

# S. J. McKee Archives



## Betty Burton interview

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Part Of: Westman Oral History collection

Description Level: Item

Item Number: OH284.Bur

Accession Number: 35-1998

GMD: sound recordings

Date Range: November 18, 1982

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

History /

Biographical:

Elizabeth Catherine "Betty" Burton (nee Lowe) was born on July 1, 1916 in Clandeboye, MB. A teacher from 1935-1941, Betty became a housewife after her marriage to George William Burton (1909-1979) on September 25, 1941. The couple raised three children, Kathryn, Barbara and Jon, on their farm in the Forrest district. Bill retired from farming in 1979 due to ill health and the couple moved to Brandon. Betty Burton died on January 11, 2014 in Brandon, MB. She is buried at Brandon Municipal 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 Betty Burton about life in a country manse. Interviewer is Isabelle Heeney.

Notes: History/bio information from the records, the Forrest and district local history "Family Trees & Rural Roots" and Burton's obituary. Description by Christy Henry.

Language Note: English

## Audio Tracks

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## Betty Gibson interview

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14442>

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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.

#### Custodial History:

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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

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### Documents

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