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Summary information

Repository:	University of Manitoba Archives & Special Collections
Title:	Eleanor Blain/Frank Walters fonds
Reference code:	TC 121
Date:	ca. 1967-1974, 1986-1988 (creation)
Physical description:	12 reels, 22 audio cassettes
Dates of creation, revision and deletion:	Audio Recordings transcribed by E. M. Blain (2002) Finding aid encoded by Vladimira Zvonik (2007)

Administrative history / Biographical sketch

Note

Frank J. Walters was born ca. late-1890s in Winnipeg. As a boy, Walters pumped a church organ on Sundays for a quarter. As a young man, Walters drove the night taxi for free. His recollections about life in the Red River Settlement are compiled in a manuscript he wrote and edited titled Pieces of the Past: A Collection of Tales of Old Red River.

Custodial history

The fonds was donated to the University of Manitoba by the Eleanor M. Blain in 1989.

Scope and content

The fonds consists of two collections: the Walters Collection of Lower Red River Oral Histories (12 reels of originals tape recordings and 13 audio-cassettes transcribed by Eleanor M. Blain) ; and the Blain Collection of Bungee Dialect Recordings (9 audio cassettes - 7 original recordings, 2 copies, restricted until December 31, 2009).

Notes

Arrangement

This collection is arranged three series: 1. Walters Collection 2 - Reels 2. Walters Collection 1 - Audio Cassettes 3. Blain Collection - Audio Cassettes

Restrictions on access

E. M.Blain Collection is restricted until December 31, 2009

Conditions governing use

E. M.Blain Collection is restricted until December 31, 2009

Finding aids

A finding aid can be generated from this description.

Related material

Pieces of the Past: Collection of Tales of Old Red River by Frank J. Walters - a book is held in RBR room, University of Manitoba Archives & Special Collections.

The Bungee dialect of the Red River Settlement. by Eleanor M. Blain (University of Manitoba thesis)

E.M. Blain tapes are held separately until 2009.

Accruals

No further accruals are expected.

Other notes

- **Publication status:** published

Series descriptions

Walters Collection 2 - Reel to Reel Tapes

Physical description: 12 Reels (Tape no.1-12)

Publication status:

published

File / item list

Reference code	Title	Dates	Physical description
	Item - Tape 1 <i>Physical storage:</i> Box: A1989-051, Box 0001 <i>Scope and content:</i> Mrs. Susanne Wheeler, taped December 1967 at Selkirk		
	Item - Tape 2 <i>Physical storage:</i> Box: A1989-051, Box 0001 <i>Scope and content:</i> Mrs Wheeler - Short Bit John Grey Eyes		
	Item - Tape 3		

	<p><i>Physical storage:</i></p> <p>Box: A1989-051, Box 0001</p> <p><i>Scope and content:</i></p> <p>Mrs M. Sinclair, interview Music "Contemporary" Mrs.</p>
	<p>Item - Tape 4 - Francis 1979; Philpot, Norwood, MB storekeeper; Fay McDonald</p> <p><i>Physical storage:</i></p> <p>Box: A1989-051, Box 0001</p> <p><i>Scope and content:</i></p> <p>Interview with Fay McDonald Education/school Miss Davies' school Family history Childhood experiences Infectious diseases, hospitals Recreation - ox racing Community families's histories Farming Employment, Mr. Ginger/Snooks running for older man Conduroy roads</p>
	<p>Item - Tape 5 - Fay McDonald and Hugh John McDonald; E. Dobbs</p> <p><i>Physical storage:</i></p> <p>Box: A1989-051, Box 0001</p> <p><i>Scope and content:</i></p> <p>Fish and fishing Fire fighting/backfiring (Prairie fires) Mr. Dobb's chase of a criminal and experiences on the police force Law court and cases with speeding down the street, Mr. Dobb's court case Narcotics/heroin cases</p>
	<p>Item - Tape 6 - Red River Jog</p> <p><i>Physical storage:</i></p> <p>Box: A1989-051, Box 0001</p> <p><i>Scope and content:</i></p> <p>Talking about lumber for Town of St. Louis; Interview with Mrs. Grieve (includes Obituary of Sarah Grieves).</p> <p>Introduction to Mrs. Grieve Early memories of Grand Rapids in business Experiences of Mrs. Grieve's father flying airplanes(transporting goods for Hudson's Bay Company) Lambert family, family histories Grasshoppers Monkman family, family histories Moore family, family histories</p>
	<p>Item - Tape 7 - Mrs. Elliot; Interview with 1968 Fay McDonald & Frank Philpot</p> <p><i>Physical storage:</i></p> <p>Box: A1989-051, Box 0001</p> <p><i>Scope and content:</i></p> <p>Introduction to Mr. Smith Childhood experiences, fishing, school Miller family history Commercial fishing (taped over a previous interview) Red River history, employment Mr. Smith and Lis Limekiln Mr. Smith's mother's experiences at school</p>
	<p>Item - Tape 8 - Interview with Neil McRae December 1970</p> <p><i>Physical storage:</i></p> <p>Box: A1989-051, Box 0001</p> <p><i>Scope and content:</i></p> <p>Introduction Early childhood experiences and the railroad wreck His father growing up and using oxen His father as a councilor Cutting cord wood Working on the railroad Prairie fire Local history Smallpox epidemic/cemetery</p>
	<p>Item - Tape 9</p>

	<p><i>Note [General] :</i></p> <p>(not described, several breaks midway through)</p> <p><i>Physical storage:</i></p> <p>Box: A1989-051, Box 0001</p> <p><i>Scope and content:</i></p> <p>Labeled as Oliver Monkman</p>
	<p>Item - Tape 10 - William McRae; Bob Leisk (grandson of Stone Mason William McRae)</p> <p><i>Physical storage:</i></p> <p>Box: A1989-051, Box 0001</p> <p><i>Scope and content:</i></p> <p>Introduction to Robert Leisk Fishing Shoeing horses Working with teams Gasoline Barrels Mail Delivery post offices Logging Land grants/homesteads Sawing wood Family history Church history Log house</p>
	<p>Item - Tape 11 - Oliver Mowat; Mrs. Amy Clements</p> <p><i>Physical storage:</i></p> <p>Box: A1989-051, Box 0001</p> <p><i>Scope and content:</i></p> <p>Introduction to Mrs. Clemens Relative of Chief Pequis (great-great granddaughter) History of St. Peter's Reserve "Selling of St. Peter's Reserve", Treaty Grasshopper plague Mr. Clemens, descendant of Mark Tivain's cousin Herbs: wee kis, used for toothaches; stomachaches for babies; fish milk Indian medicine lady - Maria Cook Grants/ Red River lots Church history</p>
	<p>Item - Tape 12 - Old Peel Song of Peel & Porter</p> <p><i>Physical storage:</i></p> <p>Box: A1989-051, Box 0001</p> <p><i>Scope and content:</i></p> <p>Intro to Mr. Peel (grandson of Mr. Peel, partner with Porter, owners of a liquor store) Long Lake Family history History of liquor store Monkman family history - North Western Rebellion Cost of whiskey and wine Hunting partridges Wildlife, pet - wild animal Horse team pulling the wagon</p>

Walters Collection 1 - Audio Cassettes

Publication status:

published

File / item list

Reference code	Title	Dates	Physical description
	<p>Item - Mr Wheeler</p> <p><i>Note [General] :</i></p> <p>copied from Master copy- small reel</p> <p><i>Physical storage:</i></p> <p>Box: A1989-051, Box 0002</p>		<p>One audio-cassette, Side 1: 30 minutes, Side 2: 17 minutes</p>

	<p><i>Scope and content:</i></p> <p>Mr. Wheeler's birth date and birth place Marriage and baptism of children Moved to Netley Creek Brokenhead Reserve Education/teachers Family of Mrs. Wheeler Smallpox epidemic of 1837 Religion Grandparents and parents Early live in the community Introduction to Mrs. Wheeler Beginning of interview Mrs. Wheeler - Saulteaux spoken introduction to walters and Dr. Walters (ancestor of Walters) Beginning of Petersfield early business, families etc. Treaty Days St. Peters Reserve Red Bird Early life in community/history of community</p>	
	<p>Item - Interviews</p> <p>One audio cassette, Side 1: 6 minutes audible rest bad master copy; Side 2: 32 minutes</p> <p><i>Note [General] :</i></p> <p>Copy of Tape 2, Side 1-2</p> <p><i>Physical storage:</i></p> <p>Box: A1989-051, Box 0002</p> <p><i>Scope and content:</i></p> <p>Grandson tells about Thomas Black, his grandfather, coming from the US who also changed name to Corey Eyes and arrived at St. Peters Life when frist came to St. Peter's (rest of side blank - very faint background noise, some singing) Upbringing of children (faint recording of section of interview) Buttertown Growing up in the community Canoes-building Mrs. Wheeler being asked about growing corn at Netley Creek also grew peas Before the "Big Flood" got some disease killed them off Indian corn-maize How to cook it Cemetery and graves Disease - smallpox Red Bird's graveside Languages - Saulteaux and Cree (rest of side blank - very faint background noise, some singing)</p>	
	<p>Item - Mrs Sinclair and her life in Red River</p> <p>One audio cassette, 31 minutes</p> <p><i>Note [General] :</i></p> <p>Copy of Tape 3, Side 1</p> <p><i>Physical storage:</i></p> <p>Box: A1989-051, Box 0002</p> <p><i>Scope and content:</i></p> <p>Introduction to Mrs. Sinclair and her life in Red River Names of brothers and sisters Location of homestead Childhood of Mrs. Sinclair Upper Fort Garry Old-timers porridge Graves and church Dances and music Harvest time and farming Stopping places Family of Mrs. Sinclair Early families of the community Raising children - moss as diapers Fish milk for babies Cow milk for babies Fumigation of bugs</p>	
	<p>Item - Test Edition: "Intro and this is what I am thinking"</p> <p>One audio cassette</p> <p><i>Note [General] :</i></p> <p>copied from Reel 1 - (Tape no.1) - 1 (b)</p> <p><i>Physical storage:</i></p> <p>Box: A1989-051, Box 0002</p> <p><i>Scope and content:</i></p> <p>Introduction of Red River stories (narrator is Frank Walter) Story: "This is what I'm thinking"</p>	
	<p>Item - Taking one thing with another (4th in a series)</p> <p>One audio cassette, Side 1-2: (3 min)</p> <p><i>Note [General] :</i></p> <p>copied from Reel 2 A/B - (Tape no.2) - (4b, 4c)</p>	

	<i>Physical storage:</i> Box: A1989-051, Box 0002 <i>Scope and content:</i> Story: Taking one thing with another, like (taxes) Things as they come	
	Item - Metis Red River (Fifth episode of life of Metis Red River) <i>Note [General] :</i> copied from Reel 2 C/D - (Tape no.3) - 5(b) <i>Physical storage:</i> Box: A1989-051, Box 0002 <i>Scope and content:</i> Story: Taken to the Red River and visit same time	One audio cassette, Side 1-2: (8 min)
	Item - Taken to the River and visit (sometime) <i>Note [General] :</i> copied from Reel 3 A/B - (Tape no.4) - 5 (a) <i>Physical storage:</i> Box: A1989-051, Box 0002	One audio cassette, Side 1-2: (7 minutes)
	Item - Life as it comes <i>Physical storage:</i> Box: A1989-051, Box 0002 <i>Scope and content:</i> 3rd day in life as a settler in "Life as it comes" Story: Life as it comes copied from Reel 4 A/B - (Tape no.5) - 4 (a) copied from Reel 4 A/B - (Tape no.5) - 4 (a)	One audio cassette, Side 1-2: (31 minutes)
	Item - Things as they come <i>Physical storage:</i> Box: A1989-051, Box 0002 <i>Scope and content:</i> Continuation of "Things as they come" Introduction "This is what I'm thinking" copied from Reel 4 C/D - (Tape no.6) - 4(a), 1(a) copied from Reel 4 C/D - (Tape no.6) - 4(a), 1(a)	One audio cassette, Side 1-2: (27 minutes)
	Item - Binge dialect <i>Physical storage:</i> Box: A1989-051, Box 0002 <i>Scope and content:</i> Frank Walters discussing the dialect "Binge as she is spoken" discussion of dialect Poem "Vowels & such" Introduction and "This is what I'm thinking" copied from Reel 5 A/B - (Tape no.7) - 1 (c) copied from Reel 5 A/B - (Tape no.7) - 1 (c)	One audio cassette, Side 1-2 (8:31 minutes)
	Item - Orkney/Cree in RR, CBC <i>Note [General] :</i>	1978 One audio cassette, Side 1-2:

	<p>(Tape 8)</p> <p><i>Physical storage:</i></p> <p>Box: A1989-051, Box 0002</p> <p><i>Scope and content:</i></p> <p>Recording of CBC ideas part 9 of Red Man White World - Story of Bungee & how it grew"</p> <p>Continuation of Ideas Program</p>
	<p>Item - Orkney/Cree in Red River, CBC 1978</p> <p><i>Note [General] :</i></p> <p>(master copy)</p> <p><i>Physical storage:</i></p> <p>Box: A1989-051, Box 0002</p> <p><i>Scope and content:</i></p> <p>History of Missions along St. Andrews & local history with use of Burgee dialect Deals with death Stories about churches & missionaries Folklore about death and churches</p>
	<p>Item - F. Walters Folklore One audio cassette, Side 1-2</p> <p><i>Note [General] :</i></p> <p>(Tape 9)</p> <p><i>Physical storage:</i></p> <p>Box: A1989-051, Box 0002</p> <p><i>Scope and content:</i></p> <p>Discussion of dialect Folklore and stories with history Education and schools People of the weak - Soc. History Story about "Time" Story about muskrats Story about midwife Story of " Secret Life of Laurence Hope" (Adela Micholson, Hope Book of Poetry)</p>

E. M. Blain Collection

Date: 1986 (creation)

Physical description: 9 audio cassettes

Note [General] : Restricted until December 31, 2009

Publication status:

published

File / item list

Reference code	Title	Dates	Physical description
	<p>Item - Original 1 - Jim Loutit</p> <p><i>Physical storage:</i></p> <p>Box: A1989-051, Box 0003</p> <p><i>Scope and content:</i></p> <p>Pension and will Government policies on monetary systems & finances and social programs Education - electrician and employment Songs, dances/fiddlers and music lessons Community history - relations of First Nations - Pequis, reserve lands</p>	June 22, 1986	
	<p>Item - Original 2 - Isabel Smith</p> <p><i>Note [General] :</i></p>	April 13, 1986	

	<p>(damaged tape)</p> <p><i>Physical storage:</i></p> <p>Box: A1989-051, Box 0003</p> <p><i>Scope and content:</i></p> <p>Basket socials and dating Religion Dances - socials Languages - Cree Family history</p>
	<p>Item - Original 3 - Isabel Smith July 20, 1986</p> <p><i>Physical storage:</i></p> <p>Box: A1989-051, Box 0003</p> <p><i>Scope and content:</i></p> <p>World War veterans and soldiers Childbirth, mid-wives Employment Religion and holidays Dating and potential spouses</p>
	<p>Item - Original 4 - Isabel Smith September 20, 1987</p> <p><i>Physical storage:</i></p> <p>Box: A1989-051, Box 0003</p> <p><i>Scope and content:</i></p> <p>Homestead, farm Community life Marriage Employment-wages Family history Harvesting - threshing Farm chores Sports</p>
	<p>Item - Original 5</p> <p><i>Physical storage:</i></p> <p>Box: A1989-051, Box 0003</p> <p><i>Scope and content:</i></p> <p>Family matters Shopping Community family histories Gossip - community Education system</p>
	<p>Item - Original 6 - Isabel and Linda; Joe Venn, CBC Interview Fall 1987</p> <p><i>Physical storage:</i></p> <p>Box: A1989-051, Box 0003</p> <p><i>Scope and content:</i></p> <p>Metis identity Employment Death and graves and coffins Trapper story Fiddling Woodcutting and hay permit Shooting dogs Cemetery</p>
	<p>Item - Original 7 - Violet S. May 1, 1988</p> <p><i>Physical storage:</i></p> <p>Box: A1989-051, Box 0003</p> <p><i>Scope and content:</i></p> <p>Alcohol Childhood experiences and growing up Old age pensions Finances Family matters</p>
	<p>Item - Copies</p> <p><i>Physical storage:</i></p> <p>Box: A1989-051, Box 0003</p> <p><i>Physical storage:</i></p> <p>Folder: 8-9</p>