

# S. J. McKee Archives



## Catherine Dennis and Evelyn MacKenzie interview

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14465>

Part Of: Westman Oral History collection

Description Level: Item

Item Number: OH066.Den

Accession Number: 35-1998

GMD: sound recordings

Date Range: April 26, 1983

Physical Description: 1 audio cassette [01:02:57]

### History /

#### Biographical:

Catherine Elizabeth "Kay" Dennis was born on November 26, 1916 at Brandon, MB. She attended school in Brandon and received her Psychiatric Nursing degree at the Brandon Mental Health Centre (BMHC) in 1938. Kay worked at the BMHC for 42 years. Her hobbies included natural history, bird-watching and summers at Clear Lake. She never married. Catherine Dennis died on December 16, 2003 in Brandon, MB. She is buried at Brandon Municipal Cemetery.

Evelyn MacKenzie was born on September 29, 1905 at Craggie Inn, Daviot, County of Inverness, Scotland. She came to Canada with her parents in 1909, first to Winnipeg and then to Balmoral in 1911. Evelyn came to Brandon in 1924 or 1925 to take her nurses training at the Brandon Mental Hospital, graduating with a diploma in Psychiatric Nursing in 1927. From 1927-1942, she worked on BMHC wards, before being promoted to Acting Superintendent of Nurses. Evelyn enlisted in the Women's Royal Canadian Naval Service (WRENS) during the Second World War, and was stationed at Halifax. Following the war, she returned to the BMHC where she was Assistant Superintendent of Nurses until her retirement in 1970. Evelyn enjoyed golfing, curling and bowling, was a member of the Brandon Golf and Country Club, an honorary charter member of the Brandon Quota Club, a member of Ex-WRENS Association (Chippawa Division) and a member of First Presbyterian Church. Evelyn never married. Evelyn MacKenzie died on April 19, 1993 in Brandon, MB. She is buried at Stonewall Cemetery.

#### Custodial History:

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#### Scope and Content:

Item is an audiocassette tape containing an interview with Catherine Dennis and Evelyn MacKenzie about the Brandon Hospital for Mental Diseases, and their experiences as students and nurses there. The interviewer is A. Lloyd Henderson.

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

Access Restriction: Consult University Archivist for access

Language Note: English  
Conservation: Preservation copy made 2021 (R. Hess)

### Audio Tracks

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## Frank Anderson interview

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14584>

Part Of: Westman Oral History collection

Description Level: Item

Item Number: OH126.And

Accession Number: 35-1998

GMD: sound recordings

Date Range: May 9, 1982 & June 9, 1982

Physical Description: 2 audio cassettes [02:00:00]

History /

Biographical:

Frank William Anderson was born on October 23, 1911 on the family farm at NW 20-11-18 near Forrest, MB. He attended school at Turriff and Brandon before graduating with a degree in agriculture from the University of Manitoba in 1935. He then served ten years as an Ag Rep for the Manitoba Department of Agriculture, first in Teulon, later in Minnedosa. Frank married Elizabeth Helen Barson (1919-2016) on August 7, 1943. Together they had four children: William, Margaret, Bonnie and Shirley. The family moved to the Anderson family farm in 1946, where Frank returned to his first love, farming. He retired from active farming in 1982, but continued to live on the farm until 2000. In 1989, the Anderson farm was recognized as a Century Farm. In 1994, Frank received a Manitoba Heritage Award for restoration of the barn. In 1996, in partnership with Delta Water Fowl, the RM of Elton, Ducks Unlimited and PFRA, a wetland habitat site was created on the farm. This habitat was enhanced by a shelter belt planted by the wood lot program of Habitat Heritage. Frank had a life long commitment to the co-operative movement, serving in various capacities with Federated Co-ops, Manitoba Pool Elevators and United Grain Growers. He was also a 4-H Club Leader, a school trustee, a board member of the Royal Manitoba Winter Fair, and a member of the United Church. He devoted 37 years to the beautification of Humesville Cemetery. In his later years, Frank was an active member of the Elton Leisure Club and a regular at the Brandon YMCA. Frank Anderson died on February 28, 2002 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 Frank Anderson about early education and early agriculture. Interviewer is Blair Loree.

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

Language Note: English

### Audio Tracks

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## R. H. Hannah interview

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14499>

Part Of: Westman Oral History collection

Description Level: Item

Item Number: OH131.Han

Accession Number: 35-1998

GMD: sound recordings

Date Range: April 1, 1982

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

History /

Biographical:

Richard Harold "Doc" Hannah was born on July 9, 1916 in Wakaw, SK. He obtained his BA in biology at McMaster University before joining the staff at Brandon College in 1948, teaching botany and zoology. In 1962, after completing a MSc degree at the University of Minnesota, he returned to Brandon College and was appointed head of his department. He served as faculty advisor to the Athletic Board for twenty years and for over 30 years, Doc was a coach, manager, trainer and the inspiration behind the Brandon College Cap and Brandon University Bobcat hockey teams. It was his involvement with College athletics that led to the nickname "Doc." When he retired in 1981, he was granted the title of Professor Emeritus. In 1993, Doc was inducted into the Brandon University Dick and Verda McDonald Sports Wall of Fame.

Doc married Reta Bernice (1914-2005) and they had three children: Richard, Sharon and Patrick. Doc was a member of the AF and AM (Tweed Lodge No. 113), the Royal Order of Scotland and Khartum Temple Shrine. He served as Grand Master of Manitoba (1984-1985). Richard Hannah died on September 6, 1990 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 Doc Hannah about his career at Brandon College/Brandon University. Subjects include: JRC Evans and faculty members; chapel services; the Literary Society; sports; campus buildings; university status; college life and operations. The interviewer is Bill Burgess.

Notes: History/bio information from the records and the Manitoba Historical Society website. Description by Christy Henry.

Access Restriction: Content Warning: This interview was recorded in the early 1980s, and contains some language that would now be considered racist in nature. Listener discretion is advised.

Language Note: English

Conservation: Preservation copy made 2021 (R. Hess)

### Audio Tracks

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## Jack H. Renton interview

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Part Of: Westman Oral History collection

Description Level: Item

Item Number: OH005.Ren

Accession Number: 35-1998

GMD: sound recordings

Date Range: August 25, 1982

Physical Description: 1 audio cassette [0:30:00]

History /

Biographical:

John Hugh "Jack" Renton was born November 23, 1899 on the home farm south of Deloraine, MB. He attended Hazeldean and Delorane schools. Jack married Margaret Ellen Potter (1904-1984) in 1929, and together they had two children: Hugh and Jean. The Rentons spent their lives farming in the Hazeldean district until retiring and moving to the town of Deloraine in 1964. In 1988, Jack moved to Delwynda Court. Jack was a member and Past Patron of Deloraine Masonic Lodge, Chapter Member and Past Patron of Deloraine Chapter Eastern Star, a member of the Cemetery Board, served on Hazeldean School Board and was an Honorary Member of the United Church Session and of the Agricultural Society. John Hugh Renton died on March 11, 1989 at Deloraine Memorial Hospital. He is buried at Deloraine Cemetery.

Custodial History:

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Scope and Content:

Item is an audiocassette tape containing an interview with Jack Renton about the history of Old Deloraine and the move to New Deloraine. Interviewer is Eva Cassils.

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

Language Note: English

### Audio Tracks

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