

# S. J. McKee Archives



## Gertrude Leslie interview

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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:

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 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

