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## Betty Gibson interview

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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

## Audio Tracks

## Documents

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## Harry Brindle interview

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14605>

Part Of: Westman Oral History collection

Description Level: Item

Item Number: OH143.Bri

Accession Number: 35-1998

GMD: sound recordings

Date Range: December 15, 1981

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

## History /

### Biographical:

Harry Edwin Brindle was born on June 13, 1913 in Souris, MB. Educated in Souris, Harry worked for Safeway from 1933-1939. He married Isabel Mary Barlow (1915-2009) on May 2, 1938. The couple had two children: Geraldine and Larry. Shortly after the wedding, the family moved to Estevan, Regina and then to Fort William, where Harry worked for Canada Car Foundry. The family then briefly moved to Montreal and then to Winnipeg. In Winnipeg, Harry joined the army and served with the Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers. While in the Service, Harry attended radio school in Winnipeg, then used his Service gratuity to continue his education. Following the Second World War, the family moved back to Souris, and Harry opened an appliance store for Box's Hardware called The Electric Shop. A fire in 1951, forced a move to Box's Hardware and then in 1957, Harry opened his own radio and TV repair shop. Harry sold Brindle's Radio and TV in 1976 and retired. Passionate about music, Harry spent his free time playing in dance bands, the city band and a German band, as well as on many occasions in the community. He also served on the committees that built the Legion Club and the swimming pool. Harry Brindle died on January 5, 2012 in Souris, MB. He is buried at Souris Glenwood Cemetery.

Carter Hawkins Brindle was born in Blackburn, England on November 23, 1867. He came to Canada with his family in 1884, and they homesteaded near Virden, MB before moving to Souris, MB in 1887. Until 1892, Carter was employed as a stage coach driver on the Plum Creek\* Trail between Souris and Brandon. By 1900, he was working as a sign painter, carpenter, architect and builder in Souris. Carter designed many of the brick commercial buildings along Crescent Avenue. A member of the Manitoba Association of Architects after 1910, Carter continued to practice until the late 1930s. Carter married Ida Lora Lawson (1879-1959) on June 30, 1903. Together they had five children: Susie Marion Gwendoline, Hattie Martha, Harry Edwin, Edith and Ida. Carter Brindle died on July 23, 1957 in Souris, MB. He is buried at Souris Glenwood Cemetery.

\*Plum Creek is the old name for what is now Souris, MB. The Plum Creek stage travelled between Brandon and Plum Creek daily from approximately 1886-1892.

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### Scope and Content:

Item is an audiocassette tape containing an interview with Harry Brindle. The first part of the recording is a narration Harry reads from his father Carter Brindle's diary about his experiences arriving in Canada and buildings he designed in Souris, MB. The second part of the recording discusses Harry Brindle's life, particularly his experiences in radio and TV. Interviewer is John Forsyth.

Notes: History/bio information from the records, the local history "The People of Souris and Glenwood," the Find A Grave website, Harry Brindle's obituary, a Brandon Sun article about the Plum Creek Trail (July 11, 2005) and the Manitoba Historical Society entry for Carter Brindle. Description by Christy Henry.

Language Note: English

## Audio Tracks

