

# S. J. McKee Archives



## Alex Black interview

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Part Of: Westman Oral History collection

Description Level: Item

Item Number: OH148.Bla

Accession Number: 35-1998

GMD: sound recordings

Date Range: February 3, 1983

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

History /

Biographical:

Alexander Hector Black was born on August 31, 1901 in Oak River, MB. Alex lived in the Oak River area his entire life, farming until he retired in 1976. He married Blanche Edith Paddock (1905-1985) on October 14, 1936 and together they had four children: Frank, Margaret, Melvin and Eileen. The couple moved into Oak River in 1976, and Alex remained in the home until 1997. Alex was active in the community as a member of the church board, treasurer of the church, and Sunday School Superintendent. He was also a member of the school board and the Pool Elevator board, as well as a director of the Agricultural Society (1925-1987). Alex Black died on April 1, 1999 in Hamiota, MB. He is buried at Oak River 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 Alex Black about his life from crofter to a modern farmer. Interviewer is Stan Henry.

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

Language Note: English

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Interview Date:

1983-03-03

Narrator (Interviewee):

Alexander Black

Interviewer:

Shan Henry

Location:

Old River, Manitoba

Transcriber:

Roy Fletcher

Date Transcribed:

2023-05-27

Recording Format:

Audio Cassette

Length of Recording:

00:17:28

Question: Today is February the third 1983 the following is an interview at the home of Alex and Marlene Black in Old River, Manitoba. Alex has lived in the district the entire life and received part of his education at Maple Wood School and the remainder in Oak River. He has operated the home farm until retiring to Oak River in 1976. (.)

Answer: No, I've not met her.

Q: No, Alex I would like to start out by asking you where your grandparents and on your dad and uncle came from to Oak arriving before arriving in Oak River?

Q: Well, my grandparents were here in Scotland, with I don't know much about the history of my mother's parents but on my mother or my dad's father but his mother was an Irish Scot and the Smith family lived

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Interview Date:

1983-03-03

Narrator (Interviewee):

Alex McPhail

Interviewer:

Frank Anderson

Location:

Brandon, Manitoba

Transcriber:

Alexa Davidson

Date Transcribed:

2023-08-28

Recording Format:

Cassette

Length of Recording:

00:00:00

[00:00:00]

Today is February the 13th 1982. This interview is conducted with Alex McPhail of Brandon, at his residence 611 Elmore Street Brandon, MB. McPhail has had a long and distinguished career as an agricultural in the Brandon area, and also as manager of the Provincial Exhibition and the Manitoba Winter Fair. This interview is conducted by Frank Anderson, for the Westman Oral History Association project "Stories of Testimony."

[00:00:07] Question: Alex, what do you know about the early McPhail history in Canada and when did they come to the (present) South Brandon area?

## Alex McPhail interview

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Part Of: Westman Oral History collection

Description Level: Item

Item Number: OH206.McP

Accession Number: 35-1998

GMD: sound recordings

Date Range: February 13, 1982

Physical Description: 1 audio cassette [01:01:19]

History /

Biographical:

Peter Alexander (P.A.) Alex McPhail was born on July 11, 1897 in the RM of Elton. Raised on the family farm in Forrest, MB, he was the eldest son of Archie and Mary McPhail who came to Manitoba from Ontario. Alex took over the farm in 1915, and farmed there until 1949, when he and his family moved to Brandon. During the First World War, Alex was a lieutenant in the Royal Canadian Air Force. He married Effie Irene Weir (1900-1999) in 1933 and together they raised four children: Ronald, Malcolm, Archie and Donna. Effie and Alex were both active members of their community. Alex was especially involved in the agricultural community and won many prizes over the years for his livestock. From 1954-1965, Alex was the General Manager for the Provincial Exhibition Association of Manitoba and the Manitoba Winter Fair. He also served one term as the president of the Canadian Association of Exhibitions. Additionally, Alex was on the Brandon General Hospital board, the Brandon College board, and was a member of the Kiwanis and Shriners clubs. He was also involved in local sports. Both Alex and Effie McPhail were active members of the United Church. Alex McPhail died on June 28, 1989 in Brandon, MB. He is buried at Humesville Cemetery.

Custodial History:

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## Scope and Content:

Item is an audiocassette tape containing an interview with Alex McPhail about his family history, agriculture, the Provincial Exhibition Association of Manitoba and the Manitoba Winter Fair. Interviewer is Frank Anderson.

Notes: History/bio information from the records and the description for the Effie and Alex McPhail collection at the Daly House Museum. Transcript by Alana Donohoe (2017). Description by Christy Henry.

Language Note: English

Conservation: Preservation copy made 2021 (R. Hess)

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## Alice May interview

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14517>

Part Of: Westman Oral History collection

Description Level: Item

Item Number: OH166.May

Accession Number: 35-1998

GMD: sound recordings

Date Range: October 20, 1981

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

History /

Biographical:

Alice May (nee Heal) was born August 13, 1910 in Strathclair, MB to Charles and Kristina Heal. Alice worked as a secretary and bookkeeper and then as a homemaker. She married Frank May (1901-1985) on November 16, 1932 and together they had two children: Frances and Arthur. The family moved to Strathclair in 1946. Alice May died on August 10, 2006 in Shoal Lake, MB. She is buried at Strathclair Municipal Cemetery.

### Custodial History:

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### Scope and Content:

Item is an audiocassette tape containing an interview with Alice May about the family history of the Heals. Interviewer is William R. Patterson.

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

Language Note: English

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Interview Date:	1982-01-29
Interviewer(s):	William R. Patterson
Interviewee(s):	Alice May
Location:	Brandon, Manitoba
Format:	Audio
Date Transcribed:	2023-01-26
Transcribing Format:	Cassette
Length of Recording:	00:15:00

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Interview Date:	1982-01-29
Interviewer(s):	William R. Patterson
Interviewee(s):	Alice May
Location:	Brandon, Manitoba
Format:	Audio
Date Transcribed:	2023-01-26
Transcribing Format:	Cassette
Length of Recording:	00:15:00

Beatrice Carr interview

## Beatrice Carr interview

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Part Of: Westman Oral History collection

Description Level: Item

Item Number: OH264.Car

Accession Number: 35-1998

GMD: sound recordings

Date Range: January 29, 1982

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

History /

Biographical:

Ida Beatrice "Bea" Carr (nee Johnson) was born on December 23, 1912 in Brandon, MB. Bea attended school in Brandon, including Brandon Collegiate Institute (BCI). She worked at Doig's in downtown Brandon for many years, retiring in 1976. Bea married Thomas George Carr (1905-1992) in 1943. They had no children. Bea was a member of Central United Church and the UCW. She was also a member of the Teck Chapter of the IODEI and loved playing golf and bridge. Beatrice Carr died on November 11, 1995 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 Bea Carr about pioneers, the Power and William Johnson families, and Rhoda Tennant. Interviewer is Marjorie Lange.

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

Language Note: English

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Item ID: OH264

Accession: OH264

Interviewer: Marjorie Lange

Interviewee: Ida Beatrice Carr

Location: Brandon, Manitoba

Accession Date: 1998-05-01


Processing Status: Processed


Length of Recording: 00:15:00

Notes:

The item is a cassette tape, 90 minutes long. The following is a summary of the interview with Ida Beatrice Carr, conducted by Marjorie Lange on May 1, 1998. The interview took place in the Westman Oral History Collection, Brandon, Manitoba. The interview is a part of the Westman Oral History Collection, which is a project of the Westman Oral History Society. The interview is a part of the Westman Oral History Collection, which is a project of the Westman Oral History Society. The interview is a part of the Westman Oral History Collection, which is a project of the Westman Oral History Society.

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## Betty Gibson interview

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Part Of: Westman Oral History collection

Description Level: Item

Item Number: OH058.Gib



Accession Number: 35-1998  
GMD: sound recordings  
Date Range: October 21, 1981  
Physical Description: 1 audio cassette [00:39:31]

#### History /

#### Biographical:

Betty Margaret Gibson was born on July 14, 1911 in Brandon, MB. She attended primary school in Alexandra and Park schools, and took her teachers education at the Brandon Normal School. She began her teaching career in 1929. Teaching first in Deloraine and Chater, in 1936, Gibson travelled to South Africa to be the headmistress at Kingsmead College, Johannesburg. She returned to Brandon ten years later to take up the post of Principal at Fleming School. During this time she completed a BA from Brandon College (1959). Attaining her Master's degree in Early Childhood Education, she taught at the University of Saskatoon and Brandon College/University. At Brandon University she was heavily involved with Indigenous teacher programs, including BUNTEP, PENT and IMPACT. She was briefly the Assistant Superintendent for the Brandon School Division (1967-1968). Gibson was active in the Children's Aid Society, co-created and appeared in a television show called "Common Sense About Reading" (CBC), and was the author of a children's book called "The Story of Little Quack." Gibson received the Centennial Medal in 1967, and the J.M. Brown Award (1974), for contribution to education in Manitoba. She was awarded an Honorary Doctorate of Liberal Laws from BU in 1975, and even in retirement continued to teach education courses at BU and help children with reading disabilities. In 2003, she was inducted into Brandon University's Hall of Fame. Betty Gibson School in the Brandon School Division is named in her honor. Gibson never married. Betty Gibson died on February 23, 2001 in Brandon, MB. She is buried at Rosewood Memorial Gardens.

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#### Scope and Content:

Item is an audiocassette tape containing an interview with Betty Gibson about her teaching career. Interviewer is JE Bateman.

Notes: History/Bio information taken from the Manitoba Historical Society, The Brandon Sun and the records. Transcript by Nathan Qumsieh (2014).  
Description by Christy Henry.

Language Note: English

Conservation: Preservation copy created 2021 (R. Hess)

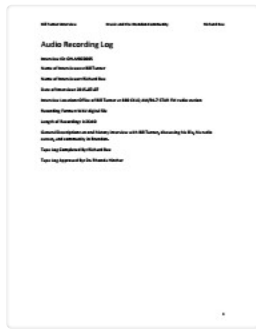
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## Bill Turner interview tape log

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14608>

Part Of: Music and the Brandon community collection

Creator: Richard Bee

Description Level: Item

Item Number: 8-2015.5b

Accession Number: 8-2015

GMD: electronic records

Date Range: Summer 2015

Physical Description: 5 pages

Material Details: PDF

History /

Biographical:

A tape log was created by Richard Bee for each of the interviews he conducted as part of the Music and the Brandon community project.

Custodial History:

Item was in Richard Bee's possession until he donated it to the McKee Archives in 2015.

Scope and Content:


Item is the tape log Richard Bee created for his interview with Bill Turner. The log provides a time breakdown for the interview, along with more details about the subjects discussed.


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# Clarence B. Spurr interview

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Part Of: Westman Oral History collection  
Description Level: Item  
Item Number: OH053.Spu  
Accession Number: 35-1998  
GMD: sound recordings  
Date Range: October 28, 1981  
Physical Description: 1 audio cassette [00:59:55]  
History /  
Biographical:

Clarence Benjamin Graham? Spurr, was born in on February 13, 1891 in Bancroft, Ontario. Spurr began working for the Canadian Pacific Railway in 1914 as a station agent at Rocanville, SK and spent many years as an agent in various communities in Saskatchewan and Manitoba before retiring in 1955. In 1923, he married Elizabeth Wallace Lindsay (1893-1979) and they raised three children, sons Ewart and Delbert and adopted niece Verna Spurr. Clarence and Elizabeth moved to Brandon, MB following his retirement. Spurr joined the Canadian military in 1915, and was initially sent to Camp Hughes. A signaller and runner, he spent 1916-1918 overseas. Clarence Spurr died on December 21, 1982 in Brandon, MB. He is buried at Brandon Municipal Cemetery.

## Custodial History:

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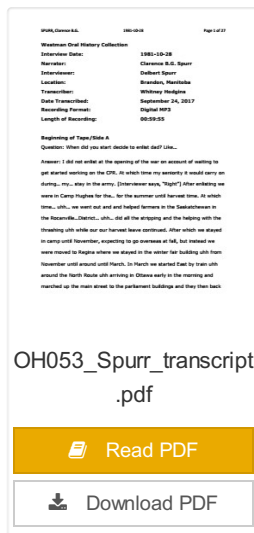
## Scope and Content:

Item is an audiocassette tape containing an interview with Clarence B.G. Spurr about his experiences during World War I. Spurr discusses and reminisces about details of the Great War and some of the major turning points within it from Vimy Ridge, Lamont, Mons, Neuville-Saint-Vaast and the Armistice that ended the war on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day in November from the perspective of a Canadian soldier. Interviewer is Delbert Spurr.

Notes: History/bio information from the records and Spurr's obituary. Transcript by Whitney Hodgins (2017). Description by Christy Henry.  
Access Restriction: Content Warning: Some of the material discussed in the interview is sensitive in nature, dealing with the war and some of the gruesome acts that go with it. Listener discretion is advised.  
Language Note: English

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## Clifford Clarke interview

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14448>

Part Of: Westman Oral History collection

Description Level: Item

Item Number: OH167.Cla

Accession Number: 35-1998

GMD: sound recordings

Date Range: March 11, 1982

Physical Description: 1 audio cassette [00:30:16]

History /

Biographical:

Clifford McDonald Clarke was born on March 23, 1914 on section 8/12/29, near Elkhorn, MB. He married Margaret Eleanor Hayward (1918-2003) in 1937, and together they had four children: Larry, Donald, Rose Marie and Kaylynn. Cliffe was a farmer for many years (1937-1952) in the Mossiel area. While in the Mossiel district, Cliff served on the school board, was active in baseball and hockey, and was a member of the L.O.L. lodge. Cliff moved to Elkhorn in 1951, and in 1968 became the curator for the Elkhorn Automobile Museum. Prior to assuming the role of curator, Cliff was involved with the museum board, working with the first curator, Isaac Clarkson. While living in Elkhorn, Cliff served on the town council and was chairman of the Elkhorn Centennial Committee in 1970. Clifford McDonald Clarke died on August 17, 1989 in Virden, MB. He is buried at Elkhorn Cemetery.

Custodial History:

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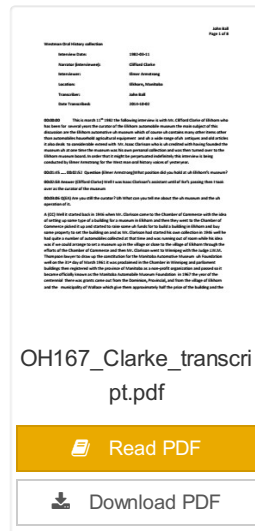
Scope and Content:

Item is an audiocassette tape containing an interview with Clifford Clarke about the Elkhorn Automobile Museum and its first curator, Isaac Clarkson. Interviewer is Elmer Armstrong.

Notes:	History/bio information taken from the records, the Elkhorn local history "Steel and Grass Roots" and Clarke's obituary. Transcript by John Ball (2014). Description by Christy Henry.
Language Note:	English
Related Material:	OH151 Clifford Clarke OH169 Clifford Clarke

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## Dorothy Broomhall interview

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

Part Of: Westman Oral History collection

Description Level:	Item
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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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## Edward P. Boyle interview

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14559>

Part Of: Westman Oral History collection

Description Level: Item

Item Number: OH243.Boy

Accession Number: 35-1998

GMD: sound recordings

Date Range: May 15, 1981

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

## History /

### Biographical:

Edward Peter "EP" Boyle was born on January 7, 1887 in Watertown, Minnesota. After training as a creamery operator with Hutchinson Produce Company for five years, EP bought the Shellmouth Creamery near Russell, MB in 1913. He married Rose Mary McHale (1887?-1973) in 1915. The couple had six children: Jack, Irene, Winnifred, Robert, Kenneth and Forrest. In 1916, EP his second creamery, the Laurentian Milk Company in Neepawa, MB, which became known as the Neepawa Creamery & Produce Company. In 1933, EP bought another non-functioning plant, Central Creameries of Brandon, which was renovated and successfully managed by his brother Neil Boyle. EP retired in the late 1960s after incorporating his business in 1958. EP was active in the Roman Catholic church in Neepawa, served as president of the local Board of Trade and the Manitoba Dairy Association. He was a charter member of both the Neepawa BPOE and the Neepawa Golf Club. Edward Boyle died on February 4, 1990 in Neepawa, MB. He is buried at Riverside Cemetery.

### Custodial History:

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### Scope and Content:

Item is an audiocassette tape containing an interview with Edward Boyle about buttermaking in Neepawa, MB. Interviewer is Winnie Cheetham.

Notes: History/bio information taken from the records and Boyle's obituary.  
Transcript by Simon Richard (2023). Description by Christy Henry.

Language Note: English


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Interview Date	1987-08-14
Interviewer(s)	Winnie Cheetham, "T" Boyd
Interviewee(s)	Edward Boyle
Location	Neepawa, Manitoba
Topic(s)	Buttermaking
Other Names	Edward Boyle
Recording Format	Audiocassette
Length of Recording	00:00:00

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## Elmer Travis interview



<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14437>

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

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## Emma Pratt interview

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Part Of: Westman Oral History collection

Description Level: Item

Item Number: OH097.Pra

Accession Number: 35-1998

GMD: sound recordings

Date Range: May 24, 1982

Physical Description: 1 audio cassette [00:40:50]

History /

Biographical:

Emmaline "Emma" Garland Pratt was born on November 15, 1884 in Portage la Prairie, MB. She spent her early life in the village, approximately two miles down the river from Portage la Prairie. She received her education and studied music, voice and organ at the Portage Presbyterian Boarding School; while school age, she lived with white missionaries Mr and Mrs. Brown. She was adopted by the Garland family in Portage la Prairie.

Emma came to the then Oak River Reserve in 1904, to be with her mother following a family crisis. The same year, she married Matthew Tunkancekigana, who was later given the surname Pratt. The couple resided in Sioux Valley, where Matthew farmed and did farm work. Matthew died in 1951. Emma dedicated her life to her family and in service to her community, especially through her church St. Luke's Anglican Church at Sioux Valley, where she was church organist for 75 years. In 1961, she received life membership in the Women's Auxiliary of theocese of Brandon and in 1977, she received a Good Citizenship Award from the Lieutenant-Governor. The Pratts had eleven children, including Allan, Donald, Archie, Ina, Hilda, and Dorothy. Allan was a chief on the Sioux Valley Reserve, Donald was a Reverend with the Anglican Church. Three other children died of tuberculosis. Emma Pratt died in January 1989.

## Custodial History:

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## Scope and Content:

Item is an audiocassette tape containing an interview with Emma Pratt about her childhood and early married years as a Sioux woman. Interviewer is Phyllis Cairns.

Notes: History/bio information taken from the records, and articles in The Brandon Sun reporting on Pratt's 100th birthday celebration (November 22, 1984) and her death (January 16, 1989). Transcript by Brianna Workman (2014). Description by Christy Henry.

Language Note: English

Conservation: Preservation copy created 2021 (R. Hess)

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## Ethel Allen interview

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14578>

Part Of: Westman Oral History collection

Description Level: Item

Item Number: OH181.All

Accession Number: 35-1998

GMD: sound recordings

Date Range: November 22, 1982

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



## History /

### Biographical:

Ethel Elizabeth Mary Allen (nee Baker) was born on June 30, 1915 on Springhill Farm in the RM of Rosedale. She attended Springhill School and Neepawa Collegiate. An accomplished pianist, she formed a band with her brothers and together they played many dances. Ethel married William Allen (1902-1964) in June 1938 and together they had one son, Larry. Following the marriage, the couple lived in the residence at Howden elevator where Bill was the elevator agent for the Ogilvie company. Ethel helped Bill with bookkeeping. When Bill died, Ethel moved to Neepawa, where she worked for the Osborn Senior Citizens Home for a number of years. A long time member of the Order of the Eastern Star, Naomi Chapter No. 11, Ethel enjoyed curling, sewing and travel. Ethel Allen died on May 14, 2001 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 Ethel Allen about the history of the Potter-Baker Centennial Farm. Interviewer is Isabelle Heeney.

Notes: History/bio information from the records and the local history "The Beautiful Plains Story, 1983-2008." Transcript by Sarah Gerdis-Filipchuk (2023). Description by Christy Henry.

Language Note: English

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## Documents

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Interview date: 1983-05-22

Interviewer: Isabelle Heeney

Interviewee: Ethel Allen

Location: Neepawa, Manitoba

Repository: Brandon University Library

Item number: OH181-01

Recording format: Audio Cassette (90 min)

Length of recording: 45:00

[Single Transcript: OH181-01]

Title: Interview with Ethel Allen, 1983, about the history of the Potter-Baker Centennial Farm.

To the best of the knowledge and belief of the interviewer, the interviewee, and the repository, the information contained in this transcript is true and accurate.

Transcript will give a short history of the history of the Potter-Baker Centennial Farm.

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Source: Westman Oral History Collection

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## Ethel Hall interview



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Part Of: Westman Oral History collection

Description Level: Item

Item Number: OH297.Hal

Accession Number: 35-1998

GMD: sound recordings

Date Range: June 16, 1982

Physical Description: 1 audio cassette [00:07:35]

History /

Biographical:

Ethel Maude Hall was born in the Cameron Municipality around 1901. She worked as a housekeeper and never married. Until 1965, she also farmed in the Millerway district northeast of Hartney with her brother William J "Bill" Hall (1899-1989), sister Mary E "Nellie" (1904-1983) and Joseph E. "Joe" Clark (1893-1981). When they sold the farm, the family moved to Hartney. Nellie and Ethel were active in a variety of organizations including the United Church, the Horticultural Society and the Willing Workers. The family all enjoyed travel as well as the Hart-Cam Centre and sports at the rink. Ethel Hall died on May 5, 1991 in Hartney, MB and is buried in the Elgin Cemetery.

Custodial History:

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Scope and Content:

Item is an audiocassette tape containing an interview with Ethel Hall about threshing.

Interviewer is Mary Thomas.

Notes: History/bio information taken from the records and the RM of Cameron local history "A Community with Spirit: 1982-2002." Transcript by Nathan Qumsieh (2014). Description by Christy Henry.

Language Note: English

## Audio Tracks

## Documents

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## Eva Nelson interview

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Part Of: Westman Oral History collection

Description Level: Item

Item Number: OH295.Nel

Accession Number: 35-1998

GMD: sound recordings

Date Range: October 1981

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

History /

Biographical:

Eva Nelson (nee Harrison) was born on July 5, 1896 in Killarney, MB. Raised in Holmfeld, MB where her family owned and operated a mill, Eva married Mark Nelson (1888-1946) on July 4, 1917, in Turtle Mountain. The couple farmed at Dry River, MB and raised three children: Iva, Enid and Merton. Eva Nelson died on August 9, 1989 in Pilot Mound, MB. She is buried at Greenwood Cemetery.

Custodial History:

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Scope and Content:

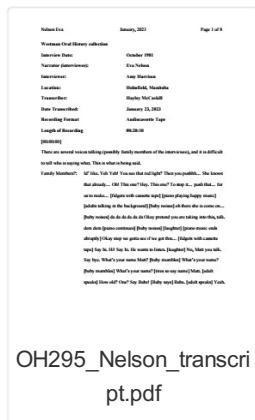
Item is an audiocassette tape containing an interview with Eva Nelson about Holmfeld Village, 1895-1910. Interviewer is Amy Harrison.

Notes: History/bio information from the records, the Find a Grave website and Nelson's obituary. Transcript by Hayley McCaskill (2023). Description by Christy Henry.

Language Note: English

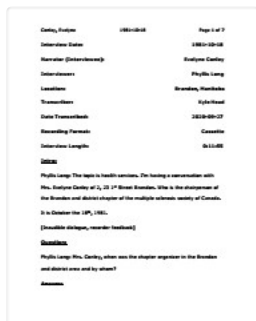
## Audio Tracks

## Documents



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## Evelyne Conley interview

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Part Of: Westman Oral History collection

Description Level: Item

Item Number: OH204.Con

Accession Number: 35-1998

GMD: sound recordings

Date Range: October 18, 1981

Physical Description: 1 audio cassette [00:11:55]

History /

Biographical:

Mary Evelyn Conley (nee Dixon) was born on November 30, 1919 in Carievale, SK. She lived in Carievale until 1940, at which point she moved to Brandon, MB. In Brandon she received her nurses training, graduating as an RN in 1943, and then working at Brandon General Hospital (BGH). In 1945, she moved to Toronto where she continued working as a nurse and also married Murray Ross Conley (1919-1998) on April 21, 1945. The couple had three children: Judith, Sharon and Bradley. After a year in Toronto, Evelyn returned to Brandon to raise her family and work as a private nurse at BGH. She retired from Fairview Personal Care Home in 1971, to care for her son, who developed multiple sclerosis (MS) in his 20s. This experience precipitated Evelyn's involvement with the MS Society. Evelyn Conley died on September 3, 2013 in Brandon, MB. She is buried at Rosewood Memorial Gardens.

Custodial History:

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Scope and Content:

Item is an audiocassette tape containing an interview with Evelyn Conley about health services, specifically the Multiple Sclerosis Society of Canada. The interview includes a brief history of the MS Society, the trials and tribulations of funding, and Evelyn's personal ties to the organization. In particular she discusses the Prairie Division and the Brandon chapter.

Interviewer is Phyllis Long.

Notes: History/bio information from the records and Conley's obituary. Transcript by Kyle Head (2020). Description by Christy Henry.

Language Note: English

## Audio Tracks

## Documents

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Interview Date:	1981-10-18	
Narrator (Interviewee):	Enayale Conley	
Interviewer:	Phyllis Long	
Location:	Brandon, Manitoba	
Transcribed:	Kyle Head	
Date Transcribed:	2020-09-17	
Recording Format:	Cassette	
Interview Length:	0:11:55	
<u>Notes</u>		
Phyllis Long: The topic is health services. She having a conversation with Hrs. Enayale Conley of C.12 (17 Street Brandon. She is the chairwoman of the Brandon and district chapter of the multiple sclerosis society of Canada. It is during the 18 <sup>th</sup> , 1981.		
[Inaudible dialogue, unclear feedback]		
<u>Questions:</u>		
Phyllis Long: Hrs. Conley, when was the chapter organized in the Brandon and district area and by whom?		
<u>Answers:</u>		

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## Scope and Content:

Item is an audiocassette tape containing an interview with Gerald McLeod, that he entitled "Root, Hog or Die." The interview covers various jobs Gerald held during his life, including various positions at a lumber mill, cutting firewood with his father, his time as an engineer's assistant, fighting forest fires as a volunteer and his first years working with the National Film Board. The interview also covers to great extent his political views during the 1930's and his association with the CCF. He also speaks a great deal about the financial destitution people faced during his time in Saskatchewan and later in Manitoba during the Depression. Interviewer is Irene Brown.

Notes: History/bio information taken from obituary in the Glenboro Gazette.  
Transcript by Richard Bee (2014). Description by Christy Henry.

Language Note: English

## Audio Tracks

## Documents

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Item ID: OH095

Accession Number: 35-1998

Item Title: Root, Hog or Die

Interviewer: Irene Brown

Interviewee: Gerald McLeod

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Item Title: Root, Hog or Die

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Item Title: Root, Hog or Die

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## Harold Medd interview

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Part Of: Westman Oral History collection

Description Level: Item

Item Number: OH175.Med

Accession Number: 35-1998

GMD: sound recordings

Date Range: April 19, 1983

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

## History /

### Biographical:

Harold Bertram Medd was born on July 21, 1912 in the Rural Municipality of Cornwallis on the family farm two miles south of Brandon, MB. Medd attended Cornwallis School and Brandon Collegiate Institute. Medd married Jean Stella Beresford (1914-2001) on April 25, 1936 and together they raised four children: William, Jack, Harold and Frances. The family moved to Brandon in 1947, and Medd continued to operate a successful farming operation. In his younger years, Medd was an avid hunter and conservationist, and an active member of the Brandon Wildlife Association. In the 1940s, he took up flying, and during his many trips around the countryside he recorded wildlife sightings, sharing them with the Provincial Wildlife branch; for many years he conducted official wildlife surveys for the province. Following retirement in 1961, he and his wife set up a ceramic studio in their home. Medd and his wife were members of the Baha'i faith and very active in that community. Harold Medd died on October 19, 2003 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 Harold Medd about his experiences in ceramics. Interviewer is Hazel Rose.

Notes: History/bio information taken from Medd's obituary. Transcript by Megan Holowick (2014). Description by Christy Henry.

Language Note: English

## Audio Tracks

## Documents

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## Herb Lazenby interview



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Part Of: Westman Oral History collection

Description Level: Item

Item Number: OH207.Laz

Accession Number: 35-1998

GMD: sound recordings

Date Range: May 21, 1981

Physical Description: 1 audio cassette [00:11:35]

History /

Biographical:

Herbert "Herb" Lazenby was born in 1885 in Lincolnshire, England. He immigrated to Canada in 1903, making his way to Reston, MB. He was a farmer who married Elsie Mae Wilson (1890-1971). Together they had three children: George, Alvin and a daughter who died at birth. Herb Lazenby died in 1949 and is buried in the Reston Cemetery. The narrator, Irene Luella Smeltz Lazenby (1915-1998), was the wife of Herb and Elsie's son George. They married in 1942.

Custodial History:

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Scope and Content:

Item is an audiocassette tape containing information about the life of Herb Lazenby and farming in the 1880s, narrated by his daughter-in-law Irene Lazenby.


Notes: History/bio information from the records and Conley's obituary. Transcript by Shayenne Bear (2020). Description by Christy Henry.


Language Note: English

## Audio Tracks

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## Irene Wasylyshyn interview

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Part Of: Westman Oral History collection

Description Level: Item

Item Number: OH010.Was

Accession Number: 35-1998

GMD: sound recordings

Date Range: June 28, 1983

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

History /

Biographical:

Winifred Irene Wasylyshyn (nee Stevens) was born on September 22, 1923 at Deloraine, MB. The daughter of Fletcher and Grace Stevens, the family had a long tradition of camping at Lake Metigoshe going back to Irene's paternal grandparents, who began camping there in 1908. Irene, who was a florist, married Jake Wasylyshyn (1916-?) on May 19, 1956. They had one daughter, Donna. Irene Wasylyshyn died on March 25, 2005 in Deloraine, MB.

Custodial History:

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Scope and Content:

Item is an audiocassette tape containing an interview with Irene Wasylyshyn about the development of Lake Metigoshe. Spanning the international border into North Dakota, Lake Metigoshe is twenty miles south of Deloraine and part of a collection of lakes in the Turtle Mountains. Lake Metigoshe became the hub of a cluster of cottage developments, which boasted a local store with grocery and café services, golf course, and other recreational facilities over the years. In her interview Irene relates stories of fishing, boat rides, campfires and sing songs with neighbors who became long term family friends. She described the establishment of different local stores over the years, who owned them or worked there and for how long. She details the growth of the different cottage developments, along with both Investment and Improvement Associations, which worked to balance the growth. Through the entire interview Irene describes her love for the beauty and serenity of the lake itself and how much it came to mean to generations of her family. Interviewer is Eva Cassils.

Notes: History/bio information from the records. Transcript by Sharon Munroe (2020). Description by Christy Henry.

Language Note: English

### Audio Tracks

### Documents

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