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Ethel Allen interview

<http://archives.bradonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14578>

Part Of: Westman Oral History collection
 Description Level: Item
 Item Number: OH181.All
 Accession Number: 35-1998
 GMD: sound recordings
 Date Range: November 22, 1982
 Physical Description: 1 audio cassette [00:10:00]

History /

Biographical:

Ethel Elizabeth Mary Allen (nee Baker) was born on June 30, 1915 on Springhill Farm in the RM of Rosedale. She attended Springhill School and Neepawa Collegiate. An accomplished pianist, she formed a band with her brothers and together they played many dances. Ethel married William Allen (1902-1964) in June 1938 and together they had one son, Larry. Following the marriage, the couple lived in the residence at Howden elevator where Bill was the elevator agent for the Ogilvie company. Ethel helped Bill with bookkeeping. When Bill died, Ethel moved to Neepawa, where she worked for the Osborone Senior Citizens Home for a number of years. A long time member of the Order of the Eastern Star, Naomi Chapter No. 11, Ethel enjoyed curling, sewing and travel. Ethel Allen died on May 14, 2001 in Neepawa, MB. She is buried at Riverside Cemetery.

Custodial History:

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Scope and Content:

Item is an audiocassette tape containing an interview with Ethel Allen about the history of the Potter-Baker Centennial Farm. Interviewer is Isabelle Heeney.

Notes: History/bio information from the records and the local history "The Beautiful Plains Story, 1983-2008." Transcript by Sarah Gerdis-Filipchuk (2023). Description by Christy Henry.

Language Note: English

Audio Tracks

Documents

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F. Lloyd Jones interview

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14579>

Part Of: Westman Oral History collection

Description Level: Item

Item Number: OH312.Jon

Accession Number: 35-1998

GMD: sound recordings

Date Range: October 16, 1981

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

History /

Biographical:

Fredrick Lloyd Jones was born on October 23, 1905 near Killarney, MB. Lloyd married Evelyn G. Jennings (1907-1991) in 1932 and together they had four children: Ruth, Lawrence, Marjorie and Olive. He farmed near Ninga until 1950, when the family moved to Winnipeg. In Winnipeg, Lloyd worked at Eaton's as Santa Claus and as a furniture salesman. He later sold real estate. Lloyd was a talented artist in wood and stone and held membership in the Manitoba Society of Artists, the Rock of Ages Lapidary Club and the Manitoba Camera Club. He was also an active member of First Presbyterian Church. Lloyd Jones died on June 14, 1986 in Winnipeg, MB. He is buried at Ninga Cemetery.

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Scope and Content:

Item is an audiocassette tape containing an interview with Lloyd Jones about country and city life. Interviewer is Bernice Pettypiece.

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

Language Note: English

Audio Tracks



Faith Flay interview

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14580>

Part Of: Westman Oral History collection

Description Level: Item

Item Number: OH177.Fla

Accession Number: 35-1998

GMD: sound recordings

Date Range: January 21, 1982

January 28, 1982

Physical Description: 2 audio cassettes [01:50:00]

History /

Biographical:

Faith Ellen Flay (nee Willis) was born on September 17, 1884 in Little Burn, Devonshire, England. Faith married William Frederick Flay (1877-1965) in Tiverton, Devon on December 26, 1906 and together they had two children: Winnifred Ellen and William George. She immigrated to Canada with her children in 1916 to join her husband who had come to Canada in 1913. The family lived in many communities in southern Manitoba - Deloraine, Clearwater, Whitewater, Boissevain, Hartney and Brandon - where William farmed and worked for the railroad. Faith took her midwife training in Britain and continued to work as a midwife in Manitoba, working closely with Dr. Buchanan (Deloraine) and Dr. Corbett (Crystal City). Faith Flay died on September 22, 1985 in Brandon, MB. She is buried at Riverside Cemetery.

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Scope and Content:

Item is an audiocassette tape containing an interview with Faith Flay about pioneering to Canada. Interviewer is Hazel Rose.

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

Language Note: English

Audio Tracks



Faith Flay interview

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14581>

Part Of: Westman Oral History collection

Description Level: Item

Item Number: OH278.Fla

Accession Number: 35-1998

GMD: sound recordings

Date Range: August 1, 1981

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

History /

Biographical:

Faith Ellen Flay (nee Willis) was born on September 17, 1884 in Little Burn, Devonshire, England. Faith married William Frederick Flay (1877-1965) in Tiverton, Devon on December 26, 1906 and together they had two children: Winnifred Ellen and William George. She immigrated to Canada with her children in 1916 to join her husband who had come to Canada in 1913. The family lived in many communities in southern Manitoba - Deloraine, Clearwater, Whitewater, Boissevain, Hartney and Brandon - where William farmed and worked for the railroad. Faith took her midwife training in Britain and continued to work as a midwife in Manitoba, working closely with Dr. Buchanan (Deloraine) and Dr. Corbett (Crystal City). Faith Flay died on September 22, 1985 in Brandon, MB. She is buried at Riverside Cemetery.

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Scope and Content:

Item is an audiocassette tape containing an interview with Faith Flay about child labor in England and her career as a midwife. Interviewer is Kay Briggs.

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

Language Note: English

Audio Tracks



Florence Hinch interview

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14582>

Part Of: Westman Oral History collection

Description Level: Item

Item Number: OH197.Hin

Accession Number: 35-1998

GMD: sound recordings

Date Range: February 24, 1982

Physical Description: 1 audio cassette [00:15:00]

History /

Biographical:

Florence Alice Hinch (nee Matthews) was born on October 21, 1898 in Charlottetown, PEI. She came to Brandon with her parents James Ewen and Deborah (Lowther) Matthews, as well as brother Ralph, in 1911. James Matthews served in the Canadian Parliament for a number of years. Florence received her education in Brandon, graduating from Brandon College. After teaching at Hunter and Hayfield schools, she married John S Hinch (1888-1954) in October 1926. Together they had two children: John and Howard. Florence and John farmed SE 2-10-20 in the RM of Whitehead. She was an avid supporter and player at the Roseland Curling Rink, and also participated in many school and church activities. Florence Hinch died on April 16, 1991 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 Florence Hinch about the history of J.E. Matthews and family. Interviewer is Effie McPhail.

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

Language Note: English

Audio Tracks



Floyd Amos interview

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14583>

Part Of: Westman Oral History collection

Description Level: Item

Item Number: OH006.Amo

Accession Number: 35-1998

GMD: sound recordings

Date Range: June 15, 1981

Physical Description: 2 audio cassettes [01:30:00]

History /

Biographical:

Floyd Renwick Amos was born in September 1900 in Waskada, MB. Floyd attended schools in the area and worked with his father as a blacksmith, until he began farming in the Bagot area. In 1935, he moved to Austin. That same year, Floyd married Irene B. Martin (1909-1964). Together they had two children: Irma and John. Floyd farmed until 1955, and the next year he became night supervisor at the Manitoba Home for Boys in Portage la Prairie. He held this position until retiring in 1967. Following retirement, Floyd moved to Winnipeg where he lived with his sister and niece. Floyd Amos died on April 1, 1989 in Winnipeg, MB. He is buried at Austin Cemetery.

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Scope and Content:

Item is an audiocassette tape containing an interview with Floyd Amos about Waskada and area. Interviewer is Roberta Poole.

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

Language Note: English

Audio Tracks



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



Frank Hitchcock interview

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14585>

Part Of: Westman Oral History collection

Description Level: Item

Item Number: OH144.Hit

Accession Number: 35-1998

GMD: sound recordings

Date Range: March 2, 1982

Physical Description: 1 audio cassette [00:50:00]

History /

Biographical:

Frank Clarence Hitchcock was born on March 18, 1893 on the home farm at NE 31-8-22. The family moved to Griswold, MB in 1907. In 1910, Frank moved to Winnipeg to attend Manitoba Agriculture College; he graduated in 1914. In 1917, Frank was accepted as a trooper with the Fort Garry Horse and saw action at Sanctuary Wood. He returned to Brandon in 1919 and joined the civil service as Field Supervisor with the Soldiers Settlement Board in Saskatoon. Frank married Harriet A Keeble (1895-1954) on October 20, 1919. Together they had one son. When his position was cut, Frank worked at a number of jobs in the province before taking post graduate work at the University of Saskatchewan. During the Second World War, Frank became Employment Supervisor with the Saskatchewan Department of Agriculture. Frank moved to Winnipeg in 1954, where he continued to work in the civil service. He retired in 1959, and moved to Souris, MB. Frank Hitchcock died on July 19, 1983 in Souris, MB. He is buried at St. John's Cathedral Cemetery.

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Scope and Content:

Item is an audiocassette tape containing an interview with Frank Hitchcock about his life as a farmer, soldier, student and civil servant. Interviewer is John Forsyth.

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

Language Note: English

Audio Tracks



Frank May interview

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14586>

Part Of: Westman Oral History collection
Description Level: Item
Item Number: OH164.May
Accession Number: 35-1998
GMD: sound recordings
Date Range: June 1, 1982 & October 15, 1982
Physical Description: 2 audio cassettes [01:05:00]

History /

Biographical:

Frank Morgan May was born on February 23, 1907 in the Oberon district. Frank married Vera Isabella Connell (1904-1995) in July 1934. Together they had five children: James, Kenneth, Robert, Gordon and Katharine. Frank farmed in the Oberon district until the 1960s. He was among the first farmers in his district to try growing unique crops (seed potatoes, peas, sunflowers etc). In his spare time, Frank restored two steam engines, which were both displayed at the Austin Thresherman's Reunion every summer. Frank May died on December 6, 1991 in Carberry, MB. He is buried at Riverside Cemetery.

Custodial History:

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Scope and Content:

Item is an audiocassette tape containing an interview with Frank May about acquiring a steamer. Interviewer is Dorothy Martin.

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

Language Note: English

Audio Tracks



Frank Presunka interview

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14587>

Part Of: Westman Oral History collection

Description Level: Item

Item Number: OH103.Pre

Accession Number: 35-1998

GMD: sound recordings

Date Range: March 23, 1983

Physical Description: 1 audio cassette [00:50:00]

History /

Biographical:

Frank Presunka was born on February 3, 1919 in Dauphin, MB. He grew up on the family farm. Frank graduated from Winnipeg Normal School in 1941, and then spent the next eight years at schools in Killarney, Crystal City, Plum Coulee and Glenboro as a teacher and principal. Frank married Edith Wheeler (1927-2011) on November 8, 1946 in Crystal City. Together they had two children: Dallas and Reid. In 1949, Frank became the editor and publisher of the Western Prairie Gazette, which became the Glenboro Gazette. Frank sold the business to Glen and Agnes Witherspoon in August 1967, to accept a teaching position in Carberry. During evenings and the summer months, Frank completed BA and BEd degrees at Brandon University. In 1975, he graduated with his Master of Education degree from the University of Manitoba. Frank retired from teaching in 1982, following which, he returned to writing some articles for The Gazette. Frank and Edith were very active in the community, through the Lutheran Church, curling, the chamber of commerce and the hospital auxiliary. Frank Presunka died on December 30, 1985 in Glenboro, MB.

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Scope and Content:

Item is an audiocassette tape containing an interview with Frank Presunka about his life as a teacher and editor, as well as the RM of South Cypress Centennial. Interviewer is Irene Brown.

Notes: History/bio information from the records, the Glenboro local history "Beneath the Long Grass" and Presunka's obituary. Description by Christy Henry.

Language Note: English

Audio Tracks



Frank S. MacKay interview

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14588>

Part Of: Westman Oral History collection

Description Level: Item

Item Number: OH075.MacK

Accession Number: 35-1998

GMD: sound recordings

Date Range: May 23, 1981

Physical Description: 2 audio cassettes [01:35:00]

History /

Biographical:

Francis Sutherland "Frank" MacKay was born on March 9, 1898 on his family's farm at SE 3-7-16 near Wawanesa, MB. He started school in 1904, and attended Northfield for the first eight years, before taking one year of high school at Hiltonmye. In 1918, he took a course at Engineer's school, Fort Gary. Frank lived the majority of his life on the farm, farming first with his father, and then on his own following his father's death in 1941.

Frank married Jane (Jean) Tannock Glover (1915-1976), and together they had four children: Francine Elizabeth, William John, Garrie Sutherland and Donald James. The family was active in 4-H work, community and church activities and the Masonic Lodge. Frank was a member of the Session at Wawanesa, a member of the Wawanesa Co-op, and collected arrowheads. After being declared legally blind, Frank left the farm in 1981 and moved to Wawanesa. Frank MacKay died on August 23, 1986 in Wawanesa, MB. He is buried at Wawanesa Cemetery.

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Scope and Content:

Item is an audiocassette tape containing an interview with Frank MacKay about Northfield School and his farming experiences. Interviewer is John Moore.

Notes: History/bio information from the records, the Wawanesa local history "Sipiweske" and MacKay's obituary. Description by Christy Henry.

Language Note: English

Audio Tracks



Frank Wareham interview

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14589>

Part Of: Westman Oral History collection

Description Level: Item

Item Number: OH242.War

Accession Number: 35-1998

GMD: sound recordings

Date Range: January 18, 1983

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

History /

Biographical:

Frank Albert? Wareham was born on September 19, 1883 in Hastings, Sussex, England. In England, Frank worked in a dairy and a butcher shop with his uncles. He came to Canada in 1903 and settled in Neepawa, MB, working for various farmers in the area, before enlisting in the 79th Battalion in 1916. During World War I, Frank served in both Belgium and France. He returned to Canada in 1919, and once again worked as a farm labourer. In the spring of 1920, he bought NE1/4 16-14-16 in the RM of Langford through the Soldier Settlement Board. Frank married Edna Charolotte Rogers (1903-1977) in 1925 and together they had eight children: Arthur, Jack, Leonard, Mervin, Gerald, Glen, Barry and Doreen. The couple continued to farm until moving to Neepawa in 1964. Frank joined the Legion, known then as the Great War Veterans, in 1919, and was later a member of Branch #23. Frank Wareham died in 1984 in Neepawa, MB. He is buried at Riverside Cemetery.

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Scope and Content:

Item is an audiocassette tape containing an interview with Frank Wareham about pioneering in the Neepawa area. Interviewer is Winnie Cheetham.

Notes: History/bio information from the records, the Neepawa local history "Heritage" and the Billion Graves website. Description by Christy Henry.

Language Note: English

Audio Tracks



G.H. Younge interview

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14590>

Part Of: Westman Oral History collection

Description Level: Item

Item Number: OH176.You

Accession Number: 35-1998

GMD: sound recordings

Date Range: February 13, 1982

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

History /

Biographical:

George Harrison "Peter" Younge was born on October 17, 1902 on homestead section 14-10-28 in the Springvale District. Peter farmed with his father and brother until 1932, when he married Agnes Charlotte Thomson (1905-1998). Following the marriage, the couple purchased and resided on NE 1/4 19-10-27; over the years they would acquire three additional quarter sections. On the farm, Peter and Charlotte raised five children: Joe, Bill, Jack, Dorothy and Laura. For many years, Peter also operated a threshing outfit. Within the Springvale community, Peter served as a trustee for the school, a councillor for Ward I of Wallace Municipality, a director of Manitoba Pool elevators - Hargrave, Virden Co-op and Virden Credit Union. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge and a fraternal member of the Virden Legion. Peter and Charlotte retired from active farming in 1976, and moved to Virden, although they spent a lot of their retirement travelling. Peter Younge died on December 28, 1991 in Virden, MB. He is buried at Virden Cemetery.

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Scope and Content:

Item is an audiocassette tape containing an interview with G.H. Younge about homesteading and pioneer days in Buckingham and Springvale districts. Interviewer is Elmer Armstrong.

Notes: History/bio information from the records, the local history "Binding Our Districts" and the Virden local history "Hometown Virden." Description by Christy Henry.

Language Note: English

Audio Tracks



George Crighton interview

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14591>

Part Of: Westman Oral History collection

Description Level: Item

Item Number: OH153.Cri

Accession Number: 35-1998

GMD: sound recordings

Date Range: February 13, 1983

Physical Description: 1 audio cassette [00:35:00]

History /

Biographical:

George H. Crighton was born on January 29, 1925 in the McConnell district. He married Myrtle Harriet Isabelle Westbrook (1934-2009) June 27, 1959, and together they had two sons: Ryan and Brent. The Crightons farmed Myrtle's family farm in the Hamiota district. George and Myrtle were heavily involved with the creation of the Cardale local history "Foot Prints & Chalk Dust." George Crighton died in 1992. He is buried at Marney Cemetery.

Custodial History:

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Scope and Content:

Item is an audiocassette tape containing an interview with George Crighton about his life, his parents and siblings, and early farm days. Interviewer is Stan Henry.

Notes: History/bio information from the records, the local history "Hamiota: Grains of the Century" and the Find a Grave website. Description by Christy Henry.

Language Note: English

Audio Tracks



George Grieve interview

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14592>

Part Of: Westman Oral History collection

Description Level: Item

Item Number: OH173.Gri

Accession Number: 35-1998

GMD: sound recordings

Date Range: February 17, 1982

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

History /

Biographical:

George Alexander Grieve was born on January 11, 1902 in Newstead, Melrose, Scotland. His family immigrated to Canada in June 1910, and settled in the Virden area of Manitoba.

George attended school in the Montgomery, Pacific and Arawana districts. George married Mary Dorothy Walker (1917-2012) on November 17, 1937 and together they raised two sons, Alex and Robert, as well as Mary's brother from infancy, Lloyd Walker. From 1942 to 1972, George served as a councillor for Ward 2 in the RM of Wallace. During this time he helped develop a network of roads. George was a member of the Arawansa Seed Club and a director of the Elkhorn Agricultural Society. Avid dancers, George called quadrilles for many years in Arawana and surrounding districts. He also enjoyed curling and playing cards. Due to his arthritis, George was confined to a wheelchair for the last fifteen years of his life. George Grieve died on June 14, 1990 in Virden, MB. He is buried at Virden Cemetery.

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Scope and Content:

Item is an audiocassette tape containing an interview with George Grieve about Scottish immigrants, his life and early road building in Manitoba. Interviewer is Elmer Armstrong.

Notes: History/bio information from the records, the local history "Hometown Virden" and Grieve's obituary. Description by Christy Henry.

Language Note: English

Audio Tracks



George Thomas interview

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14593>

Part Of: Westman Oral History collection

Description Level: Item

Item Number: OH245.Tho

Accession Number: 35-1998

GMD: sound recordings

Date Range: April 29, 1982

Physical Description: 1 audio cassette [00:26:00]

History /

Biographical:

George Thomas was born on December 24, 1888 in Birmingham, England. George married Beatrice Maud Taylor (1890-1970) on May 12, 1913 in Birmingham, England. The left for Canada a week later and settled in Neepawa where George's sister Alice already lived. In 1917, George started with the Canadian National Railway (CNR) as a Locomotive Foremans Clerk. George retired from the CNR in 1954, and promptly began a successful greenhouse. In his early days in Neepawa, George was Captain of the Neepawa Soccer Team, President of the CNR Recreation Association and also played cricket. He won numerous awards for his flowers in Neepawa, Brandon and Minnedosa, and was a life member of the Neepawa Horticultural Society, which he joined in 1916. He served on the Neepawa Parks Board for eighteen years and was made an Honorary Citizen of the Town of Neepawa in 1973. George and Beatrice had five children: Beatrice, Stanley, Jack, Mary and Roy. George Thomas died in 1985 in Neepawa, MB. He is buried at Neepawa Riverside Cemetery.

Custodial History:

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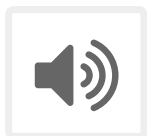
Scope and Content:

Item is an audiocassette tape containing an interview with George Thomas about his life, especially his work with the railroad and in horticulture. Interviewer is Winnie Cheetham.

Notes: History/bio information from the records, the Neepawa local history "Heritage," Ancestry.ca and the Billion Graves website. Description by Christy Henry.

Language Note: English

Audio Tracks



Georgina Duce and Mac Morgan interview

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14594>

Part Of: Westman Oral History collection

Description Level: Item

Item Number: OH100.Duc

Accession Number: 35-1998

GMD: sound recordings
Date Range: May 19, 1982
Physical Description: 1 audio cassette [01:00:00]
History /
Biographical:

William Edgar "Billie" Morgan was born in 1867 in Kerwood, ON. He was educated at Kerwood and Strathroy before obtaining his teaching permit. He taught in Ontario for several years before coming west in the late 1880s. Billie completed his teacher training in Brandon before teaching at Blythe and Stratherne schools. Billie left the teaching profession in 1900 to take up farming. An avid baseball and football fan, Billie Morgan died on March 31, 1951. Jennie Kennedy Smith was born in 1869 and came to the Oakleigh district in the Rapid City area with her family as a young girl. Jennie attended Rapid City High School and took normal training at Brandon. She taught at Oak River and several schools north of Brandon. Jennie married Billie Morgan in 1896. Together they had eleven children: Milton, Duncan, Ralph, William, Eva, Alexander, Marjorie, Georgina, Laura, Francis and Mac. Jennie Morgan died in 1942. They are both buried at Methven Cemetery.

Georgina Kennedy Duce (nee Morgan) was born on the family farm in the Treesbank district in 1900. Georgina received her education at Stratherne School. She worked for a branch of the Royal Bank and the Wawanesa Mutual Insurance Company from 1918 until her marriage to Charles E.A. Duce (1902-1970) in 1939. The couple had one son, Bill. Georgina Duce died on March 29, 1988 in Wawanesa, MB. She is buried at Rounthwaite Cemetery.

Malcolm Kitchener "Mac" Morgan was the youngest member of the W.E. Morgan family. Born on the home farm on July 27, 1916, Mac worked for the Wawanesa Mutual Insurance Company in Wawanesa and Regina and later was employed at Auto-Pac. He also spent three years in the Army. Mac retired in 1981. Mac married Mary Maxine Campbell (1919-1993) in 1942. They did not have any children. Mac Morgan died on August 7, 1984 in Wawanesa, MB. He is buried at Methven Cemetery.

Custodial History:

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Scope and Content:

Item is an audiocassette tape containing an interview with Georgina Duce and Mac Morgan about the life of their father W.E. Morgan. Interviewer is Elsie Cory.

Notes: History/bio information from the records, the local history "Oakland Echoes" and obituaries for Duce, Billie Morgan and Mac Morgan.
Description by Christy Henry.

Language Note: English

Audio Tracks



Gertrude Leslie interview

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14595>

Part Of: Westman Oral History collection

Description Level: Item

Item Number: OH307.Les

Accession Number: 35-1998

GMD: sound recordings

Date Range: May 20, 1982

Physical Description: 1 audio cassette [00:35:00]

History /

Biographical:

Gertrude Ellen Leslie (nee Smith) was born in Sydney, Australia on January 21, 1886. She came to Canada in April 1907, but settled in Stockton, California for two years before going to England for eleven years. While in England, Gertrude took her teacher training. After teaching for a couple of years in Leeds, she returned to Canada, settling in Kenton, MB. Gertrude married John Wilmer Leslie (1883-1972) in 1910. The couple farmed at Elkhorn, where they raised nine children: Len, Allan, Clifton, Merle, Winnie, Lyle, Ronald, Alex and Jack. In 1919, the family started spending their winters in Elkhorn. Gertrude and Wilmer lost the farm in 1931 as a result of the Depression. They then moved to a farm at Blythe, where they remained until retiring in 1946. For the next 22 years the couple spent their summers in Elkhorn and winters at the coast in Abbotsford and Burnaby, BC. In 1968, they bought a house in Elkhorn and in 1978, Gertrude moved to Sherwood Home in Virden, MB. Gertrude Leslie died in 1994, in Virden, MB. She is buried at Elkhorn Cemetery.

Custodial History:

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Scope and Content:

Item is an audiocassette tape containing an interview with Gertrude Leslie about her life story. Interviewer is Rosalyn Sutley.

Notes: History/bio information from the records, the Elkhorn local history "Steel and Grass Roots" and the Find A Grave website. Description by Christy Henry.

Language Note: English

Audio Tracks



Gladys Mary Sharpe interview

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14596>

Part Of: Westman Oral History collection

Description Level: Item

Item Number: OH048.Sha

Accession Number: 35-1998

GMD: sound recordings

Date Range: June 6, 1981

Physical Description: 1 audio cassette [00:35:00]

History /

Biographical:

Gladys Mary Sharpe (nee Brown) was born on September 10, 1913 at Basswood, MB. She obtained her nurses training at Brandon and Winnipeg, and worked as an RN from 1938 to 1978. Gladys married Harvey Robert Sharpe (1910-2001) on November 23, 1939, and the couple lived on the Sharpe farm with Harvey's parents, Robert Thom Crawford (1881-1956) and Josie Madeline (nee Hardy) (1880-?). Gladys and Harvey had no children. Gladys Sharpe died on August 1, 2008 in Minnedosa, MB.

Custodial History:

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Scope and Content:

Item is an audiocassette tape containing an interview with Gladys Sharpe about hospitals in Minnedosa. Interviewer is Mae Johnson.

Notes: History/bio information from the records, the local history "Minnedosa Valley Views II," Ancestry.com, and the Find A Grave website.
Description by Christy Henry.

Language Note: English

Audio Tracks



Glenn Campbell interview

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14597>

Part Of: Westman Oral History collection

Description Level: Item

Item Number: OH085.Cam

Accession Number: 35-1998

GMD: sound recordings

Date Range: May 19, 1982

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

History /

Biographical:

Samuel Glenn Campbell was born on October 7, 1936 in Carberry, MB. Aside from five years in in the Pleasant Point district in the RM of North Cypress (1938-1943), Glenn farmed east of Carberry his entire life on NW 33-10-14. Glenn married Marjorie McLachlan on May 2, 1959 and together they had three children: Robert, Brett and Bonnie Lee. Glenn Campbell died in spring 2007 in Carberry, MB. He is buried at Carberry Plains Cemetery.

Custodial History:

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Scope and Content:

Item is an audiocassette tape containing an interview with Glenn Campbell about stories of pioneers. Interviewers are Charles and Nora Turner.

Notes: History/bio information from the records, the local history "People of the big plain" and the Find A Grave website. Description by Christy Henry.

Language Note: English

Audio Tracks
