

# S. J. McKee Archives



## Edward I. Dow interview

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Part Of: Westman Oral History collection

Description Level: Item

Item Number: OH311.Dow

Accession Number: 35-1998

GMD: sound recordings

Date Range: November 19, 1982

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

### History /

### Biographical:

Edward Ingo Dow was born on September 13, 1904 in Pilot Mound, MB. He lived at Pilot Mound until 1911, then spent a year in Neepawa, before his family moved to Victoria, BC. The family returned to Manitoba in 1915, and settled in Boissevain where he completed his public schooling. Ed's university education was cut short when his father became ill and he returned home to operate the family mill. Ed married Dorothy Grace Taylor (1903-1994) on July 14, 1927. They had one son, George. Ed operated a Cockshutt implement business and a coal business in Boissevain for many years. After closing these businesses he was employed with Toman Engineering and Reid, Crowthers and Partners. From 1959-1969, Ed served in the Manitoba Legislature as a Liberal Member representing the Turtle Mountain constituency.

Ed was very involved in town council and other community affairs. He served on the Boissevain Town Council from 1934-1946, and was mayor of Boissevain from 1946-1968. During his tenure he helped oversee the development of adequate street, sewer and water systems for the town. He, along with the council, worked on many joint projects with the RM of Morton, including the Boissevain and Morton Library, Memorial Hospital, Westview Lodge, The Beckoning Hills Museum and the Community Swimming Pool. Additionally, Ed served as president and executive member of the Manitoba Urban Association, member of the International Peace Garden Board of Directors, member of the Sanitarium Board of Manitoba and member of the Westman Centennial Auditorium Board. For his many community activities, Ed received the Good Citizenship Award from the Tourism Industry Association of Manitoba in 1981. Ed was a member of the United Church and the Masonic Lodge, as well as an ardent sportsman. He was a life member of the Manitoba Curling Association. Edward Dow died on December 23, 1992 in Killamey, MB. He is buried at Boissevain and Morton Cemetery.

### Custodial History:

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### Scope and Content:

Item is an audiocassette tape containing an interview with Edward Dow about the town of Boissevain and its growth. Interviewer is Bernice Pettypiece.

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

Language Note: English

### Audio Tracks

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## Edward Lykens interview

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14557>

Part Of: Westman Oral History collection

Description Level: Item

Item Number: OH270.Lyk

Accession Number: 35-1998

GMD: sound recordings

Date Range: November 13, 1981

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

#### History /

#### Biographical:

Reverend Edward A. Lykens was Pastor at the Church of Nazarene in Brandon, MB in the early 1980s.

#### Custodial History:

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#### Scope and Content:

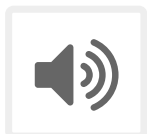
Item is an audiocassette tape containing an interview with Rev. Edward Lykens about the history of the Church of the Nazarene in Brandon, MB. Interviewer is Effie McPhail.

Notes: History/bio information taken from the records. Description by Christy Henry.

Language Note: English

### Audio Tracks

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## Edward McGill interview

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14558>

Part Of: Westman Oral History collection

Description Level: Item

Item Number: OH041.McG

Accession Number: 35-1998

GMD: sound recordings

Date Range: November 14, 1983

Physical Description: 1 audio cassette [01:00:00]

History /

Biographical:

Edward Robert McGill was born on September 21, 1912 in Vancouver, BC. The family returned to Manitoba in 1919, and settled in Brandon, MB. Ed received his schooling in Brandon, including one year at Brandon College before he enrolled at Queen's University. Graduating in 1934, with a Bachelor of Commerce, Ed was employed by Inco at Sudbury before enlisting in the RCAF in 1940. He was posted to No. 4 Service Flying School in Saskatoon and subsequently became a flying instructor. While in Saskatoon Ed married Marguarite Eve Shaw (1918-1992) on May 30, 1942. Together they had four children: Mickey, Douglas, Patricia and Frances. From Saskatoon, Ed was posted to No. 19 EFTS in Virden where he became C.S.D. In 1943, Ed was sent overseas with the City of Edmonton 418 Night Intruder Squadron. In 1944, he was appointed CO of "B" flight and promoted to squadron leader.

Ed returned to Brandon in 1946, where he was appointed secretary manager of the Brandon Flying Club. While in this position, Ed also served as chief flying instructor, airport manager, co-founder and president of Maple Leaf Aviation and helped to organize the Flying Farmers in Manitoba. Upon his retirement in 1971, the Brandon Airport was renamed McGill Field to honor his contribution to aviation in western Manitoba. In 1969, Ed was elected to the Manitoba Legislature as the member for Brandon West. He was re-elected in 1973 and 1977, then retired from active politics in 1981.

Ed was committed to community service, and was a past president of the Brandon Kinsmen Club, the Brandon Gegneral Hospital (BGH) board of directors, the Brandon Golf and Country Club and the Wasagaming Golf Club. He served as a member of the Brandon Police Commission and was appointed to the federal Civil Aviation Tribunal. Ed was a member of Tweed Lodge #113 AF & AM, a member of the Brandon Scottish Rite and past master of the Brandon Chapter of Rose Croix. Edward McGill died on December 3, 1996 in Brandon, MB.

Custodial History:

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Scope and Content:

Item is an audiocassette tape containing an interview with the Honorable Edward McGill about his life history. Interviewer is Marjorie Lange.

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

Language Note: English

## Audio Tracks

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## Edward P. Boyle interview

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

Part Of: Westman Oral History collection





## Edward Turner and Arthur Koping interview

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14560>

Part Of: Westman Oral History collection

Description Level: Item

Item Number: OH292.Tur

Accession Number: 35-1998

GMD: sound recordings

Date Range: May 27, 1982

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

History /

Biographical:

Edward Turner was born 1913 in England. Sponsored by the Hudson's Bay Company, he immigrated to Canada in 1931. That fall he was sent by the unemployment agency to Riding Mountain National Park to clear scrub. For a number of years Ed worked on farms during harvest, did chores for the Ramgren family in winter, and cut ice at Otter Lake. He also learned how to shoot and snare rabbits, which he sold to fox farm owners. In 1937, Ed purchased 120 acres adjoining the Scandinavia Church, cutting and selling wood to pay for the land. Ed married Loma Mary Tiller (1921-2003) on January 30, 1942, and together they had two children: James and Dianne. In October 1942, Ed joined the Canadian Army, serving for two years before receiving a medical discharge. Following the Second World War, Ed and Loma sold the farm, purchasing and operating a general store in the Onanole district until 1956. For the next sixteen years they owned and operated the Outdoor Roller Rink at Clear Lake. In 1962, Ed became the manager of the Erickson Credit Union, and the couple built a home in Erickson. Ed was elected mayor of Erickson in 1968, a position he held for eight years. When they sold the roller rink in 1972, the Turners bought the Clear Lake bowling alley, which they operated until 1979. The couple retired to Onanole, where they were members of the United Church and Ed continued to do some work in real estate. Edward Turner died in 1994. He is buried at Scandinavian Cemetery.

Arthur Koping was born December 7, 1905 on section 15-17-17 in the RM of Clanwilliam. After his father died, Arthur, his brother John and his mother returned to Finland. When Arthur returned to Clanwilliam in 1926, he could not speak English. After a year with his Koping grandparents, Art went to New York where he did construction work and learned carpentry skills. Art returned to Manitoba in 1930, working at whatever jobs were available, carpentry, painting, paper hanging etc. At Riding Mountain National Park, he did road work, as well as carpentry, including helping build relief camps, the Superintendents house and the golf course clubhouse. In 1934, he built a house and married Lillie Marie Sundmark (1902-1970). The couple's only child died shortly after he was born. Art was asked to buy the family homestead in 1943, although the Kopings continued to live there. During World War II, Art began working for Harper Construction Company building homes for grain buyers in Manitoba and Saskatchewan. As his job required him being away for long periods, Art built a house for Lillie in Erickson in 1948. Following Lillie's death, Art married Mary Booth (1910-2006) in 1973. Arthur Koping died in 1988. He is buried in Finland.

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#### Scope and Content:

Item is an audiocassette tape containing an interview with Edward Turner and Arthur Koping about their early years in Canada and life as a Canadian-born immigrant. Interviewer is Mary Booth-Koping.

Notes: History/bio information taken from the records and the Clanwilliam-Erickson local history "Forest to Field." Description by Christy Henry.

Language Note: English

#### Audio Tracks

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## Mary E. Edwards interview

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14495>

Part Of: Westman Oral History collection

Description Level: Item

Item Number: OH099.Edw

Accession Number: 35-1998

GMD: sound recordings

Date Range: June 22, 1981

Physical Description: 1 audio cassette [01:02:02]

### History /

#### Biographical:

Mary Elizabeth Edwards (nee Tweed) was born on April 19, 1897 at Riceville, ON. Within a year of her birth, she and her mother came to Manitoba, to join her father who had already moved west. Mary attended Burns School and then Winnipeg Normal School, graduating in 1917. Over the course of her career she taught at a number of schools, including Otter, Medora, Purple Hill, Thirlstone, Broomhill, Lake Max and Whitewater schools. On January 7, 1920, Mary married Kestle Henry Edwards (1894-1974) in Medora, MB and together the couple had four children: Harvey, Frank, Ralph and Ruth. The family lived on section 35-3-25. Mary was secretary-treasurer of both the Medora Methodist Sunday School and the Royal Templars, taught Sunday school and sang in the choir before her marriage. In 1920, she joined the Home Economics Society (later the Women's Institute). She was also a member of the WA. Following her husband's death, Mary left the farm and moved into Medora. Mary Edwards died in 1994. She is buried at Roselawn Cemetery.

#### Custodial History:

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#### Scope and Content:

Item is an audiocassette tape containing an interview with Mary Edwards about her life and pioneer settlement around Medora, MB. The interviewer is Mayme Warren.

Notes: History/bio information from the records, the Medora local history "Glimpse through the years" and Edwards' obituary. Description by Christy Henry.

Language Note: English

Conservation: Preservation copy made 2021 (R. Hess)

### Audio Tracks

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