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A.B. Mitchell interview

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14511>

Part Of: Westman Oral History collection

Description Level: Item

Item Number: OH225.Mit

Accession Number: 35-1998

GMD: sound recordings

Date Range: May 1, 1982

Physical Description: 1 audio cassette [00:60:00]

History /

Biographical:

Alexander Birkett Mitchell was born on June 29, 1904 in Douglas, MB. Other than a few years spent in Spirit River, AB (1929-1933), he farmed in the Douglas district until retiring in 1959. Birkett married Edith Moss "Mossie" Noble (1910-1973) on September 30, 1938, and together they had one daughter, Gail. The couple moved to Brandon following Birkett's retirement from farming. Birkett moved to Lloydminster, AB in 1986, and it was there that he died on June 22, 1988. 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 A.B. Mitchell about his family history and early agriculture. The interviewer is Frank Anderson.

Notes: History/bio information from the records and obituaries for Birkett and Mossie Mitchell. Description by Christy Henry.

Language Note: English

Audio Tracks



A.B. Pernal interview

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14512>

Part Of: Westman Oral History collection

Description Level: Item

Item Number: OH239.Per

Accession Number: 35-1998

GMD: sound recordings

Date Range: November 20, 1984

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

History /

Biographical:

Andrew B. Pernal was born in Poland. He completed his BA at Assumption University, his MA at Windsor and his Ph.D. in Ottawa. From 1971 until 2008, he was a member of Brandon University's History Department. In 2000, he received an honorary doctorate from Zaporizhia State University in Ukraine, and following his retirement he was granted emeritus status at BU. Pernal was a member of the Parish Council of St. Hedwig's Parish, the Director of the Polish School in Brandon, and Chairman of the Polish Refugees Committee in Brandon. He and his wife Nan (nee Robertson) had a number of children, including Andrew, Stephen, Julia and Caroline. Following Pernal's retirement, the couple moved to Calgary, AB.

Custodial History:

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Scope and Content:

Item is an audiocassette tape containing an interview with A.B. Pernal about the history of St. Hedwig's Parish and Polish immigration. The interviewer is Betty Gibson.

Notes: History/bio information from the records and the Brandon University website. Description by Christy Henry.

Language Note: English

Audio Tracks



Ada Whitmore Wells interview

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14514>

Part Of: Westman Oral History collection

Description Level: Item

Item Number: OH287.Wel

Accession Number: 35-1998

GMD: sound recordings

Date Range: June 10, 1982

Physical Description: 2 audio cassettes [01:10:00]

History /

Biographical:

Ada Hope Wells (nee Whitmore) was born on September 10, 1900 in Leiscester, England. She came to Edrans, MB with her family in 1905. As a young girl she worked as a hired girl and nursemaid for a number of families in the Wellwood district. On June 15, 1918, Ada married John James Wells (1885-1968), a farmer. Together the couple had ten children: Winona, Dawn, Andrew, James, John, Charles, Beth, Alex, Fancis and Joan. Ada and John farmed at Wellwood until 1956, when they retired to the village and their son Alex took over the farm. Ada moved to Neepawa in 1982. Ada was a very talented seamstress and baker, and active in the church, Zion Presbyterian in Wellwood and Knox in Neepawa. She was also involved in the community as a member of the WMS and as a girls' group leader. She was often called upon to assist with sick children and helped deliver a number of babies in the district. During World War II she spent hours preparing and wrapping parcels for soldiers overseas. Ada Wells died on May 9, 1997 in Neepawa, MB. She is buried at Wellwood Cemetery.

Custodial History:

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Scope and Content:

Item is an audiocassette tape containing an interview with Ada Wells about pioneer days and early homemaking. Interviewer is Isla Kennedy.

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

Language Note: English

Audio Tracks



A. Earl Henderson interview

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14510>

Part Of: Westman Oral History collection

Description Level: Item

Item Number: OH076.Hen

Accession Number: 35-1998

GMD: sound recordings

Date Range: May 7, 1982

Physical Description: 1 audio cassette [00:60:00]

History /

Biographical:

Albert Earl Henderson was born on September 29, 1898 in Boissevain, MB. He attended Caranton school, Boissevain high school and the University of Manitoba, where he studied agriculture. Earl married Alberta Mary Roe (1902-1977) on October 17, 1924, and the couple had three children: Douglas, Lois and Amy. He farmed in the Cranton district northwest of Boissevain until 1971, when he and his wife retired to town. Earl and Alberta were very active in lapidary. Their interest was sparked in 1954, after stopping at a rock shop in Montana on the way home from a holiday. The couple began turning stones into jewellery while Earl was still farming, first in their basement and then in a shop in the yard. They moved into making items out of plastics in the 1970s. Their rock shop was the first of its kind in Manitoba. Earl took an active part in church and community affairs. He served on the Caranton school board for many years, as Noble Grand of the IOOF, as a councillor for the RM of Morton from 1962-1971, and was a member of the original hospital board for 20 years. Earl was a member of the Beckoning Hills Activity Club, St. Paul's United Church, and enjoyed activities and friends at the Drop-In Centre. Earl Henderson died on February 17, 1986 in Folsom, California. Earl had been a winter resident of the Lost Dutchman Trailer Resort at Apache Junction, Arizona, and was visiting his niece in Folsom when the death occurred. 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 Earl Henderson about agriculture and some of his mechanical, lapidary and plastic work. The interviewer is Phyllis Hallett.

Notes: History/bio information from the records and Henderson's obituary.
Description by Christy Henry. An article on the Hendersons' lapidary hobby appeared in the September 14, 1976 issue of The Brandon Sun.

Language Note: English

Audio Tracks



Agnes McQuarrie interview

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14515>

Part Of: Westman Oral History collection

Description Level: Item

Item Number: OH011.McQ

Accession Number: 35-1998

GMD: sound recordings

Date Range: July 6, 1982

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

History /

Biographical:

Agnes McQuarrie (nee Scott) was born on November 17, 1889 at Maple Hill Farm at Oak Lake, MB. She grew up on the farm, receiving her early education at Sandhurt School, later attending Portage Collegiate for one year of Arts, before attending Portage Normal School (1908-1911). Agnes taught at Pleasant Plain School, Routledge and at Oakwood School. In 1917, she married John Beaton "Jack" McQuarrie (1888-1967). After their marriage, Agnes stayed home and took care of the couple's six children: Neil, Murray, Danny, Gwen, Margaret and Jean. Agnes McQuarrie died on May 30, 1990 in Virden, MB. She is buried at Oak Lake Cemetery.

Custodial History:

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Scope and Content:

Item is an audiocassette tape containing an interview with Agnes McQuarrie about her life as a pioneer in the Oak Lake district of Manitoba. Interviewer is Wilma Hatch.

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

Language Note: English

Audio Tracks



Albert Leronowich interview

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14462>

Part Of: Westman Oral History collection

Description Level: Item

Item Number: OH178.Ler

Accession Number: 35-1998

GMD: sound recordings

Date Range: June 9, 1982

Physical Description: 1 audio cassette [01:02:12]

History /

Biographical:

Albert Leronowich was born on March 18, 1894 in Poland. He immigrated to Canada in 1912 and spent time in Calgary, AB and Oak Lake, MB before settling in Brandon, MB. Albert spent some time farming, before holding a number of positions with the Canadian Pacific Railway, including rail section man, fireman, and brakeman; he retired as a CPR boilermaker in 1959. Following retirement, Albert spent a few years as gardener of the Brandon City Hall grounds. He was a member of the Brandon Horticultural Society and was avidly interested in growing flowers, winning many trophies and prizes for his efforts. Albert married Stella Polnick (1903-1975) and together they had six children: Mark, Charles, Edward, Donald, Anne and Gladys. Albert Leronowich died on March 20, 1988 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 Albert Leronowich about his life, gardening and horticulture. The interviewer is Hazel Rose.

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

Language Note: English

Conservation: Preservation copy made 2021 (R. Hess)

Audio Tracks



Alex Black interview

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14516>

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 (1925-198?). Alex Black died on April 1, 1999 in Hamiota, MB. He is buried at Oak River Cemetery.

Custodial History:

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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

Audio Tracks

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Westman Oral History collection

Interview Date: 1983-03-03

Narrator (Interviewee): Alexander Black

Interviewer: Stan Henry

Location: Oak River, Manitoba

Transcriber: Rhys Fletcher

Date Transcribed: 2023-05-27

Recording Format: Audio Cassette

Length of Recording: 00:17:00


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


Answer: Yes, I've got that.

Q: Yes, 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 born 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 girl and the Smith family lived

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Alex McPhail interview

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History/ID	Accession	Page 1 of 1
Westman Oral History Collection		
Interview Date	1982-03-13	
Interviewer	Alex McPhail	
Interviewee	Frank Anderson	
Location	Brandon, Manitoba	
Transcript	Alex McPhail	
Date Transcribed	2017-09-06	
Recording Format	Cassette	
Length of Recording	1:01:19	
[00:00]		
Today is February the 13th, 1982. This interview is conducted with Alex McPhail of Brandon, of the collection of the Westman Oral History Collection. Mr. McPhail has had a long and distinguished career in 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 Collection project "History of the Region".		
[00:01:00] Question: Alex, what do you know about the early McPhail history in Canada and when did they come to the (Brandon) North Brandon area?		

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)

Audio Tracks

Documents

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Western Oral History Collection		
Interview Date:	1982-03-12	
Narrator (Interviewee):	Alva McPhail	
Interviewer:	Frank Anderson	
Location:	Borden, Manitoba	
Transcribed:	Alvina Davidson	
Date Transcribed:	1977-09-26	
Recording Format:	Cassette	
Length of Recording:	1:01:18	
[00:00]		
<p>Today is February the 17th, 1987. This interview is conducted with the first wife of Brandon, at the residence of 42 Dundas Street North. Mr. 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 for Frank Anderson, for the Western Oral History Archives project "Voices of Agriculture".</p>		
[00:01:30] Question: Now, what do you know about the early ranching history in Canada and when did they come to the [Sawcut] North Brandon district?		

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Allan W. Brigden interview

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Part Of: Westman Oral History collection

Description Level: Item

Item Number: OH088.Bri

Accession Number: 35-1998

GMD: sound recordings

Date Range: November 13, 1982

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

History /

Biographical:

Allan Wesley Brigden was born October 31, 1900 on the family farm, SW1/4 25-4-25, in the Purple Hill district of Manitoba near Napinka in the RM of Brenda. He attended Tremblay School. A farmer, Allan married Kathleen Newcomb (1898-1975) on July 7, 1926. Together they had three children: Shirley, William and Irene. Allan Brigden died on December 16, 1989 in Deloraine, MB. He is buried at Napinka Cemetery.

Custodial History:

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Scope and Content:

Item is an audiocassette tape containing an interview with Allan Brigden about the Purple Hill district in the Rural Municipality of Brenda. Interviewer is Mayme Warren.

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

Language Note: English

Audio Tracks



Allen John Whetter interview

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14519>

Part Of: Westman Oral History collection
Description Level: Item
Item Number: OH285.Whe
Accession Number: 35-1998
GMD: sound recordings
Date Range: January 23, 1983
Physical Description: 1 audio cassette [00:30:00]
History /
Biographical:

Allen John "Jack" Whetter was born September 6, 1908 in Dand, MB, in the Hartney district. Aside from one year in Ontario, Jack spent his entire life in the Chain Lakes area. He attended Chain Lakes and Dand schools, and the Chain Lakes Friends Church, which was later moved to Dand and became Dand United Church. A farmer, he married Donald Louise Gee (1919-2014) in 1940, and together they had four children: Gerald, Darlene, Rodney and Nancy. Jack and Donald were members of the Elgin Square Dance Club and curled at Hathaway. In later years they enjoyed travelling. Jack was involved in leadership roles in Dand and Hartney, serving as a board member for Dand School, Hartney Credit Union and Manitoba Pool. A dedicated member of his church, he taught Sunday School and sang in the choir. Jack Whetter died on February 2, 2002 in Hartney, MB. He is buried at Chain Lakes Cemetery.

Custodial History:

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Scope and Content:

Item is an audiocassette tape containing an interview with Jack Whetter about his family history, Dand and district, as well as the Quaker Church. Interviewer is Mary Thomas.

Notes: History/bio information from the records and Whetter's obituary.
Description by Christy Henry.
Language Note: English

Audio Tracks



Alvie Spafford CNR retirement

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13765>

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection
Description Level: Item
Series Number: McG 9
Item Number: 20-2009.76
Accession Number: 20-2009
GMD: graphic

Date Range: 1956
Physical Description: 5" x 3.5" (b/w)
History /
Biographical:

Harry Spafford (b. 22 Oct 1888, d. 10 May 1978) was born in Holmfield, Manitoba. He married Isabella Hawking of Ninga in 1914 and the couple moved to Brandon in 1915 where they continued to reside until 1973. Harry worked as a locomotive fireman and then as an engineer with the Canadian Northern Railway (CN). While with CN, he was an active member of the Brotherhood of Local Engineers and Firemen No. 788 of Brandon. He served as an alderman in Brandon from 1928 to 1945. In 1932, Harry ran in the Manitoba by-election for Brandon as an Independent Labour candidate and lost to the Conservative member George Dinsdale. In 1952, Harry ran as a Co-Operative Commonwealth Federation (CCF) member in the provincial election and lost to Conservative party representative Reg Lissaman. Harry Spafford passed away in Burnaby, BC, and is interred in the Ocean View Cemetery. (Source: see obituary in McG 4.1 File 66)

Alva/Alvery/"Alvie" Reddell/Riddell/Ridall Spafford (b. 15 Mar 1891, d. 23 Aug 1985) was born in Enterprise, Manitoba, in the R.M. of Turtle Mountain. In 1911, he married Francis Ethel Harrison (d. 1979) in Killarney and had three children. Alvie farmed in Bannerman from 1902 to 1936, after which he moved to Boissevain to work as a Rawleigh salesman. In 1942, the family moved to Brandon where Alvie worked as a conductor with the CNR until his retirement. Alva Spafford passed away at the age of 94 at the Brandon General Hospital. His funeral was held in Killarney, Manitoba. (Source: Obituary, Brandon Sun, 23 Aug 1985)

Scope and Content:

Photograph shows [left to right] Carl Spafford, Alva Spafford, Ken Hawking, and Harry Spafford posing together in a banquet room. Ken Hawking is shaking Alvie's hand. On the table in front of the group is a suit case, which may be a possible retirement gift for Alvie from the CNR.

Notes: Writing on the back of the photograph reads: Carl S. [Spafford], Alva S. [Spafford], Ken Hawking, Harry Spafford right, 1956, at Alva's retirement.

Name Access: Alva Spafford
Alvie Spafford
Harry Spafford
Carl Spafford

Subject Access: banquets

Storage Location: RG 5 photograph storage drawer 2 (hanging photos)

Images





Alvie Spafford CNR retirement banquet

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13766>

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection
Description Level: Item
Series Number: McG 9
Item Number: 20-2009.77
Accession Number: 20-2009
GMD: graphic
Date Range: 1965
Physical Description: 5" x 3.5" (b/w)

History /

Biographical:

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Scope and Content:

Photograph shows [left to right] Carl Spafford, Alva Spafford, and Harry Spafford posing together in a banquet room.

Notes: Writing on the back of the photograph reads: Harry Spafford on right, Alva Spafford center, Carl nephew of Harry on left. Harry retired in 1962 as an Engineer. Alva retired in 1965 as a Conductor. Carl retired in 1977 as a Conductor. [Note: conflicting dates are provided on photographs for Alva's retirement, i.e., 1956 vs. 1965]

Name Access: Alva Spafford
Alvie Spafford
Harry Spafford
Carl Spafford

Subject Access: banquets

Storage Location: RG 5 photograph storage drawer 2 (hanging photos)

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Andrew Mutter interview

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14509>

Part Of: Westman Oral History collection

Description Level: Item

Item Number: OH161.Mut

Accession Number: 35-1998

GMD: sound recordings

Date Range: November 9, 1982

Physical Description: 1 audio cassette [00:39:44]

History /

Biographical:

Andrew Frederick "Fred" Mutter was born on January 7, 1913 in Brandon, MB. He was educated in Brandon, including at Brandon College. From 1942-1945, Fred served with the RCAF overseas. Fred returned to Brandon after the war, where he joined the family run grocery store, Mutter Brothers. He continued to operate the business until deciding to close in April 1975. In 1986, the contents of the store were donated by the Assiniboine Historical Society to the Daly House Museum. Fred never married. Fred Mutter died on July 3, 1984 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 Fred Mutter about the history of Mutter Brothers store. The interviewer is Hazel Rose.

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

Language Note: English

Conservation: Preservation copy made 2021 (R. Hess)

Audio Tracks



Andy Graham interview

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14520>

Part Of: Westman Oral History collection

Description Level: Item

Item Number: OH082.Gra

Accession Number: 35-1998

GMD: sound recordings

Date Range: April 22, 1983

Physical Description: 1 audio cassette [00:60:00]

History /

Biographical:

William Andrew "Andy" Graham was born on July 29, 1916 in the RM of North Cypress on section 14-10-15. He married Irene Ruth Caughill (1918-1979) on April 17, 1937, and together they had three children: Gwen, Betty and Joan. Andy and Ruth lived first in Carberry and then on NE 23-10-15W; Andy farmed, first in partnership with his father, and then later on his own when his father's health failed. After Ruth died, Andy married Florence (Reynolds) Elmhirst (1911-2000) in 1981. Andy Graham died in 1993.

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Scope and Content:

Item is an audiocassette tape containing an interview with Andy Graham about farm facts in the Linwood district. Interviewer is Charles Turner.

Notes: History/bio information from the records and the Carberry-North Cypress local history "People of the big plains." Description by Christy Henry.

Language Note: English

Audio Tracks



Ann Barter and Gladys Moore interview

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14522>

Part Of: Westman Oral History collection
Description Level: Item
Item Number: OH019.Bar
Accession Number: 35-1998
GMD: sound recordings
Date Range: February 9, 1982
Physical Description: 1 audio cassette [00:50:00]

History /

Biographical:

Alice Ann Barter was born on June 27, 1908 in Brandon, MB, the eldest child of Herbert and Bertha Barter. She worked at A.E. McKenzie Seeds Co. in various departments doing secretarial work. She never married. Ann Barter died on December 18, 1993 in Brandon, MB. She is buried at Brandon Municipal Cemetery.

Gladys Irene Moore (nee Barter) was born on February 20, 1910 in Brandon, MB, the youngest child of Herbert and Bertha Barter. She worked with J.A. Kidd Ltd. for six years and at the Brandon Mental Health Centre (BMHC) for fifteen. She married Shirley Bethel Moore (1900-1986) in ? and together they had two children: James and Nancy. Gladys Moore died on September 19, 2008 in Ottawa, ON. 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 Ann Barter and Gladys Moore about H.J. Barter butcher shop in Brandon, MB, 1910-1952. Interviewer is Lloyd Henderson.

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

Language Note: English

Audio Tracks



Ann Barter, Daisy Patmore and Muriel Patmore interview

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14521>

Part Of: Westman Oral History collection
Description Level: Item
Item Number: OH030.Bar
Accession Number: 35-1998
GMD: sound recordings
Date Range: April 27, 1982

Physical Description: 1 audio cassette [00:60:00]

History /

Biographical:

Alice Ann Barter was born on June 27, 1908 in Brandon, MB. She worked at A.E. McKenzie Seeds Co. in various departments doing secretarial work. She never married. Ann Barter died on December 18, 1993 in Brandon, MB. She is buried at Brandon Municipal Cemetery.

Mary Anne Alice "Daisy" Patmore was born on March 30, 1903 in Brandon, MB. She was the eldest of five children born to Henry Lewis Patmore and Alice Maud Mary Ball. Patmore purchased a tree nursery in Brandon in 1888, and was a leading exponent of shelterbelts and tree planting, as well as a leading figure in beautifying the city of Brandon. Daisy attended Brandon Collegiate Institute and the Brandon Normal School. She taught for one year and then joined the family business, Patmore Nurserview Ltd. and Patmore's Florists; Daisy owned and operated the floral part of the business and was a floral designer from 1934 until she retired in 1973. During these years, she was very active in the International School of Loral Design; she also spoke and gave demonstrations about floral arrangements for many clubs and associations. Daisy was a member of the Quota Club, the Natual History Society of Brandon and the Brandon Horitcultural Association, as well as a member of St. George's Anglican Church and the Anglican Church Women's Group. For many years she was the alternate organist for the Church and played at services at the Brandon Mental Health Centre and Fairview Personal Care Home. Daisy never married. Daisy Patmore died on August 21, 1999 in Brandon, MB. She is buried at Brandon Municipal Cemetery.

Muriel May Patmore was born on May 1, 1905 in Brandon, MB. She attended Brandon Collegiate Institute (BCI), and after graduation, trained as a teacher, teaching in various communities in Manitoba, including Rankin, Bloomsbury, Killarney and Elgin schools. Later, Muriel was employed by Brandon Creamery, the Fair Board office and managed the seed department for Patmore Nurseries. Actively involved in community organizations, Muriel was Vice-President of the Brandon Arts Club, a member of the Horticultural and Natural History Societies, an avid supporter of the Brandon School of Music, and a member of the Westman Philharmonic Choir. She also provided music scholarships for the Brandon College/Brandon University School of Music. Muriel was a long time member of St. George's Anglican Church, where she sang in the choir. She had a great interest in the history of Brandon and the Assiniboine Valley, environmental issues and world events. She never married. Muriel Patmore died on September 20, 1999 in Brandon, MB. She is buried at Brandon Municipal Cemetery.

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Scope and Content:

Item is an audiocassette tape containing an interview with Ann Barter, Daisy Patmore and Muriel Patmore about growing up in St. George's Anglican Church in Brandon, MB. Interviewer is Isabelle Heeney.

Notes: History/bio information from the records and the obituaries for Daisy and Muriel Patmore. Description by Christy Henry.

Language Note: English

Audio Tracks



Annie McLean interview

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14523>

Part Of: Westman Oral History collection

Description Level: Item

Item Number: OH306.MacL

Accession Number: 35-1998

GMD: sound recordings

Date Range: June 12, 1982

Physical Description: 1 audio cassette [00:20:00]

History /

Biographical:

Annie McLean (nee Hubbard) was born on January 4, 1895 in Dunville, ON. She came to the Virden, MB district with her family in 1896. Annie attended school in Virden and then worked as a telephone operator. In 1913, she married Frederick Middleton McLean (1885-1962) and the couple farmed in the Hargrave district until retiring to Elkhorn in 1957. Together they raised five boys: Lem, Ray, Bud, Dale and Glen. Annie was a member of Hargrave United Church and of Unit S of St. Paul's UCW. Her later years were spent in Virden. Annie McLean died on September 24, 1984 in Virden, 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 Annie McLean about her life story. Interviewer is Rosalyn Sutley.

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

Language Note: English

Audio Tracks



Anthony Simbalist interview

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14524>

Part Of: Westman Oral History collection

Description Level: Item

Item Number: OH062.Sim

Accession Number: 35-1998

GMD: sound recordings

Date Range: May 11, 1983

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

History /

Biographical:

Anthony Simbalist was born on November 25, 1912 in Czahor, West Ukraine. He immigrated to Canada with his family in June 1921, and they settled in Brandon, MB. Anthony attended Brandon schools and graduated from the Brandon Normal School. He taught school in the Glen Elmo district in Manitoba for three years, but felt his real vocation lay in the priesthood. He entered St. Augustine's Seminary in Toronto and was ordained on June 15, 1941 in St. Vladimir and Olga Cathedral in Winnipeg. His first parish was Cudworth, SK (1941-1943), after which he served as Bishops Secretary in Winnipeg for four years. Following that, Fr. Anthony served parishes in Fort William, Prince Albert, Hamilton, where he built a church and school complex, Kenora, Montreal and Thunder Bay. He also served as an Army Chaplain Captain in the reserve forces in Hamilton. On May 15, 1969, he was elevated in rank as Archpriest (Monsignor). Fr. Anthony retired in 1981, and returned to Brandon. The Very Reverend Archpriest Anthony Simbalist died on December 10, 1988 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 Anthony Simbalist about his life story. Interviewer is Marjorie Lange.

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

Language Note: English

Audio Tracks



Arlie Hogg interview

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Part Of: Westman Oral History collection

Description Level: Item

Item Number: OH018.Hog

Accession Number: 35-1998

GMD: sound recordings

Date Range: September 15, 1981

Physical Description: 1 audio cassette [00:31:09]

History /

Biographical:

Arlie Emma Hogg (nee Harrison) was born August 25, 1895 on section 36-9-24, near Oak Lake, MB. She was educated at, and lived all but the last six months of her life in, Oak Lake. She married Russell Ivan Hogg (1895-1961), a longtime editor of the Oak Lake newspaper, on January 7, 1919. Together they had three daughters: Eileen, Lila and Rubie. A homemaker, Arlie was also actively involved with her husband in publishing the paper. She was also a painter, who received awards and recognition for her works, which included landscapes, flowers, plant and animal life. She was a lifetime member of St. Alban's Anglican Church, active in the ACW and a charter member of the Eastern Star. Arlie Hogg died on May 2, 1986 in Virden, MB. She is buried at Oak Lake Cemetery.

Custodial History:

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Scope and Content:

Item is an audiocassette tape containing an interview with Arlie Hogg about her life, including her painting, and pioneer days and activities. The interviewer is Wilma Hatch.

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

Language Note: English

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