

Athabasca Area Seniors Memory Project Interviews Inventory

Title	Subject (Key Words)	Narrator's Background	Description	Interviewer	Date
Bessie Speers recording and photographs	Ontario; Meanook; teaching; P & H Elevator; grain; homestead; farm; army; country schools	Full name: Bessie Rosalind Speers, née Silverthorn Father: Manley Silverthorn Mother: Luella Maude Silverthorn Spouse: James Roy Speers Birthdate: May 30, 1918 Place of birth: Vienna, Ontario	Two sisters, Viola and Muriel, and one brother, Lewis. Mother taught school in Meanook, Perryvale, Willow Ridge, George Lake, and White Clover country schools. Married Roy Speers. Talked about homestead, children, moving to Athabasca, and hobbies.	Rosemary Neaves	2015-06-26
Bob Garton recording and document Archives has	England; Soldiers' Settlement Board; CN; Athabasca Hospital; Athabasca Old Brick School; West Athabasca	Full name: Robert (Bob) Garton Father: David Garton Mother: Alice Renshaw-Pickett	Family came to Canada in 1925 from England under the Soldiers' Settlement Board. Dad operated the ferry and cage over the Athabasca River in 1939. Went to	Marilyn Mol	2015-07-13

his photo #18805	School	Spouse: Cicely Jasmine Knights Birth date: June 15, 1927 Place of Birth: 6 miles west of Athabasca	West Athabasca and Athabasca Brick Schools. Worked at the Athabasca Municipal Hospital as an Administrator. Married Cecily Knights in 1972.		
Annemarie Schmittroth photographs	Germany; WWII; school; farm; Koelleda Airfield; Stanford University; sheep; Athabasca University	Full name: Annemarie Schmittroth Father: Ernst Waha Mother: Johanna Schuster Spouse: Louis Schmittroth Birth date: September 22, 1924 Place of birth: Plauen, Saxony, Germany	Talked about growing up, school, working on a farm, World War II in Germany, getting a business degree, meeting Louis in Germany, immigrating to America.	Shirley Stashko	2015-07-23
Ann Stiles recordings and photographs	Atlanta School; Grand Union Hotel; Rosary Hall; travelling movie theatre; lumber mill; anti-nuclear group;	Full name: Anna (Ann) Alida Stiles, née Alberts Father: Albert Alberts Mother: Virginia Cusson Spouse: Leonard (Len)	Mother came from Massachusetts. Father came from South Dakota. Completed high school at Alberta College. Became a teacher. Married Len Stiles. Ran movie circuit,	Shirley Stashko; EPC journalism student	2015-07-21

	immigration; Great Depression	<p>Stiles</p> <p>Birthdate: March 16, 1927</p> <p>Place of Birth: Athabasca, AB</p>	<p>bed & breakfast, and a hobby shop. Wrote a column with Athabasca Echo and Athabasca Advocate. Talked about old Athabasca landmarks.</p>		
Charles Sequeira recording and photographs	<p>India; schools; United Church; Multiculturalism Commission; debates; Gandhi; French immersion; immigration; teaching; Board of Education; politics; New Democratic Party</p>	<p>Full name: Charles Archibald Sequeira</p> <p>Father: Rao Sahib Joseph Clement Sequeira</p> <p>Mother: Isabella Cecilia Saldanha</p> <p>Spouse: Rita Sequeira</p> <p>Birthdate: September 10, 1925</p> <p>Place of Birth: Cananore, India</p>	<p>Education in India. Came to Canada in 1966 with wife Rita. Both were teachers at Edwin Parr School. School board trustee and chair. Alberta Multiculturalism Committee. Independence movement in India.</p>	Peggy Baker	2015-11-07
Louis Baron recording and	<p>Sawdy; homesteading;</p>	<p>Full name: Louis Marie</p>	<p>Moved to Peace River. Learned to blacksmith,</p>	Elizabeth Munroe	2015-08-03

photographs	Logging camp; railroad; blacksmith; horses; horse shows	Adalore Baron Father: Ivanhoe Baron Mother: Emma Fournier Spouse: Alice Beaver Birthdate: November 16, 1931 Place of Birth: Montreal	worked on railroad. Married Alice. Moved to Sawdy area in 1960. Talked about clearing land, milking cows, training and selling horses. Worked in logging camps, drove grader for the county. Kept farming the old way, went to horse shows. Still makes own harnesses and enjoys woodworking (miniatures).		
Dorothy Overacker recording, photograph, and documents	transportation; school; teacher; hostel; fur buyer; Red Cross; Athabasca River	Full name: Dorothy Marion Overacker, née Lennie Father: Alexander Lennie Mother: Palma Mary Anne Borstad Spouse: Clifford Overacker Birthdate: January 27, 1922	Homesteaded in Pine Ridge, Athabasca area. Boys' and girls' hostels. Father built school house. Town of Athabasca. Athabasca River.	Rosemary Neaves	2015-11-04

		Place of birth: Lamont, AB			
Roxena (Rocky) Patry recording	school; Saskatchewan; nursing; hospital	<p>Full name: Roxena (Rocky) Patry, née Johnston</p> <p>Father: Thomas George Lester Johnston</p> <p>Mother: Bella Annie Watson</p> <p>Spouse: Porky Patry</p> <p>Birthdate: October 11, 1929</p> <p>Place of Birth: Mossbank, SK</p>	<p>Father came from Ontario. Raised in Saskatchewan. Took nursing in Ottawa. Worked as a nurse in the Athabasca Hospital. Retired in 1984.</p>	Peggy Baker	2015-10-14
Anne Kuzyk recording and photographs	Denmark; farming; Gripsholn; Forfar School; Old Brick School; baseball; homesteading	<p>Full name: Anne Kuzyk, née Jorgensen</p> <p>Father: Axel Wobke Jorgensen</p> <p>Mother: Helene Walborg Knudsen</p> <p>Spouse: Frederick Kuzyk</p> <p>Birthdate: August 13, 1933</p> <p>Place of Birth: Ballerup,</p>	<p>Arrived in Canada from Denmark with family in 1949. Talked about homesteading in the Athabasca area, going to school, life on the farm.</p>	Marg Armfelt	2015-12-10

		Denmark			
Helen Brauer recording and photographs	Perryvale; mining; immigration; trucking; railroad; farming; homestead	<p>Full name: Helen Matilda Brauer, née Aloisio</p> <p>Father: Antonio Aloisio</p> <p>Mother: Matilda Faragini</p> <p>Spouse: Albert Edward Brauer</p> <p>Birthdate: September 12, 1923</p> <p>Place of Birth: Brule Mines, AB</p>	<p>Father's family were immigrants from Italy. Homesteaded in Perryvale. He worked on railroad, in the mines, and farmed. Father was MLA for Athabasca. Mother's family moved from USA to Canada, and also homesteaded in Perryvale. Provided local store with milk, cream, and butter. Husband drove truck, and then worked for County of Athabasca.</p>	Brenda Gilboe	2015-12-15
Ted Turkawski recording and photographs	Polish army; Great Depression; homestead; Poland; Ukraine; farm; Hallcroft School	<p>Full name: Theodore Emil Turkawski</p> <p>Father: Dmytro Turkawski</p>	<p>Father came from Yavoriv, Gnojnice, Poland, which is now Hlynets, Ukraine. Talked about life on the</p>	Shirley Stashko	2016-03-09

		<p>Mother: Annie Pawliuk</p> <p>Spouse: Dorothy Stotesbury</p> <p>Birthdate: May 14, 1936</p> <p>Place of birth: farm in New Pine Creek area near Athabasca</p>	<p>homestead, school years, and clearing land.</p>		
<p>Doreen Mickelsen recordings</p>	<p>(not edited)</p>	<p>Full name: Doreen Mary Mickelsen, née Harper</p> <p>Father: Sydney Smith Harper</p> <p>Mother: Marguerite Jessie Vass</p> <p>Spouse: James Axel Mickelsen</p> <p>Birthdate: April 23, 1933</p> <p>Place of birth: Winnipeg, Manitoba</p>	<p>(not edited)</p>	<p>Rosemary Neaves; EPC journalism student</p>	<p>2016</p>
<p>Edith Smiley recording and photographs</p>	<p>country school; barbed wire telephone; farm; Consort, AB; Kansas, USA; radio;</p>	<p>Full name: Edith May Smiley, née Bishell</p> <p>Father: Walter James</p>	<p>Parents came from Kansas, USA. Taught school from Grades 1 to 8. Married James Smiley. Talked about</p>	<p>Mark Boersma</p>	<p>2016-04-04</p>

Edith Smiley recording and photographs	country school; barbed wire telephone; farm; Consort, AB; Kansas, USA; radio; Alaska Highway	Full name: Edith May Smiley, née Bishell Father: Walter James Bishell Mother: Ocalla Fugate Spouse: James Hughes Smiley Birthdate: March 31, 1916 Place of Birth: Consort, AB	Parents came from Kansas, USA. Taught school from Grades 1 to 8. Married James Smiley. Talked about school years, family, farm, moving to Colinton. Husband worked for Flin's Store in Colinton.	Mark Boersma	2016-04-04
Nick Kucher recording and photographs	immigration; train; Chain Lakes; homestead; Ukraine; Eatons Catalogue; school; milk cows; Alaska Highway; sawmill; farming	Full name: Nick Kucher Father: Prockor Kucher Mother: Maria Chernich Spouse: Jean Kucher Birthdate: November 5, 1927 Place of Birth: Peresopnytsya, Ukraine	Came to Canada from the Ukraine 1929. Talked about voyage on the ship from the Ukraine. Life on the homestead, breaking land, building school house, how the farm grew as the years went on. Also mentions his Dad buying a horse- drawn wagon from the Eatons Catalogue.	Greg Johnson	2016-04-05

Myn Hursin recording and photographs	Ukraine; Depression; Edmonton; TB Sanitorium; Government Relief Station; Streetcar	<p>Full name: Amelia (Myn) Hursin, née Holowchak</p> <p>Father: Roman Holowchak</p> <p>Mother: Julianna Yachimec, née Yaremko</p> <p>Spouse: John Hursin</p> <p>Birthdate: March 23, 1932</p> <p>Place of Birth: Edmonton, AB</p>	Told the story of her mother, Julianna, who came to Canada in 1931. Talked about how Julianna grew and sold vegetables to pay hospital bills. Mother worked in Burns Packing Plant. She moved to Baptiste Lake with daughter Amelia (Myn) in 1994.	Shirley Stashko	2016-04-18
Rosie Foster recording and photographs	Bear Lake; Wabasca; beadwork; moccasins; Treaty Days; Hudson's Bay Store	<p>Full name: Rosie Wilma Foster, née Gladue</p> <p>Father: Francis Gladue</p> <p>Mother: Margaret Auger</p> <p>Spouse: Spencer Foster</p> <p>Birthdate: February 25, 1943</p> <p>Place of Birth: Wabasca, AB</p>	Grew up in Wabasca. Had 14 siblings. School was taught by nuns. Talked about learning to do beadwork. Mother would sell moccasins and other leather work at Treaty Days. Lived in High Prairie, where she worked at the Youth Assessment Centre.	Mark Boersma	2016-04-18

Betty Sale recording and photographs	Saskatchewan; Clyde, AB; covered wagon; farm; museum; Farm Family Award	<p>Full name: Elizabeth (Betty) Sale, née Knittle</p> <p>Father: Peter Philip Knittle</p> <p>Mother: Anna Marie Andreas</p> <p>Spouse: Louis Sale</p> <p>Birthdate: January 8, 1934</p> <p>Place of Birth: Abbey, SK</p>	Came to Clyde, AB by covered wagon. Talked about school years, farm and family life, museum.	Agnes Wurfel	2016-04-27
Alma Swan recording	lumber camp; Fawcett Lake; social work; Elizabeth Fry Society; prison rights advocacy; Aboriginal people; Bill C31	<p>Full name: Alma Swan</p> <p>Father: Clarence Swan</p> <p>Mother: Mary Ann Swan</p> <p>Spouse: ---</p> <p>Birthdate: January 28, 1957</p> <p>Place of Birth: Calling Lake, AB</p>	Talked about family tragedies, family life. Worked at Union Hotel and with Elizabeth Fry Society, prison rights advocacy for women.	Mark Boersma	2016-05-17
Cecil Lewis recordings and	Tomato Creek; <i>Silence of the North</i>	Full name: Cecil (Cec)	Was the ninth child from a family of ten children.	Mark Boersma; EPC journalism student; Rosemary Neaves	2016-06-13; 2016;

<p>photograph</p>	<p>(Book); <i>Finding Stella</i> (Book); Daniel Boone; Edmonton General Hospital; farming</p>	<p>Lewis, née McKelvey Father: Samuel McKelvey Mother: Coral Pearl Goodwin Spouses: Gordon Devlin; Bentley Lewis Birthdate: October 24, 1933 Place of Birth: Athabasca, AB</p>	<p>Granddaughter of Daniel Boone and Nettie Goodwin. Mother Pearl married Sam McKelvey. Talks about her grandparents and their family moving to the Athabasca area from Illinois, USA to Tomato Creek. The books <i>Silence of the North and Finding Stella</i> were written by her family. Cec is the seventh generation descendant of Earl Boone, brother of Daniel Boone, a frontiersman in the USA. Lived in Edmonton for six months. Married twice. Parents had a mixed farm. Talked about growing up, school years.</p>		<p>2017-04-05</p>
<p>Norma Robocon recording and photographs</p>	<p>farming; butter churn; ice house; school</p>	<p>Full name: Norma Robocon, née Barrett Father: Alfred Barrett Mother: Lillie Koerner Spouse: George Robocon</p>	<p>Came to Athabasca in 1936 from Camrose. Talked about growing up on the farm, school years, farming, travelling.</p>	<p>Rosemary Neaves</p>	<p>2016-05-24</p>

		<p>Birthdate: August 29, 1936</p> <p>Place of birth: Camrose, AB</p>			
Albert Wurfel recording	<p>school; Edwin Parr Composite High School; teaching; World War II; Klondike; school principal</p>	<p>Full name: Albert Wurfel</p> <p>Father: Ernest Wurfel</p> <p>Mother: Linda Wurfel</p> <p>Spouse: Agnes Wurfel</p> <p>Birthdate: February 16, 1938</p> <p>Place of Birth: Hilda, AB</p>	<p>Talked about schools. Came to Athabasca in 1968 as vice principal of the new EPC high school. Then later became principal. Talked about WW II and travelling.</p>	Katelyn, EPC journalism student	2016-06-12
Barb Wilkinson recording and photographs	<p>Medicine Hat; Rocky Mountain spotted fever; home schooling; CGIT; public health nurse; county administrator; 4H; intervention program; Nurses Chapter; Hudson's Bay Company; Mason</p>	<p>Full name: Barbara Ann Wilkinson, née Hargrave</p> <p>Father: Harry Hargrave</p> <p>Mother: Ruth (McElory) Hargrave</p> <p>Spouse: Robert (Bob) Wilkinson</p> <p>Birth date: July 18, 1935</p> <p>Birthplace: Medicine Hat,</p>	<p>Great-grandfather came to Canada in 1883 and worked for the Hudson's Bay Company. Barb went to University of Alberta and took Bachelor of Science in Nursing. While working in Westlock, met Robert and married in 1958. Moved to Athabasca in 1967. Has 3 children: David, Pat and Janet. Robert was the county</p>	Rosemary Neaves	2017-01-18

		AB	<p>administrator and later Barb was CEO of the health unit. Bought farm in 1975. Belonged to the 4H. President of the Nurses Chapter. Belonged to NADC, AU Governing Council. Worked at Athabasca Hospital, then homecare. Robert passed away in 2010. Started the intervention program with health unit. Retired in 1996.</p>		
Irma Semrok recording	Poland; Germany; World War II; refugee; castle; food rations; prisoner of war; bee farming	<p>Full name: Irma Nellie Semrok, née Molzahn</p> <p>Father: Wilhelm</p> <p>Mother: Olga Scherling</p> <p>Spouse: Edwin Semrok</p> <p>Birth date: September 15, 1933</p> <p>Place of birth: Winiza, Poland</p>	<p>Born 1933 in Poland. Forced to move to Germany in 1939. Forced to leave again in January 1945. Talked about fleeing from the war at age 6. Settled on a farm in West Germany in March 1945. The war ended May 5, 1945. Talked about the years growing up after the war, starting school, food rations. Came to Canada in 1951. Joined the Pentecostal German Church, Young People's.</p>	Julie Creaser	2016-10-25

			Met husband, Edwin. Lived in Edmonton for 20 years. Moved to Perryvale. Belonged to a missionary group. Raised bees.		
Nina Rys recording	farm; war; Siberia; ship; Jewish; refugee; train; Piggy Express	<p>Full name: Nina Rys, née Kapitaniuk</p> <p>Father: Kondrat Kapitaniuk</p> <p>Mother: Ahafia (Saluik) Kapitaniuk</p> <p>Spouse: Arsen Rys</p> <p>Birth date: October 24, 1924</p> <p>Birthplace: Zapilia, Ukraine (near Lubomel)</p>	Talks about war and what life was like growing up in the Ukraine. Witnessed Jewish lives lost. Talked about 1948 trip over to Canada on ship/train. Arrived in Athabasca, then moved to Edmonton. Married in 1950, moved to Athabasca in 1956. Has 2 daughters. Talked about homesteading/farming.	Liza Russell	2017-02-01
Steve Kamelchuk recording and photographs	homestead; midwife; Athabasca Hostel; the Brick School; Imperial Mills, AB; teacherage	<p>Full name: Steve Kamelchuk</p> <p>Father: Mike Kamelchuk</p> <p>Mother: Pearl Kamelchuk</p> <p>Spouse: Helen Mary (Mischuk) Kamelchuk</p>	Steve's dad came from the Ukraine to Canada in 1914 and his mother, in 1929. Mother assisted midwives. The family had 4 boys. Married Helen in 1960. Talked about life on the homestead, school years.	Al Wurfel	2017-02-02

		<p>Birth date: July 1, 1934</p> <p>Birthplace: Prosperity, AB</p>	<p>Went to University of Alberta for teaching. First teaching job was in Imperial Mills, AB. Did carpentry in the summer months. Also farmed.</p>		
Vera McConaghy recording and photographs	Sawridge; United Church; Spurfield; box social; Canadian Coach Way; the Mad Trapper	<p>Full name: Vera Alena McConaghy, née Duval</p> <p>Father: William John Duval</p> <p>Mother: Hulda Ann (Michaels) Duval</p> <p>Spouse: Doug McConaghy</p> <p>Birthdate: November 15, 1917</p> <p>Birthplace: Sawridge, AB</p>	<p>Born in 1917 in Sawridge (old name for Slave Lake, AB). Moved to Athabasca in 1929. Talked about working different jobs. Met husband Doug in Busby, AB. Talked about places they lived, children, siblings, and travelling. Talked about a teacher she had whose brother was an RCMP who was shot by the Mad Trapper of Rat River.</p>	Dawn Bergess; Gordon Willis	2017-02
Anne Vincent recording and photographs	immigrating; country schools; St. Mary's Boys' Home; Veteran Land Act; nursing	<p>Full name: Anna (Anne) Vincent, née Pollmann</p> <p>Father: Joseph Pollmann</p> <p>Mother: Anna (Schwartz)</p>	<p>Came to Canada in 1928 to Vermilion, AB. Dad raised the family after her Mom got ill. Talked about school years,</p>	Agnes Wurfel	2017-03-22

		<p>Pollman</p> <p>Spouse: Leo Willard Vincent</p> <p>Birthdate: May 13, 1926</p> <p>Birthplace: Mor, Hungary</p>	<p>nursing, foster care.</p> <p>Married Leo in 1947.</p>		
<p>Tony Kuster recording</p>	<p>Immigrating; Pier 21; Canada Packers; Sundance Power Plant; Holland</p>	<p>Full name: Antoon Kuster</p> <p>Father: Antoon Kuster (b. 1902, d. 1987)</p> <p>Mother: Johanna De Raat</p> <p>Spouse: Lynn Hexspoor</p> <p>Birthdate: September 16, 1930</p> <p>Birthplace: Eindhoven, Holland</p>	<p>Immigrated to Canada in 1954. Talks about the trip over. First worked in a machine shop in Edmonton, then Canada Packers and Sundance Power Plant. Also had a farm south of Stony Plain where they raised pigs. Married Lynn in 1969. Moved to Athabasca in 1989.</p>	<p>Eleanor Staszewski</p>	<p>2017-06-12</p>
<p>Jean Golonka recording and photographs</p>	<p>River ferry; Union Hotel; Parkers Hall; telegraph office; Plum Lake School; box social</p>	<p>Full name: Jean Howe Golonka, née Fowlie</p> <p>Father: Charles Gould Fowlie</p> <p>Mother: Nora Alymer Howe</p> <p>Spouse: Thomas J. Golonka</p>	<p>Married Thomas, had 2 sons, Ron and Dick. Talks about the town of Athabasca, the Depression in 1929, Colinton. Went to Plum Lake School. Her father and a partner started a general store in Colinton.</p>	<p>Mark Boersma</p>	<p>2017-06-21</p>

		<p>Birthdate: April 20, 1926</p> <p>Birthplace: Athabasca, AB</p>	<p>Talks about schools in Colinton, Perryvale, and Athabasca. In 1987 Jean retired after 40 years of teaching.</p>		
Alex Krawec recordings	<p>Ukraine; immigrant; Immigration Hall; tree harvest; telegraph line; Boys' Hostel; homestead; freight train; midwife; Laura School; Richmond Park School</p>	<p>Full name: Alexander Krawec</p> <p>Father: Paul Krawec</p> <p>Mother: Eva</p> <p>Spouse: Millie Pidzarko; Helen Bahry</p> <p>Birthdate: September 8, 1929</p> <p>Birthplace: Volin, Ukraine</p>	<p>Immigrated to Canada from the Ukraine in 1930 at 5½ months of age. Had seven siblings. Parents bought 160 acres for \$10. Talked about coming to Athabasca, homesteading in the Deep Creek area, clearing land, school years, trapping. Married Millie Pidzarko and had four children: Terrence, Christine, Harold, and Maria. Volunteered building church, school, and community hall.</p>	EPC journalism student Michaella Gabourie; Rosemary Neaves	2016; 2017-25-07
Mary Olson recording and photographs	<p>4H; ATA; team teaching; United Church; Athabasca</p>	<p>Full name: Mary Barbara Olson, née Buxton</p>	<p>First teaching job in South Athabasca. Married Carl in 1952.</p>	Mark Boersma	2017-07-13

	Players; Music Festival	<p>Father: George Buxton</p> <p>Mother: Susan</p> <p>Spouse: Carl George Olson</p> <p>Birthdate: April 28, 1933</p> <p>Birthplace: Bowden, AB</p>	<p>Offered private kindergarten in basement of the United Church. Returned to complete B.Ed. degree, majoring in English, in 1976. Taught all levels of school. Retired in 1988. Taught private music lessons. In her career, she taught approximately 3000 students.</p>		
Judy Edwards recording and photograph	Homestead; Bald Hill; river cage; Royal Purple; country school; Cubs	<p>Full name: Judith Margretta Edwards, née Ryan</p> <p>Father: Archibald (Archie) Ryan</p> <p>Mother: Doreen Pearl Devlin</p> <p>Spouse: George William Edwards</p> <p>Birthdate: February 6, 1942</p> <p>Birthplace: Athabasca, AB</p>	<p>Has 3 children: Bob, Lyle, and Mark. Talks about her husband's family, her dad, Archie Ryan, her mother, Doreen, homesteading in Bald Hill area, growing up, school years, family. Her husband George talks about farming, working off the farm.</p>	Eleanor Staszewski	2017-06-23
Doug Harper	Boxing; Amber	<p>Full name: Alfred Douglas</p>	<p>Played junior football.</p>	Rosemary Neaves	2017-10-24

recording	Valley; Air Cadets; farming; Canadian Boxing Council	Harper Father: Robert Harper Mother: Eddie Mae Cooper Spouse: Jennie Turner Birthdate: December 5, 1929 Birthplace: Maidstone, Saskatchewan	Boxing career 1947–1961. Moved to Amber Valley in 1952. Worked for a farmer. Had three children: Debra, Rhonda, and Wade. Won the light heavyweight championship of Western Canada. In 2017 received honorary lifetime championship award from the Canadian Boxing Council.		
Irene Boisvert recording and photographs	Grosmont, Lawrence Lake School, Lahaiville School, Athabasca Elementary School, Athabasca High School, Hutterite colony, Smith School, farming, commercial fishing, fur-trading, trapping, sawmill, camp cook, homestead, Catholic Youth Organization, World War II, musician, family	Full name: Irene Mary Theresa Boisvert, née Seyfried Father: Lawrence (Sonny) Carl Sebastian Seyfried Mother: Theresa Adam Spouse: Joseph Eugene Aimee Boisvert Birthdate: October 19, 1935	On their way to Peace country, Irene's parents chose Athabasca. Irene grew up in a mixed farming community in Grosmont. Received teaching certificate from University of Alberta. Married Joe Boisvert and had 5 children in 7 years. Taught school. Played in family band to provide family income.	Maxine Boisvert	2017-11-29 received. Recorded 2003-10.

	band, Joe Boisvert and the Old-Timers, dance halls, Athabasca Catholic Academy, First Nations, Athabasca creamery, laundry	Bithplace: Medicine Hat, AB			
Harry Waschuk recording	Homesteading; immigration; farming; early oil sands work; sawmills	<p>Full name: Harry Waschuk</p> <p>Father: Jacob Waschuk, b. 1889</p> <p>Mother: Violet Sawchuk, b. 1891</p> <p>Spouse: --</p> <p>Birth date: November 12, 1928</p> <p>Place of birth: Poland</p>	Born in Poland in 1928. Came to Canada when he was 1½ years old. Talks about his father in WWI, homesteading, school years. Recited a poem he wrote. Worked on oil rigs, lumber camps, Diefenbaker Dam.	Rosemary Neaves	2017-12-13
Wilma (Jim) Cooke recording and photographs	South Athabasca School; telephone exchange; Union Hotel; Royal Northwest Mounted Police; the Brick School; telegraph operator during	<p>Full name: Wilma (Jim) Katherine Cooke, née Galloway</p> <p>Father: James Dean Galloway</p> <p>Mother: Katherine Leah</p>	Grandparents came from Nova Scotia in 1911. Grandfather and neighbours built church and school in South Athabasca. Wilma's Uncle Sim worked at the telephone office. Uncle	Wendy Schinnell	2018-03-04

	WWII	<p>Lewis</p> <p>Spouse: Tony Korble; Leonard Colin Cooke</p> <p>Birth date: November 29, 1932</p> <p>Place of birth: Athabasca, AB</p>	<p>Ray managed the Union Hotel. Mother taught school before she married. Talks about growing up in Athabasca, school, and social activities. Joined the air force, was a telegraph operator for about two years during the war. Moved to Wales, where husband got a job teaching after the war. After five years they moved to Vancouver. Wilma got her degree in education.</p>		
Katherine Nelson recording	<p>Birth, homestead, early school, harvest/threshing gang, ice well, early refrigeration, Sawdy Hall, box socials, early toys (barrel hoop), flour sack clothing.</p>	<p>Full name: Katherine Nelson, née Chilak</p> <p>Father: Peter Chilak</p> <p>Mother: Mary Sosnowski</p> <p>Spouse: Earl Herman Nelson</p> <p>Birth date: June 12, 1932</p>	<p>Dad immigrated from the Ukraine. Parents moved from BC to Alberta, buying land for \$10. Talks about growing up on the farm, school, and box socials. Married Earl and farmed homestead, cooked in camps. Catered for 40 years.</p>	Rosemary Neaves	2018-02-19

		Place of birth: Anyox, BC			
LeRoy Overacker recording	Recycling, baseball, batting cage; baseball bats; baseball gloves	<p>Full name: LeRoy Robert Overacker</p> <p>Father: Clifford Overacker</p> <p>Mother: Dorothy M. Lennie</p> <p>Spouse: Charlotte Dunkle; Janet Scheerschmidt</p> <p>Birthdate: December 10, 1940</p> <p>Place of birth: Athabasca</p>	Talks about his family. Wife was a school teacher. Ran a recycling business; sons still run the business. Sold the weather-stripping business in 2003 and moved to Athabasca. In 2016, sons built a batting and pitching cage, plus a place to buy baseball bats and other baseball-related items.	Brenda Gilboe	2018-04-25
Nick Pacholok July 2018	Immigration; ForFar district; clearing land; ball games; school; Westend Motors; Mike's Store; Big Coulee District; lumber camp; 1984 tornado	<p>Full name: Nick Pacholok</p> <p>Father: Mike Pacholok</p> <p>Mother: Ahafia</p> <p>Spouse: Betty Lou Kwasney</p> <p>Birthdate: September 10, 1930</p> <p>Place of birth: Athabasca</p>	Parents immigrated from the Ukraine. Talks about working on the farm, clearing land, playing ball with other communities, school years. Worked for his brother John as a mechanic, operated a cat, building roads and in the oilfield, among other jobs. Married Betty and they both worked at a	Carmen Pysyk	2018-07-12

			lumber camp. Betty also worked at Mike's Store in Athabasca and for the Game Warden. He talks about the tornado in 1984, moving to Athabasca, and vacations.		
Katie Kuzyk	Immigration; Austria; bees; 4-H; Cadets; ForFar District	Full name: Katie Kuzyk, née Bahry Father: George Bahry Mother: Katherine Ilchuk Spouse: Peter Kuzyk Birthdate: July 4, 1922 Place of birth: Forfar farm	Parents immigrated from Austria. Talks about growing up on the farm, working on the farm, raising bees, school years, married life, raising family on the farm, husband's health, her children, pottery, travelling and hunting.	Carmen Pysyk	2018-07-26
Jack & Shirley Nixon July 2018	4-H; football; mechanic; Calgary Stampede; Westerner Days; UFA; Charolais	Full name: John (Jack) Albert Nixon Father: William Glenn Mother: Mary Isabel Campbell Spouse: Shirley Ann	Both talk about growing up on a farm, school years, sports. Jack talks about his job as a mechanic and living and working on a Charolais farm and about when they got married. They moved to Athabasca in	Carmen Pysyk	2018-07

		<p>(Chick) Nixon</p> <p>Birth date: April 8, 1949</p> <p>Place of birth: Stettler, AB</p> <p>Full name: Shirley Ann Nixon, née Chick</p> <p>Father: Albert Leadham</p> <p>Mother: Iris Beattie</p> <p>Spouse: John (Jack) Albert Nixon</p> <p>Birth date: June 10, 1951</p> <p>Place of birth: Stettler, AB</p>	1992. Shirley worked at UFA and Jack worked with flooring.		
Bert Lachman August 2018		<p>Full name: Hilbert (Bert) Rudolph Lachman</p> <p>Father: Rudolph Lachman</p> <p>Mother: Elsie Gravon</p> <p>Spouse: Margaret Rose Veronica Wachowicz</p> <p>Birthdate: June 14, 1935</p>		Carmen Pysyk	2018-08

		Place of birth: Edmonton			
Ken Stafford September 2018	Homestead; cattle feedlot; Vermilion School of Agriculture; Satellite cattle auction; farming; Baptiste Lake School	<p>Full name: Kenneth Richard Stafford</p> <p>Father: Howard Richard Francis Stafford</p> <p>Mother: Kathleen Mann</p> <p>Spouse: Thelma Meartz</p> <p>Birthdate: February 3, 1938</p> <p>Place of birth: Athabasca hospital</p>	Great grandparents came to Canada from USA in early 1800s. Family homesteaded in Athabasca in 1894. His father got his own homestead in 1917. Mother became a teacher. Ken went to Vermilion School of Agriculture. In 1969 he took over the family farm. Ken talks about the highs and lows of running a mixed farming operation and a feedlot running up to 6,000 head of cattle. In 2017, the family farm had sold. Ken retired in 2018.	Brenda Gilboe	2018-09-11
Rosemary Neaves September 2018	Immigrant; Athabasca Health Unit; Health Canada, Aklavik; Boyle McCauley Health Centre, Edmonton; Athabasca University; Seniors'	<p>Full name: Rosemary Enid Neaves, née Howe</p> <p>Father: Edward Theodore Howe</p> <p>Mother: Helen Margaret</p>	Mother immigrated from England. Father came from India, then went to England to study agriculture, then came to Canada. She talks about the nursing school she	Thelma Flemmer	2018-09-11

	Memory Project; UFA Fuels; Canadian Press; First Nation communities	<p>Jones</p> <p>Spouse: James Ernest Neaves</p> <p>Birthdate: July 6, 1939</p> <p>Place of birth: Selkirk, Manitoba</p>	<p>attended that was run by nuns, her career in nursing and where she worked (Public Health, Athabasca Health Unit, Health Canada for First Nations communities, nurse educator), taking the Nurse Practitioner course in North Dakota. She talks about working in Aklavik, NWT and Boyle McCauley Health Centre in Edmonton. Her husband worked for the Canadian Press. The family became agents for UFA Fuels. Is one of the founders for the Athabasca Area Seniors'</p>		
Rita Sequeira October 2018	Coffee estate; immigration; education; India; debating; teacher; Union Hotel; Athabasca Country Fringe Festival; convent; Alberta	<p>Full name: Rita Esther Sequeira</p> <p>Father: Ligoury D'Souza</p> <p>Mother: Lily Jane Saldanha</p> <p>Spouse: Charles Archibald Sequeira</p>	<p>Born in India. Received BA and Diploma in Social Work. Talks about growing up, going to school, church, music. Learned to play violin at 6 years of age. Father owned a coffee estate. Sister joined a convent.</p>	Peggy Baker	2018-10-05

	School board	<p>Birthdate: July 21, 1935</p> <p>Place of birth: Mangalore, India</p>	<p>Talks about arranged marriages. Married Charles in 1957. Charles worked in law, Rita in teaching. Immigrated to Canada in 1966 to start their teaching career. First time seeing snow. Taught school for 30 years. Was involved in the Athabasca Country Fringe Festival and live arts. Also was on the school board, a university facilitator, and a liaison between the University and Alberta School Board Association.</p>		
William Waschuk 2018	Immigration; pipeline; welding; Great Slave Lake; fish factory; Russia; Hay River; Larvard	<p>Full name: William W. Waschuk</p> <p>Father: Jacob Waschuk</p> <p>Mother: Violet Sawchuk</p> <p>Spouse: Agnes Postowski</p> <p>Birthdate: October 23,</p>	<p>Parents came to Canada in 1929 and lived in the community of Larvard north of Athabasca. William talks about farming, childhood, school years, fish factory at Hay River, and starting his own pipeline</p>	Lorrill Waschuk	2018

<p>William Waschuk 2018</p>	<p>Immigration; pipeline; welding; Great Slave Lake; fish factory; Russia; Hay River; Larvard</p>	<p>Full name: William W. Waschuk Father: Jacob Waschuk Mother: Violet Sawchuk Spouse: Agnes Postowski Birthdate: October 23, 1932 Place of birth: on the farm at Larvard</p>	<p>Parents came to Canada in 1929 and lived in the community of Larvard north of Athabasca. William talks about farming, childhood, school years, fish factory at Hay River, and starting his own pipeline business.</p>	<p>Lorrill Waschuk</p>	<p>2018</p>
<p>Eileen Chamberlain 2018</p>	<p>Camsell Indian Hospital; Fowler Block; Chamber of Commerce; adoption; Athabasca Bridge</p>	<p>Full name: Eileen Lillian Chamberlain, née Barker Father: Hugh William Barker Mother: Lillian Mae Cooper</p>	<p>Went to school in Edmonton. Worked in the summer at Camsell Indian Hospital. Talks about moving to Athabasca, husband opening his law practice,</p>	<p>Peggy Baker</p>	<p>2018-10-20</p>