

Watson Thomson Research Collection / Michael Welton (collector)

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Collection Description

Watson Thomson Research Collection / Michael Welton (collector). – 1981-1982.
19 audio recordings.

Collector's Biographical Sketch

Michael Welton received his PhD. from the University of British Columbia in the history of education. From 1983 to 1995, he taught graduate courses in adult education at Dalhousie University. From 1995 to 2003 he worked at Mt. St. Vincent University where he created a graduate program in adult education for the Maritimes and Jamaica.

Scope and Content

The collection consists of a series of interviews carried out by Michael Welton with various friends and colleagues of Watson Thomson as part of his dissertation research for "To Be and Build the Glorious World: The Educational Thought and Practice of Watson Thomson, 1899-1946" (1983).

Notes

Item list available.

Related material may be found in the [Watson Thomson fonds](#).

Item List

Audio Cassette Tapes

UBC AT 3404:1-3

(July 1981) Interview with George and Margarett LeBeau who were friends of Watson Thomson and participated in his early experiments in communal living. They were also active in the adult education movement in the 1930s-1950s.

UBC AT 3405:1-3

(July 1981) Interview with William Harding from Saskatchewan who played an important role in Watson Thomson's work with Tommy Douglas in 1944-46 and later went on to a notable career in Saskatchewan public affairs.

UBC AT 3406:1-2

(July 1981) Interview with Stanley and Doris Rands who were close associates of Watson Thomson and lived in the communal house at 139 Roslyn Road in Winnipeg and played important roles in the Canadian adult education movement. Both were prominent figures in Saskatchewan social activist circles from the 1950s until their deaths.

UBC AT 3407:1-2

(January 1982) Interview with Will Harper from Winnipeg and leader in the Phoenix Club. He was associated with Watson Thomson during his days as director of the Division of Adult Education at the University of Manitoba.

UBC AT 3408

(January 1982) Interview with Mary Thomson, Watson Thomson's wife.

UBC AT 3409

(February 1982) Interview with Ed Parker who worked with Watson Thomson when he was director of the Division of Adult Education in Saskatchewan.

UBC AT 3410

(February 1982) Interview with Michael Wheeler and Harry Penny who were friends of Watson Thomson.

UBC AT 3411:1-3

(February 1982) Interview with Kay Bolton who participated in the 139 Roslyn Road experiments and was active in the adult education movement.

UBC AT 3412

(February 1982) Interview with Gunter Light, a Vancouver friend of Watson Thomson.

UBC AT 1313

(February 1982) Interview with Evelyn (MacLaughlin) Kinnear, Watson Thomson's secretary in Alberta.

UBC AT 1314

(November 1982) Interview with Bruce York who knew Watson Thomson when he was in Vancouver and he was active in social affairs.