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Stewart Trites interview

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History /

Biographical:

Stewart David Trites was born on November 19, 1901 in Anaconda, BC, where his father was employed by the Canadian Pacific Railway (CPR). Later that year the family moved back to New Brunswick. In his younger years, Stewart did farm and lumber work, and worked as a commercial traveller. In 1919, he entered Horton Academy in Wolfville, NS to begin formal education to become a minister. A graduate of Acadia University and the University of New Brunswick, Stewart was ordained to the Baptist Ministry in 1933. Pastorates in the Maritimes, Edmonton, Thunder Bay and Brandon followed. In 1976, he was inducted as Minister Emeritus of First Baptist Church, Brandon.

In retirement, he served as an interim minister in several churches across Canada. Stewart held two interim positions with the Baptist Union of Western Canada, Director of Home Mission and Director of Christian Education. He was instrumental in the building of Hobbs Manor in Brandon and served as chaplain for the Cape Breton Highlanders. His hobbies included hunting, fishing, gardening and walking. He spent many hours stamp collecting and in creative writing; he published two books, including "Stories I Love Telling My Friends" (1995). Stewart married Gladys Frizzle (1897-1990) and they had one daughter, Judith. Following his wife's death, Stewart married Ellen Elizabeth Trites-Pollitt (1915-2007). Rev. Stewart Trites died on February 4, 1999 in Brandon, MB. He was interred at Hantsport, NS.

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 Stewart Trites about the history of First Baptist Church in Brandon, MB. The interviewer is Gwen Hickson.

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

Language Note: English

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Audio Tracks
