

# S. J. McKee Archives



## J. Harvey Tolton interview

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14482>

Part Of: Westman Oral History collection

Description Level: Item

Item Number: OH219.Tol

Accession Number: 35-1998

GMD: sound recordings

Date Range: May 17, 1982

Physical Description: 1 audio cassette [01:01:50]

History /

Biographical:

James Harvey Tolton was born on February 19, 1898 on section 11-11-24W near Oak Lake, MB. Harvey farmed at Oak Lake from 1918-1948, at which point he semi-retired.

Subsequently, he and his wife moved to Brandon and Harvey bought a half-section of land east of the city where he was able to dedicated himself to perfecting oat seed. Throughout his life as a pedigreed seed grower, Harvey received local, national and international acclaim; he won the World Championship for registered seed oats and the World Championship for field crops for three consecutive years at the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair in Toronto, and he became a favourite of the Quaker Oats Company. He was forced to retire from seed growing due to an accident and illness.

When he was not farming, Harvey was serving his community. He was a member of the Brandon College Board of Governors, the Oak Lake and Harding agricultural societies, the Manitoba Agricultural Society advisory board, the Manitoba Provincial Exhibition Association, the Royal Manitoba Winter Fair, the Canadian Shorthorn Cattle Association, the Manitoba Seed Growers' Association, the Manitoba Swine Breeders' Association, the Agriculture Institute of Canada, the Kiwanis Club and Big Brothers. He also served on the council of the RM of Woodworth and on local school boards, was active in church affairs and 4-H. The Tourist Convention Association of Manitoba gave Harvey the Good Citizenship Award for making Manitoba a better place to live, and in 1976, Brandon University awarded him an honorary doctor of laws degree. In 1991, he was inducted into the Manitoba Agricultural Hall of Fame. Harvey married Jennie Eleanor Titmus (1896-1982) on December 8, 1919 and together they had five children: Roland, Roma, Phyllis, Fern and Beverley. Harvey Tolton died on July 29, 1987 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 Harvey Tolton about the history of the Tolton family, Harvey's life experiences and early agriculture. The interviewer is Frank Anderson.

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

Language Note: English

Conservation: Preservation copy made 2021 (R. Hess)

## Audio Tracks

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### J. Harvey Tolton interview

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14632>

Part Of: Westman Oral History collection

Description Level: Item

Item Number: OH220.Tol

Accession Number: 35-1998

GMD: sound recordings

Date Range: May 1, 1982

Physical Description: 1 audio cassette [0:30:00]

#### History /

#### Biographical:

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#### Custodial History:

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#### Scope and Content:

Item is an audiocassette tape containing an interview with Harvey Tolton about 4-H Clubs and the Kiwanis Club. Interviewer is Frank Anderson.

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

Language Note: English

### Audio Tracks

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## J. Stan Henry interview

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14633>

Part Of: Westman Oral History collection

Description Level: Item

Item Number: OH139.Hen

Accession Number: 35-1998

GMD: sound recordings

Date Range: February 3, 1983

Physical Description: 1 audio cassette [0:15:00]

History /

Biographical:

John Stanley Henry was born April 19, 1909 on the home farm at Oak River, MB. He attended Oak River school through Grade 11, then took agriculture at the University of Manitoba for one year before having to withdraw due to financial hardship. Stan then returned to the farm, where he remained for the rest of his life. Stan married Jean Elizabeth McCrindle (1916-1992) in 1942. Together they had three children: Cameron, Lynn and Leslie.

As a farmer, Stan was a Select Seed Grower, and with his son Cam, developed the J.S. Henry and Son Seed business. In 1981, he was elected a Roberson Associate of the Canadian Seed Growers Association. In his early years, Stan also raised purebred Shorthorn cattle. Stan enjoyed restoring and refinishing furniture, gardening and loved sports, especially baseball and curling, including coaching. In the community, Stan was an active member of the United Church and was a trustee on the local board and then the Rolling River school board for 23 years. Stan Henry died on October 15, 1986 in Brandon, MB. He is buried at Oak River Cemetery.

#### Custodial History:

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#### Scope and Content:

Item is an audiocassette tape containing a narration by Stan Henry about the Henry pioneers in the Oak River area.

Notes: History/bio information from the records and Henry's obituary. Transcript by Marshall Northam (2023). Description by Christy Henry.

Language Note: English

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## J. Walter Collinson interview

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14634>

Part Of: Westman Oral History collection

Description Level: Item

Item Number: OH146.Col

Accession Number: 35-1998

GMD: sound recordings

Date Range: June 16, 1983

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

History /

Biographical:

James Walter Collinson was born on March 6, 1900 in Newcastle-on-Tyne, England. He arrived in Canada in 1904, and lived in Carroll and then Souris, MB. From 1918-1938, Walter was a CPR yardmaster. He then took up farming. Walter married Muriel Ruby Lavery (1902-1981) in 1930. Together they had two children: Jim and Jeanne. The family was active in the community, particularly in music. Walter and Muriel played with Professor Racine during the Depression, as well as in orchestras and bands. During World War II, Walter delivered milk in the community. Walter also enjoyed gardening and would often deliver flowers to people in town who were unable to get out. Walter and Muriel retired to Souris in 1979. Walter Collinson died on February 13, 1981 at his home in Souris, MB. He is buried at Souris Glenwood Cemetery.

Custodial History:

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Scope and Content:

Item is an audiocassette tape containing a re-recording of a narration by Walter Collinson about the early days in Souris, MB, 1904-1913. Although Walter Collinson died in 1982, his family agreed to allow the Voices of Yesteryear group to include the interview in their project. The re-recording was made by F.M. Collinson in 1983.

Notes: History/bio information from the records, the Souris-Glenwood local history "The People of Souris and Glenwood," and Collinson's obituary.  
Description by Christy Henry.

Language Note: English

### Audio Tracks

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## Robert J. Campbell interview

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14717>

Part Of: Westman Oral History collection

Description Level: Item

Item Number: OH078.Cam

Accession Number: 35-1998

GMD: sound recordings

Date Range: May 19, 1982

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

History /

Biographical:

Robert James (RJ) Campbell was born on January 16, 1905 on Section 14-11-23 in the RM of Woodworth. He attended Education Point School. RJ worked in the Rivers area on a number of farms, then in 1925 went to Regina and worked in a garage. He returned to Manitoba shortly thereafter to work on his uncle's farm and then on the home farm with his mother until 1935. RJ married Edith Marian Bell (1913-2010) on December 23, 1937, and together they had two sons: Cordell and Urschel.

The family lived on the farm in the Brierwood district south of Harding until 1946, when they moved to Halls Bridge district north of Griswold where they continued to farm until 2006. RJ built all of the buildings on the farm including "Halls Bridge Dance Garden" in 1966. He loved to sing square dance calls, and along with Marian, travelled a great deal in North America and Europe, as well as a trip to the Soviet Union. Due to ill health, RJ moved to Hillcrest Place Personal Care Home in 2006. Robert Campbell died on February 14, 2007 in Brandon, MB. He is buried at Griswold Cemetery.

Custodial History:

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Scope and Content:

Item is an audiocassette tape containing an interview with Robert Campbell about farming in the 20th century. Interviewer is Phyllis M. Cairns.

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

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## William J. Montgomery interview

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14750>

Part Of: Westman Oral History collection

Description Level: Item

Item Number: OH212.Mon

Accession Number: 35-1998

GMD: sound recordings

Date Range: March 1, 1982

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

History /

Biographical:

William John Montgomery was born on March 5, 1903 in Elkhorn, MB. He was educated at McAlonen School. Bill married Elsie Sarah Elizabeth Leslie (1905-1998) in 1932, and together they had two sons, John Douglas and William Garry. The couple lived and farmed on section 24-11-28, until retiring to Elkhorn in 1974. Bill served as president of the Elkhorn fair and also as a municipal councillor. William Montgomery died in early 1989. He is buried at Elkhorn Cemetery.

Custodial History:

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Scope and Content:

Item is an audiocassette tape containing an interview with William Montgomery about homsteading, pioneer life and the railroads. Interviewer is Elmer Armstrong.

Notes: History/bio information from the records and the Find A Grave website.  
Description by Christy Henry.

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## Bernice C. East interview

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14528>

Part Of: Westman Oral History collection

Description Level: Item

Item Number: OH045.Eas

Accession Number: 35-1998

GMD: sound recordings

Date Range: December 4, 1981

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

History /

Biographical:

Bernice Caroline East (nee McDonald) was born on August 30, 1914 at Brookdale, MB in the RM of North Cypress. She attended Brookdale school, Brandon Collegiate Institute (BCI) and the Winnipeg Normal School. Her BA was achieved by correspondence and night classes from the University of Manitoba in 1963. As a teacher, Bernice taught at Tremaine, Brookdale, Minnedosa and Elton. Bernice married Laurence Overton East (1911-2003) on July 4, 1942. They did not have any children. The couple farmed in the Hunterville district until Laurie retired in 1976. They moved to Brandon in 1992. Bernice loved the outdoors and gardening, as well as square dancing and music. For a number of years, Bernice and Laurie kept a Bluebird line. The couple also enjoyed travel. Bernice was also active and supportive in community affairs, spending time as a Director on the Manitoba Agricultural Hall of Fame Board. Bernice East died on April 13, 2006 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 Bernice East about aspects of education in Odanah Municipality, 1880-1981. Interviewer is Mae Johnson.

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

Language Note: English

Related Material: OH044 Lawrie O. East

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## C. Lem Shuttleworth interview

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14534>

Part Of: Westman Oral History collection

Description Level: Item

Item Number: OH122.Shu

Accession Number: 35-1998



GMD: sound recordings  
Date Range: November 12, 1981  
Physical Description: 1 audio cassette [01:00:00]  
History /  
Biographical:

Charles Lemington Norman "Lem" Shuttleworth was born on September 28, 1910 on the family homestead in the RM of Odanah near Minnedosa, MB. He attended school at Rookhurst, Moore Park and the Manitoba College of Agriculture. A farmer, Lem started his career in politics as Reeve of the RM of Odanah. In 1949, he was elected to the provincial legislature serving as a cabinet minister until 1959 for Agriculture and Public Utilities in the government of Premier Douglas Campbell. In 1965, he was appointed as a member of the Canadian Board of Grain Commissioners; during this period he chaired a committee conducting a complete revision of the Canadian Grains Act. Lem was appointed the first chairman of the Board of the Canadian International Grains Institute in 1972.

Lem married Charlotte May Sedgwick (1912-1981) on September 25, 1935 and together they raised two children: Elaine and David. The family lived on the home farm and although they moved to Winnipeg in 1953, they continued to operate the farm. In 1977, Lem retired and he and Charlotte returned to the home farm near Minnedosa. In 1982, Lem received a Certificate of Merit from the University of Manitoba for his contribution in the field of agriculture, and in 1996, he was inducted as a member of the Manitoba Agricultural Hall of Fame. In retirement, Lem volunteered at the Minnedosa Heritage Museum, was an active member of the Prince of Wales Masonic Lodge, the Rotary Club of Minnedosa and the Minnedosa United Church. In 1995, Lem married his third wife, Mae Johnson. In 2001, Lem donated the family farm near Minnedosa to the University of Manitoba for research purposes. The land was subsequently known as the Shuttleworth Research Farm. Lem Shuttleworth died on April 13, 2006 in Minnedosa, MB. He is buried at Minnedosa Cemetery.

Custodial History:

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Scope and Content:

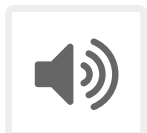
Item is an audiocassette tape containing an interview with Lem Shuttleworth about his experiences in politics in Manitoba. Interviewer is Mae Johnson.

Notes: History/bio information from the records, the Minnedosa local history "Minnedosa Valley views" and Shuttleworth's obituary. Description by Christy Henry.

Language Note: English

## Audio Tracks

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### C. Lem Shuttleworth interview

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14535>

Part Of: Westman Oral History collection  
Description Level: Item  
Item Number: OH137.Shu

Accession Number: 35-1998  
GMD: sound recordings  
Date Range: May 21, 1982  
Physical Description: 1 audio cassette [00:35:00]

History /

Biographical:

Charles Lemington Norman "Lem" Shuttleworth was born on September 28, 1910 on the family homestead in the RM of Odanah near Minnedosa, MB. He attended school at Rookhurst, Moore Park and the Manitoba College of Agriculture. A farmer, Lem started his career in politics as Reeve of the RM of Odanah. In 1949, he was elected to the provincial legislature serving as a cabinet minister until 1959 for Agriculture and Public Utilities in the government of Premier Douglas Campbell. In 1965, he was appointed as a member of the Canadian Board of Grain Commissioners; during this period he chaired a committee conducting a complete revision of the Canadian Grains Act. Lem was appointed the first chairman of the Board of the Canadian International Grains Institute in 1972.

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Scope and Content:

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Notes: History/bio information from the records, the Minnedosa local history "Minnedosa Valley views" and Shuttleworth's obituary. Description by Christy Henry.

Language Note: English

## Audio Tracks

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