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Molly Vance interview

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14698>

Part Of: Westman Oral History collection

Description Level: Item

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.

Custodial History:

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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.

Audio Tracks



William Sheridan interview

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14508>

Part Of: Westman Oral History collection

Description Level: Item

Item Number: OH228.She

Accession Number: 35-1998

GMD: sound recordings

Date Range: March 18, 1982

Physical Description: 1 audio cassette [00:30:58]

History /

Biographical:

William Sheridan was born on December 14, 1909 in Hamiota, MB. William lived in Hamiota until 1938, spent a year in Alberta and then served overseas with the Calgary Highlanders during the Second World War. Up until 1939, William had been a handyman but while enlisted in the military he worked as service personnel. Following the war, William returned to the Hamiota district where he farmed until 1952. Moving to Brandon in 1964, he was then employed at CFB Shilo until retiring in 1974. William married Freda Josephine Fry (1913-1998) in Bexhill, England on August 6, 1942. The couple had four children: Terry, Michael, Carol and Kathy. William Sheridan died on April 7, 1983 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 William Sheridan about riding the "rods" during the Great Depression of the 1930s. The interviewer is Hazel Rose.

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

Language Note: English

Conservation: Preservation copy made 2021 (R. Hess)

Related Material: OH 230 Molly Malinowski and Freda Sheridan interview

Audio Tracks



William Ridley Sheridan Wade collection

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions5731>

Part Of: RG 5 Western Manitoba Manuscript Collection

Description Level: Collection

Accession Number: 28-2007

GMD: graphic

Date Range: 1902-1951

Physical Description: 20 photographs (b/w)

Physical Condition: A couple of the photographs have tears or ink marks on them. Six of the photographs are on matting.

History /

Biographical:

W. Wade and Sons Lumber was originally established in Ninga, Manitoba c. 1902. The business and the family, who had been homesteading since 1885 (first near Deloraine where they also owned a lumber yard from 1887-1889, and then on a farm at Rhodes near Ninga), moved to Brandon in 1909. Wade and Sons was founded by William Unwin Wade, who operated it until his death in 1924; his sons James and William were made partners prior to his death and continued to run Wade and Sons after Unwin's death. The firm was incorporated in 1926 as Wade and Sons Limited. James Wade died in November 1951. William Wade sold the business to The North American Lumber and Supply Company Ltd. c. 1952. The sale included: the home yard office at 117 14th Street, Brandon; a sash and door factory of brick and tile; a warehouse on a 75 by 120 foot lot by the Canadian Pacific railway tracks; and an open lumber piling yard on a 50 by 120 foot lot.

Custodial History:

The photographs were in the possession of William Ridley Sheridan Wade, grandson of Unwin Wade since the 1950s. Following his death in July 2004, the photographs became the possession of his widow, Marion Wade. She donated the photographs to the McKee Archives in April 2007.

Scope and Content:

Fonds consists of black and white photographs, various sizes, of the W. Wade and Sons Lumber business, including buildings, trucks and employees. It also includes photos of members of the Wade family.

Photographs include:

1. W. Wade and Sons Lumber, Ninga, MB (1902) - 5.5" x 3.75" on matting - exterior of the office, with lumber storage in the background. Unwin Wade standing in front of the office on the right. The other man is unidentified.
2. Ninga, MB (1902) - 5.5" x 4" on matting - view of Main Street. Grain elevator(s?) on the right. Various businesses on the left. There are a number of carts, wagons etc. parked along the street.
3. Wade family at Rodes Siding, MB, family home near Ninga (c. 1902) - 5.75" x 4.5" on matting - various family members standing outside their home during winter.
4. Wade family portrait (n/d) - 5.5" x 4" on matting - Back L to R: Pearl, Ada, James, William; Middle L to R: William Unwin Wade, Eva, Elizabeth (nee Bawkes) Wade; Front: Hazel.
5. W. Wade & Sons Lumber, Brandon, MB (c. 1909) - 6" x 4" on matting - exterior of the office on the rights. Stored lumber and a horse drawn cart on the right. There are three men in the photograph. On the far left is Unwin Wade, in the middle is either James or Will Wade. The man on the right is unidentified. Photograph by J.W. Wilson and Co., Toronto.. There is a thumbprint in the upper right corner of the photograph.
6. W. Wade & Sons Lumber, Brandon, MB (1909) - 7" x 5" on matting - interior of the office. Unwin Wade behind the counter on the right. James Wade standing beside the door on the left. There are a variety of papers, calendars and ads on the walls and desk. There is a large tear in the upper left of the photograph.
7. Wade & Sons Limited, Builders Supplies, Brandon, MB (1951) - 6" x 4" - Staff portrait outside the office on 14th Street. Second from the left is Sherry Wade, James' son. Ninth from

the left is James Wade. On the far right is Murray Wade. Third from the right is Jack Patton, who ran the factory (they made windows).

8. Wade & Sons Limited, Builders Supplies, Brandon, MB (1951) - 6" x 4" - Three Wade & Sons trucks parked in front of the office on 14th Street. The men in the photograph are unidentified.

9. Wade & Sons Limited, Builders Supplies, Brandon, MB (1951) - 6" x 4" - Photo is looking down 14th Street, showing the Wade & Sons office and outbuildings. The same three trucks from 28-2007.8 appear in this photograph.

10. Men with vehicles (1926) - 4.25" x 2" - Outside Wade & Sons, photograph shows five men posed alongside Wade & Sons vehicles. The man on the far right is James Wade. The man on the far left is Will Wade. He is standing beside Albert Petit(?).

11. Wade & Sons Limited truck (1930) - 4.5" x 2.5" - Photo taken from the front of the truck, parked on Pacific Avenue, looking east. The truck carried lumber on its sides.

12. Wade & Sons, Limited truck (1930) - 4.5" x 2.5" - The truck in the photo is the same as the one in 28-2007.11, only this photo shows the side of the truck, including the Wade & Sons, Limited stencil on the side of the truck.

13. Wade & Sons, Limited truck (n/d) - 4.25" x 2.75" - Unidentified man stands beside an empty Wade & Sons lumber truck. The truck is parked on a residential street.

14. Wade & Sons, Limited truck (n/d) - 4.5" x 2.5" - Photo shows a man standing beside a Wade & Sons Limited truck. The truck bed appears to be full of shingles. A woman is sitting in the passenger seat.

15. East side of 14th Street (n/d) - 2.5" x 4.5" - Photo was taken from the back of a Wade & Sons truck and shows the east side of 14th Street looking northeast. It includes the corner of the Wade & Sons office (far left) and one of the outbuildings, possible during construction.

16. Overland car (c.1919) - 2.5" x 4.25" - Photo shows what is likely an Overland (with bald tires) parked on a residential street. Most of the hood and all of the passenger side are visible.

17. Wade family portrait (1927) - 4.5" x 2.5" - Includes Will and James Wade's families. Second from the left is Will Wade. Third from the left is James Wade. Fifth, sixth and seventh from the left are James Wade's children: Ruth, Gwen and Sheridan.

18. First Baptist Church choir (n/d) - 4.5" x 2.5" - Photo was taken from the balcony of the First Baptist Church on Lorne Avenue, Brandon, MB. It shows the choir in the choir loft (baptismal pool in the back centre), the minister at the pulpit and the organist.

19. Portrait outside the First Baptist Church (n/d) - 4.5" x 2.5" - L to R: Charles Stone, Baptist minister, ?, James Wade, ?.

20. Portrait outside the First Baptist Church (n/d) - 4.5" x 2.5" - L to R: ?, Charles Stone, ?, ?, James Wade, ?.

Notes: History/Bio information was supplied by Marion Wade. Brandon Sun articles and William Ridley Sheriden Wade's obituary were also used. Description by Christy Henry.

Storage Location: RG 5 Western Manitoba Manuscript Collection - photograph storage drawer



Mildred (Mollie) Kellet fonds

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions4834>

Part Of: RG 5 Western Manitoba Manuscript Collection

Description Level: Collection

Accession Number: 8-1999

GMD: textual records

Date Range: 1918; 1941; 1944

Physical Description: 2 cm

History /

Biographical:

Mildred (Mollie) Norton Kellet was born April 5, 1914, in Birmingham, England to Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Travers. At the age of 18, she joined the Cadbury Brothers Co. as a contometer. In 1942, she married George Crawford Kellet Jr. Mollie and George Kellet had two children together: Patricia (b. 1944) and Ian (b. 1949). In February of 1944, Mollie and her husband relocated to Manchester where George Kellet worked as an accountant.

Following World War II, the Kellets emigrated to Winnipeg, Canada. Mollie remained a mother and homekeeper until 1954, when she was hired as a secretary for Mitchell, Green, and Menouk Lawyers. She was also employed by The Bay and in the securities department of Montreal Trust Co, where she was the manager until 1966. She retired at age 65, but was recalled by the company to work until 1984, when she was 70 years old. In 1990, Mollie moved to Brandon to be closer to her daughter, Pat Alvestad. Due to complications from surgery and a weak heart, Mollie Kellet passed away on January 31, 1999.

George Crawford Kellet Jr. was born to George Crawford Kellet Sr. and Lizzie Auld Halliday Kellet on July 16, 1911, in Glasgow, Scotland. An only child, he attended private school, and in 1933, at the age of 21, he was the youngest Chartered Accountant graduate in Britain. At some point between 1933 and his marriage to Mildred (Mollie) Norton in 1942, George joined the British army; while with the army his job was to receive the orders concerning army accounting and process them for soldiers in the field.

George left the army after the war and sailed with his wife and daughter on the Mauretania for Canada. Upon settling in Winnipeg he worked for Family Fair. In 1956 and 1957, he continued to work while setting up his own accounting firm, Kellet & Co. He was also diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis in 1956. In 1971, George's health forced him to retire. Mollie continued to work at this time. Five years later she was unable to care for him adequately and he moved to a nursing home. In 1985, at age 74, George Kellet passed away.

Custodial History:

In January 2000, Pat Alvestad, the Kellets' daughter, donated this fonds to the McKee Archives.

Scope and Content:

The records contained within the Mollie Kellet fonds are contributions from both Mollie and her husband George. Included are: a collection of handwritten recollections by Mollie Kellet concerning her experiences during the Second World War (Mollie had been living in London and experienced life under German bombing); a document from WWI, presumably from her father, who was a veteran of this war; and records acquired by George Kellet during his service in the Second World War concerning the practical arrangements made to support troops following the 1944 D-day invasion of Nazi Europe. Marked "top secret," these records set out procedures for paying and provisioning the invading army.

Notes: CAIN No. 202659
Subject Access: George Kellet
World War I
D-day
memoirs
World War II
Storage Location: 1999 accessions
Storage Range: 1999 accessions



Roblin interview

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13447>

Part Of: CKX fonds
Creator: CKX
Description Level: Item
Series Number: R
Item Number: 11-2010.R46c
Accession Number: 11-2010
GMD: graphic
Date Range: after 1954
Physical Description: 2.5" x 2.5" (b/w)
Material Details: Negative

Custodial History:

See fonds level of the CKX records for custodial history.

Scope and Content:

Image of an interview panel.

Name Access: CKX
Duff Roblin
H.M. Dunfield
Oswald McKay
G.P. Sutherland
Ada Tobain
T.W. Pentland
Jim Struthers

Subject Access: persons
 on set
 interviews
 business and professional people
 broadcasting equipment
 television broadcasting

Storage Location: CKX fonds - 2010 accessions

Images





Roblin interview

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13448>

Part Of: CKX fonds
Creator: CKX
Description Level: Item
Series Number: R
Item Number: 11-2010.R46b
Accession Number: 11-2010
GMD: graphic
Date Range: after 1954
Physical Description: 2.5" x 2.5" (b/w)
Material Details: Negative

Custodial History:

See fonds level of the CKX records for custodial history.

Scope and Content:

Image of an interview panel.

Name Access: CKX
Duff Roblin
H.M. Dunfield
Oswald McKay
G.P. Sutherland

Subject Access: persons
on set
interviews
business and professional people
broadcasting equipment
television broadcasting

Storage Location: CKX fonds - 2010 accessions

Images





Roblin interview

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13449>

Part Of: CKX fonds
Creator: CKX
Description Level: Item
Series Number: R
Item Number: 11-2010.R46a
Accession Number: 11-2010
GMD: graphic
Date Range: after 1954
Physical Description: 2.5" x 2.5" (b/w)
Material Details: Negative

Custodial History:

See fonds level of the CKX records for custodial history.

Scope and Content:

Image of an interview panel.

Name Access: CKX
Duff Roblin
H.M. Dunfield
Oswald McKay
G.P. Sutherland
Ada Tobain
T.W. Pentland
Jim Struthers

Subject Access: persons
on set
interviews
business and professional people
broadcasting equipment
television broadcasting

Storage Location: CKX fonds - 2010 accessions

Images





Pony interview

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13645>

Part Of: CKX fonds
Creator: CKX
Description Level: Item
Series Number: P
Item Number: 11-2010.P14b
Accession Number: 11-2010
GMD: graphic
Date Range: 1967
Physical Description: 5" x 4" (b/w)
Material Details: Negative
Custodial History:

See fonds level of the CKX records for custodial history.

Scope and Content:

Image of a man and a pony.

Name Access: CKX
Subject Access: horses
persons
winter
Storage Location: CKX fonds - 2010 accessions

Images





Pony interview

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13646>

Part Of: CKX fonds
Creator: CKX
Description Level: Item
Series Number: P
Item Number: 11-2010.P14a
Accession Number: 11-2010
GMD: graphic
Date Range: 1967
Physical Description: 5" x 4" (b/w)
Material Details: Negative

Custodial History:

See fonds level of the CKX records for custodial history.

Scope and Content:

Image of men and a pony.

Name Access: CKX
Subject Access: horses
persons
winter
barns

Storage Location: CKX fonds - 2010 accessions

Images





Banshee interview

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions11263>

Part Of: CKX fonds
 Creator: CKX
 Description Level: Item
 Item Number: 11-2010.B9a(1) and (2)
 Accession Number: 11-2010
 GMD: graphic
 Date Range: after 1954
 Physical Description: 2 negatives - each 2.25" x 2.25" (b/w)
 Material Details: Negative
 Custodial History:

See fonds level of the CKX records for custodial history.

Scope and Content:

Images taken on set during the Banshee interview.

Name Access: CKX
 Subject Access: television broadcasting
 interviews
 Storage Location: CKX fonds - 2010 accessions

Images





Banshee interview

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions11266>

Part Of: CKX fonds
 Creator: CKX
 Description Level: Item
 Item Number: 11-2010.B9b(1) and (2)
 Accession Number: 11-2010
 GMD: graphic
 Date Range: after 1954
 Physical Description: 2 negatives - each 2.25" x 2.25" (b/w)
 Material Details: Negative
 Custodial History:

See fonds level of the CKX records for custodial history.

Scope and Content:

Images taken on set during the Banshee interview.

Name Access: CKX
 Subject Access: television broadcasting
 interviews
 Storage Location: CKX fonds - 2010 accessions

Images





Ed Schreyer interview

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13280>

Part Of: CKX fonds
Creator: CKX
Description Level: Item
Series Number: S
Item Number: 11-2010.S11
Accession Number: 11-2010
GMD: graphic
Date Range: 1969
Physical Description: 2.5" x 2.5" (b/w)
Material Details: Negative
Custodial History:

See fonds level of the CKX records for custodial history.

Scope and Content:

Image of an interview of Ed Schreyer.

Name Access: CKX
Ed Schreyer
Subject Access: interviews
ckx staff
elected officials
broadcasting
members of the Legislative Assembly
broadcasting equipment
Storage Location: CKX fonds - 2010 accessions

Images



Lynn Shier interview

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14432>

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



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



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

Audio Tracks

Elmer Travis interview

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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

Audio Tracks

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Hilton Ashton interview

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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

Audio Tracks



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.

Language Note: English

Audio Tracks

Dorothy Broomhall interview

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

Part Of: Westman Oral History collection
Description Level: Item
Item Number: OH003.Bro
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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Interview Date:	1981-12-03
Interviewer:	Isabelle Heeney
Interviewee:	Dorothy Broomhall
Location:	Brandon, Manitoba
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