (BMHC) for five years, then worked as secretary-manager of the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch No. 3, where he served until his retirement in 1974. He worked closely with the Department of Veteran Affairs (DVA) to promote veterans' rights. The Legion honored him with the Meritorious Service Medal and life membership for his work. George was also involved with many community services, including serving on the board of the Children's Aid Society for over thirty years. One of his greatest pleasures for over twenty-five years was the Majorette Corps he founded, which provided entertainment at many functions and parades in surrounding areas. George married Mary Olive Gwyer in 1939 and together they had five children: Robert Bruce, Charles, Morgan, Eva and Lois. George married his second wife Jeanne Greenlaw (1918-2013) in 1962, and together they created J&G Ranch, where they gardened, appreciated nature and did a lot of entertaining. George Flay died on November 13, 1991 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 George Flay about the history of the Royal Canadian Legion in Brandon, MB. The interviewer is Jeanne Flay.

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

Language Note: English

Conservation: Preservation copy made 2021 (R. Hess)

### Audio Tracks

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