



Roland Garrett

Interview

October 9, 1977

Length: 31 minutes and 44 seconds

[*The interviewer and interviewee are not introduced but it can be assumed that Roland Garrett is being interviewed.*] Roland Garrett speaks about Robert McAfee who came from Ireland, the grandfather of his wife (Alice Leetta) [*She went by her middle name, Leetta*]. He was quite successful at farming in the area [*it is not clear what area they are referring to; most likely somewhere in the Bradford West Gwillimbury area.*] Leeta came to Bradford to go to school and stayed with a cousin. Eventually, after living on the farm, her widowed mother (Elizabeth Holt) moved the remaining family to Barrie Street in Bradford. Elizabeth's family were farmers in the community. Ronald speaks about some of Letta's siblings. They discuss Roland's family history. They debate where his grandmother (his father's mother) is buried; Roland thinks it must be in Coulson's Hill. They also speak about Ronald's grandparents on his mother's side (the Goodfellows). He speaks about his parents and where they were married [*his mother and father were Mr. and Mrs. E. Garrett*]. He discusses his father's career and how he started a newspaper [*The Witness*]. When Ronald was a child, they lived in a grand home. They briefly mention The Holland Marsh and how it changed Bradford.

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