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Eva Nelson interview

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Part Of: Westman Oral History collection

Description Level: Item

Item Number: OH295.Nel

Accession Number: 35-1998

GMD: sound recordings

Date Range: October 1981

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

History /

Biographical:

Eva Nelson (nee Harrison) was born on July 5, 1896 in Killarney, MB. Raised in Holmfild, MB where her family owned and operated a mill, Eva married Mark Nelson (1888-1946) on July 4, 1917, in Turtle Mountain. The couple farmed at Dry River, MB and raised three children: Iva, Enid and Merton. Eva Nelson died on August 9, 1989 in Pilot Mound, MB. She is buried at Greenwood Cemetery.

Custodial History:

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Scope and Content:

Item is an audiocassette tape containing an interview with Eva Nelson about Holmfild Village, 1895-1910. Interviewer is Amy Harrison.

Notes: History/bio information from the records, the Find a Grave website and Nelson's obituary. Transcript by Hayley McCaskill (2023). Description by Christy Henry.

Language Note: English

Audio Tracks

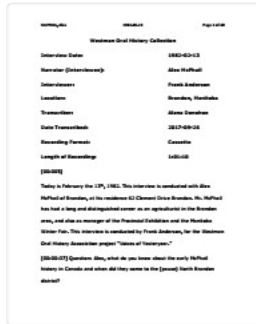
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Alex McPhail interview

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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)

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Interview Date: 1883-02-13

Interviewer: Alex McPhail

Interviewee: Frank Anderson

Location: Brandon, Manitoba

Transcriber: Alex McPhail

Date Transcribed: 2017-09-18

Recording Format: Cassette


Length of Recording: 3:03:18


[00:00:01]

Today is February the 13th, 1983. This interview is conducted with Alex McPhail of Brandon, at his residence 313 Central Street Brandon. Mr. McPhail has had a long and distinguished career as an agriculturalist 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 Westman Oral History Association project "Voices of Yesterday."

[00:00:37] Question: Alex, what do you know about the early McPhail history in Canada and when did they come to the [unclear] North Brandon area?

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The Scoop Shovel

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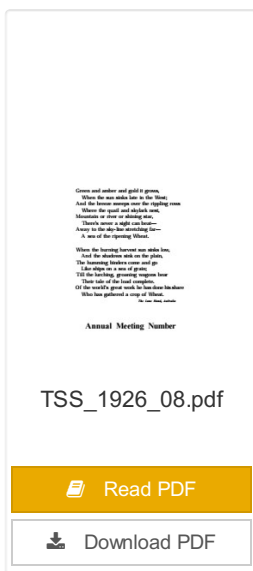
Part Of:	RG 4 Manitoba Pool Elevator fonds
Collection:	Manitoba Pool Elevator Library collection
Description Level:	Item
Item Number:	TSS-1926-08
GMD:	textual records
Responsibility:	Manitoba Wheat Pool
Date Range:	August 1926
Publisher Series:	Vol. II No. 8
Physical Description:	40pp.

Scope and Content:

Item consists of the August 1926 issue of The Scoop Shovel. The issue includes the minutes of the Third Annual Meeting of Manitoba Co-operative Wheat Producers Limited, held in Brandon, MB on July 28-29, 1926, as well as a list of Pool local officials and Pool payments on coarse grains.

Notes:	Description by Christy Henry.
Location Original:	Archives 14-24-1, Box 24

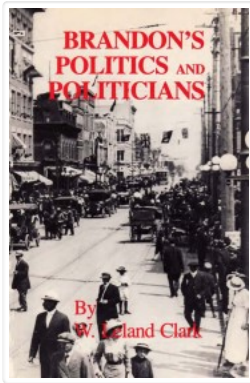
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W. Leland Clark - research and teaching papers

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions10091>

Part Of:	RG 6 Brandon University fonds
Description Level:	Sub sub series
Series Number:	MG 3 1.14.2
Accession Number:	16-2009



GMD: textual records

Date Range: 1970-1982

Physical Description: 60 cm textual records; 6 books

History /

Biographical:

See fonds level description (MG 3 1.14 W. Leland Clark) for history/bio information on W. Leland Clark.

Custodial History:

See fonds level description (MG 3 1.14. W. Leland Clark) for custodial history.

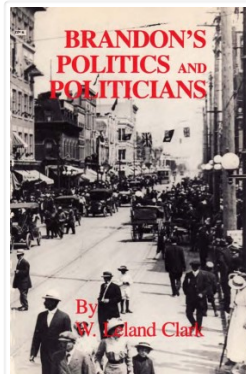
Scope and Content:

Sub sub series consists of primary sources related to Canadian agriculture in Western Canada from the Great War to the Great Depression drawn from the National Archives of Canada and the Provincial Archives of Manitoba; primary sources including interviews conducted by Dr. Clark for his PhD thesis and subsequent book titled Brandon Politics and Politicians; and various papers - published and unpublished by Dr. Clark, a few of his students, and other academics. Sub sub series also contains seven copies of Brandon Politics and Politicians.

Notes: A PDF version of this book is available. PDF courtesy Gordon Goldsborough, webmaster Manitoba History..

Storage Location: RG 6 Brandon University fonds
MG 3 Brandon University Teaching and Administration
1.14 W. Leland Clark

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John D. McDonald interview

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Part Of: Westman Oral History collection

Description Level: Item

Item Number: OH138.MacD



Accession Number: 35-1998
GMD: sound recordings
Date Range: October 25, 1981
Physical Description: 1 audio cassette [0:15:00]

History /
Biographical:

John Duncan McDonald was born on April 30, 1893 in Brandon, MB. He attended Winterton and Basswood schools. John married Margaret Emily Greer (1894-1980) in the Greer home in the Moline district in 1917. Together they had four children: Sadie Julia Elva, Robert James, John Elmer and Roy Peter. From 1919-1965, he farmed at Basswood, MB on SW 36-14-20. John McDonald died on January 11, 1989. He is buried at Basswood Cemetery.

Custodial History:

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Scope and Content:

Item is an audiocassette tape containing an interview with John MacDonald about pioneer farming. Interviewer is Gordon Shanks.

Notes: History/bio information from the records. Transcript by Desiree Glover (2023). Description by Christy Henry.

Audio Tracks

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Accession 35-1998
Sound Recordings
Interview with John McDonald
Interviewer: Gordon Shanks
Date: November 25, 1981
Length: 0:15:00

Question: This is all Gordon Shanks of Westman asking for values of Westman's Westman Oral History Collection. This is November 25, 1981, the following is an interview with John McDonald a pioneer farmer from Westman who lived in the region of Westman in Manitoba.

Q: Mr. McDonald, at what would you like to tell us of your grandparents?

Answer: Well, my grandparents are my father's side come from, they were born in Illinois and came to Canada when my father was six months old.

Q: Did you ever see him, Mr. McDonald?

A: Indeed I did, and at that time he was in an amount of ill health, but at my mother's time father was much older than I was and at that time they were all they were in the Westman district, where at that time and present day.

Q: Mr. McDonald, at what did your grandparents do for a living?

A: Well, my grandfather was a general store for trade and he was settled in that country around 1880 and the time of the death was from the end of the month ending, and then after my father worked for him, my grandfather and the rest of the family moved on from there, and at my grandfather and at my time lived and from for about ten years.

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Alex Black interview

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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 (1925-1987). 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

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Ethel Allen interview

<http://archives.brandonu.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:

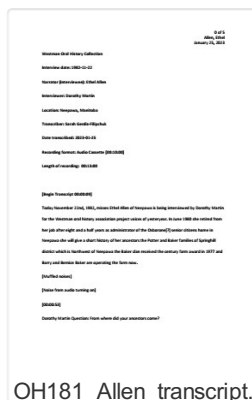
Item is an audiocassette tape containing an interview with Ethel Allen about the history of the Potter-Baker Centennial Farm. Interviewer is Isabelle Heeney.

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

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Joanne Titus interview

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14644>

Part Of: Westman Oral History collection

Description Level: Item

Item Number: OH273.Tit

Accession Number: 35-1998

GMD: sound recordings

Date Range: May 19, 1982

Physical Description: 1 audio cassette [0:15:00]

History /

Biographical:

Ada Joanne Titus (nee Graham) was born on January 24, 1940 in Wellwood, MB. Joanne married John (Jack) Sidney Titus (1918-1995) on October 7, 1961 in Wellwood. They had two children together - Michelle and Vonn - and also raised Jack's three children from his first marriage, Gerry, Karen and Kim. Jack served the Wellwood community as grocer and postmaster for 30 years, retiring in 1982. His father was postmaster before him. Joanne was a teacher, who began her career at Dempsey school, continued to Wellwood and Brookdale, and then spent 23 years at RJ Waugh School in Carberry. She retired in 1999. Joanne enjoyed travel, music and dance, and was a member of the Spud City Cloggers. She was an active community member within the Presbyterian Church, Guild and Choir, Wellwood Community Club, Trans Canada Trail, and the Carberry Public Library. Joanne Titus died on September 28, 2016 in Medicine Hat, AB.

Custodial History:

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Scope and Content:

Item is an audiocassette tape containing an interview with Joanne Titus about the history and closing of Wellwood Post Office. Interviewer is Jessie Whyte.

Notes: History/bio information from the records and the obituaries for Jack and Joanne Titus. The records list Joanne's birthdate as January 24, 1940. The obituary lists only the year as 1941. Transcript by Riise Dunseath (2023). Description by Christy Henry.

Language Note: English

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