

# S. J. McKee Archives



## Chester and Margaret McFadden interview

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14539>

Part Of: Westman Oral History collection

Description Level: Item

Item Number: OH283.MacF

Accession Number: 35-1998

GMD: sound recordings

Date Range: May 15, 1983

Physical Description: 1 audio cassette [00:45:00]

History /

Biographical:

Chester James McFadden was born on April 25, 1897 at Bradwardine in the RM of Daly. In 1904, his family moved to Broadview Farm southeast of Rivers, MB. Chester started school at Bradwardine, then attended Pendennis school. He continued his education at Rivers Collegiate. Chester farmed with his father until 1917, when he joined the Royal Flying Corps, and again from 1919-1926. In 1926, Chester purchased the family farm. Margaret "Madge" Rutherford was born September 23, 1896 at Wheatland in the RM of Daly. She attended Daly school. Prior to her marriage, Madge took homemaking training at Manitoba Agricultural College and training in nursing at the Brandon General Hospital. She was also a homemaker for her father and brother. Chester and Madge married on November 27, 1926. They raised their two children, Donald and Eileen, on Broadview Farm. Although they built their semi-retirement home overlooking Lake Wahtopanah in 1964, Chester continued to farm Broadview until he was 75, and continued to be actively involved in operations for another ten years after that. In 1984, Chester and Madge moved into Rivers.

Madge was a member of Daly Church and Rivers United Church, Daly Ladies' Aid, Rivers Ladies' Aid, Women's Missionary Society, the United Church Women, the Rivers Women's Institute and the Pendennis Guild of the Riverdale Hospital Auxiliary. Chester served Rivers Methodist Church and later Rivers United Church as a Tuxis boys' group leader in the 1920s and over the years as a Sunday school teacher and superintendent, a church elder and board member. He was also a trustee of the Rivers Consolidated School District for 25 years, a long-time member of the Manitoba Pool Elevators, and the Brandon Consumers Co-op. Madge McFadden died February 11, 1989 in Rivers, MB. Chester McFadden died May 9, 1989 in Brandon, MB. They are both buried at Rivers 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 a reproduction of an earlier interview with Chester and Madge McFadden talking about their life stories, as well as Rivers and district history. The original recording was made by James Penhale.

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

Language Note: English

Related Material: OH276 Eileen McFadden

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### Margaret Catley interview

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14680>

Part Of: Westman Oral History collection

Description Level: Item

Item Number: OH203.Cat

Accession Number: 35-1998

GMD: sound recordings

Date Range: October 15, 1981

Physical Description: 1 audio cassette [0:10:00]

#### History /

#### Biographical:

Marguerite Clemintine "Margaret" Catley (nee Jamieson) was born on May 14, 1916 in Hamiota, MB. She moved to Brandon, MB in 1935, where she worked as a nurse until retiring in 1974. Marg married Oswald Roy Catley (?-1987) in Brandon on September 3, 1949. They had no children. Margaret was a member of Naomi Rebekah Lodge. Margarget Catley died on December 22, 1992 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 Margaret Catley about health services, specifically the Westman Mastectomy Visitation Group. Interviewer is Phyllis Long.

Notes: History/bio information from the records, the Hamiota local history "Hamiota: Grains of the Century 1884-1984," and the Brandon Municipal Cemetery website. Description by Christy Henry.

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## Margaret Smith interview

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14681>

Part Of: Westman Oral History collection

Description Level: Item

Item Number: OH256.Smi

Accession Number: 35-1998

GMD: sound recordings

Date Range: May 7, 1982

Physical Description: 1 audio cassette [0:25:00]

History /

Biographical:

Margaret Winnifred Smith (nee Scarrow) was born November 7, 1902 in Rathwell, MB. She took her schooling at Rathwell and became a telephone operator. She then went to Vancouver and then back to Winnipeg where she received comptometer instruction at Success Business College. Following her studies, she worked at Speirs-Parnell (which became Westons). While in Winnipeg she joined the United Church Central Congregational Choir and the CNR Choral Society. She met Henry Bernard "Harry" Smith (?-1974) at Speirs-Parnell and they were married in 1928. They had no children.

When Harry joined the RCAF in 1939, Margaret went with him to Vancouver and then Saskatoon. They were living in Ladner, BC at the end of the Second World War. While in Saskatoon Margaret was president of the Airmen's Wive Group, and a member of Knox United Church choir. In Ladner she was choir leader in the United Church. In 1945, the couple moved to Neepawa, where Harry started a business with Fred Anderson called Smith and Anderson Radio Electric. In Neepawa, Margaret joined the United Church choir, was president of the Missionary Society and the Business & Professional Women's Club, and a member of UCW. Margaret Smith died on January 26, 1999 in Neepawa, MB. She is buried at Riverside Cemetery.

Custodial History:

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Scope and Content:

Item is an audiocassette tape containing an interview with Margaret Smith about her life story and that of her husband, Harry. Interviewer is Winnie Cheetham.

Notes: History/bio information from the records, the Neepawa local history "Heritage," and Smith's obituary. Description by Christy Henry.

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## Margaret Wetherill interview

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14684>

Part Of: Westman Oral History collection

Description Level: Item

Item Number: OH234.Wet

Accession Number: 35-1998

GMD: sound recordings

Date Range: April 12, 1983

Physical Description: 1 audio cassette [0:25:00]

History /

Biographical:

Margaret Ida Oliver Wetherill (nee Mack) was born on May 26, 1912 in the Rural Municipality of Langord. She lived in Oberon from 1912-1967, and then moved to Neepawa. Margaret married Austin Verril Oliver (1904-1971) in 1934 and together they had two children: Stanley and Karen. During her marriage Margaret was a housewife, but she also served as a trustee for the Beautiful Plains School Division and held a number of offices in the Manitoba Farmer's Union from 1955-1968. Following her first husband's death, Margaret married Arnold William Wetherill (1913-1995). The couple enjoyed travelling in their retirement. Margaret Wetherill died between 2006 and 2016. She is buried at Riverside Cemetery in Neepawa, MB.

Custodial History:

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Scope and Content:

Item is an audiocassette tape containing an interview with Margaret Wetherill about Oberon village history, 1902-1983. Interviewer is Dorothy Martin.

Notes: History/bio information from the records, the Find A Grave website and Stanley Oliver's obituary. Description by Christy Henry.

### Audio Tracks

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