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Summary information

Repository:	Trent University Archives
Title:	George Cobb tapes
Reference code:	82-006
Date:	1962-1968 (creation)
Physical description:	78 audio reels. 8 audio cassettes (plus copy audio cassettes). Most of the tapes are 7" reel to reel which run at a speed of 3 3/4 ips, unless otherwise noted in the finding aid.

Administrative history / Biographical sketch

Note

George Cobb (- 2003) was a local historian, who in 1966 was commissioned by Trent University to begin an experimental program in oral history. The tapes in this fonds are the results of his efforts.

Custodial history

This fonds was created by George Cobb. Some of the tapes were in his custody at the time of donation to the Trent University Archives while some of the other tapes were in the custody of Professor Kenneth Kidd of the Anthropology Department.

Scope and content

This fonds consists of oral history tapes made by George Cobb. Topics covered on the tapes include: Trent Canal, lumbering, early medicine and dentistry in Peterborough County, Indigenous history and culture, mills and so forth. Fonds also includes tapes made by Cobb of other broadcasts and recordings (located at the end of the list). Browse file list for more information.

Notes

Physical condition

Some of the tapes in this collection are off-gassing and cannot be used. Cassette copies of some tapes have been made for research use in the reading room.

Immediate source of acquisition

The fonds was donated by George Cobb.

Alternative form available

Many reel-to-reel tapes have been copied onto cassette and/or CD. See item listing for more details. Transcriptions are available online for tapes 9, 21 and 42-47. Transcripts are provided for personal research only. All questions of copyright are the responsibility of the researcher. Many reel

Restrictions on access

Tapes will be made available only if a cassette or CD copy has been made.

Conditions governing use

Tapes may not be copied. Copyright permissions not acquired.

Related material

The Enid Mallory fonds (82-003) also includes local history recordings and oral histories.

Other notes

- **Publication status:** Published

Access points

- Oral histories and interviews (documentary form)
- Textual records (documentary form)
- Business and Industry (subject)
- Health and Medicine (subject)
- Pioneers and Early Settlers (subject)
- Indigenous Studies (subject)
- Trent Valley and Canal (place)

Series descriptions

Reference code	Title	Dates	Physical description
82-006/001(01)	Item - Choate, Hal: Grandson of founder of Warsaw, Ont. Story of medicine man's business from log cabin to factory to bankruptcy. A medicine show with a tapeworm; village store drugs	30 December 1965	1 reel-to-reel tape : 60 Minutes, 3 3/4 ips
82-006/001(02)	Item - Clements, Hilliard, 15 February 1964: Also includes interviews of Allan Uriah Payne, 7 March 1964 (track 4), and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hawthorne, 18 April 1964	1964	1 reel-to-reel tape : 90 minutes, 3 3/4 ips

82-006/001(03)	Item - Copperthwaite, Doug: One of the last river-boat engineers, who also worked on lake tankers. Boat building on Rice Lake. Description of photos in father's album	6 May 1966	1 reel-to-reel tape : 60 minutes, 3 3/4 ips
82-006/001(04)	Item - Fleming, David: Accountant with the Dickson Lumber Co. Company history, conditions in lumber camps. Age 96 at time of interview	20 August 1966	1 reel-to-reel tape : 60 minutes, 3 3/4 ips
82-006/001(05)	Item - Fowler, Daisy: Daughter of John Duncan, last operator of oatmeal mill at Lang (Allendale). Description of the mill, out-buildings, store dressing, family history and the log house. Born in Peterborough on 16 April 1876, she lived at Lang from age 9 to 18.	30 September 1965	1 reel-to-reel tape : 45 minutes, 3 3/4 ips
82-006/001(06)	Item - Fowler, Daisy: duplicate of tape 5, edited to 30 minutes	30 September 1965	5 inch tape : 30 minutes, 3 3/4 ips
82-006/001(07)	Item - Garvey, John: Born 29 November 1877 and died in 1966 at age 88. Lumbering, logging, shanty life. Dug foundation for Quaker Oats with scraper and team. One verse of logging song	23 September 1965	1 reel-to-reel tape : 45 minutes, 3 3/4 ips
82-006/001(08)	Item - Geale, Leah, June 1964: Daughter of R.B. Rogers, designer and engineer of Peterborough Liftlocks (track 1, 30 minutes). Hurtubise, Gene, 14 July 1964: He was in charge of the cement hoist for over 2 years during the construction of the liftlocks (track 1, 20 minutes). Holmes, Fred, 30 October, 1964: Regarding Senator George A. Cox. Dangers of work at the cordage company; sweated labour and old Peterborough (track 1 side 2, 45 minutes)	1964	1 reel-to-reel tape
82-006/001(09)	Item - Marsden, Moses: Born at Roseneath or Alderville 15 June 1870, age 95 at time of interview. A native river-driver who lived in shanties and was a Seventh-Day Adventist.	20 June 1965	1 reel-to-reel tape : 60 minutes, 3 3/4 ips
82-006/001(10)	Item - McMahon, Matthew: Age 91 at time of interview - died 20 November 1969. Worked with horses for a dealer, lumbering and cadging; information re R.B. Rogers and the Peterborough Lift Lock.	20 May 1965	1 reel-to-reel tape : 60 minutes, 3 3/4 ips
82-006/001(11)	Item - Milburn, Eunice: Granddaughter of Thomas Milburn who came to Peterborough with Adam Scott. Early settlement, floating bridge on Chemong Lake and maple sugaring. Age 90 at time of interview.	27 July 1966	1 reel-to-reel tape : 20 minutes, 3 3/4 ips

82-006/001(12)	Item - Mowry, Chester: 24 June 1964 (track 1, 60 minutes): Grandfather ran foundry in Peterborough. Talks of George Street stores. Hall's Glen cheese factory and cheese-making process. Cobbs voice inaudible on Mowry portion. Tivy, Captain: 24 June 1964 (track 4, 45 minutes). Vivid description of rounding Cape Horn in a fully-rigged ship. Hurricanes, roaring forties, ship life, dangerous fog and nature of fear. (Taped at Anson House, Peterborough.)	1964	1 reel-to-reel tape : 20 minutes, 3/4 ips
82-006/002(13)	Item - Noyes, George. Tape destroyed - vinegar syndrome. See tape 15 which is a duplicate		
82-006/002(14)	Item - Noyes, George: 9 November 1968: Lumbering, sleighs and ice roads, lumber mills, working conditions, cutting roads and trails, work accidents (tracks 1 and 4)	9 November 1968	1 reel-to-reel tape : 80 minutes, 3/4 ips
82-006/002(15)	Item - Noyes, George: . "Cleaned-up version" of tape 13. Age 87 at time of interview. Born 30 April 1879, died 23 August 1969. Come to Canada from Chester, England in 1882 and settled with family in Lakefield. Log jams, Otonabee River before building on Liftlocks. Saw Mrs. Traill. Buildings and lumbering sidelights. Full description of first dredging of Trent Canal	9 November 1968	1 reel-to-reel tape : 60 minutes, 2/3 ips
82-006/002(16)	Item - Mrs. Albert Reid, daughter of Robert McCauley: owner of 'Stopping Place' Temperance Hotel, near Haultain; loggers and [illegible] used to stay there	August 15 1966	1 reel-to-reel tape : 55 minutes, 3/4 ips
82-006/002(17)	Item - Selkirks mill etc: Being worked on. ??	May 22 1964	1 reel-to-reel tape : 30 minutes
82-006/002(18)	Item - Jack Sheridan (did Nov 7 1968), son of Robert Sheridan: deer hand in Bessie Butler; painting on canal; Wiliam Jennings Bryant; sawmill labourer (as student); booms in little lake; piano factory, William Hamilton Works; baseball and teams 1896-99; grounds and works in East City	22 April 1966	1 reel-to-reel tape : 45 minutes, 3/4 ips single track
82-006/002(19)	Item - Jack Sheridan (did Nov 7 1968) edited version of tape 18	1966	1 reel-to-reel tape : 45 minutes, 3/4 ips four track
82-006/002(20)	Item - Smooker, William: Hand bootmaker, discussing the industry; World War I (tracks 1 and 4)	8 September 1968	1 reel-to-reel tape : 50 minutes, 3/4 ips
82-006/002(21)	Item - Telford, William: Born in 1878, son of Smith Township poet. Stage coaches, lime kilns, Chemong Lake floating bridge, weaving in Bridgenorth and hotels.	23 March 1968	1 reel-to-reel tape : 60 minutes, 3/4 ips

82-006/002(22)	Item - John Thompson aged 104 recorded in Westwood: logging, Riel Rebellion, fishing (track 1, 45 minutes). Copies of Mrs. Smith's (Lakefield) tapes: Harry Strickland (age 95) son of Watler Strickland; Mr. Newcombe; Old Ennismore lady singing 'Ole Plaid Shawl' (track 2, 1 hour)	1965-1966	1 reel-to-reel tape
82-006/002(23)	Item - Clifford Tivey life on a square-rigged barque on run to Australia in 1900 (green). G. Robert Vincent National Voice Library, Michigan State University: Oswald - interview and murder, Queen at Expo, Ian Smith (red)	1964	1 reel-to-reel tape : 3 3/4 ips single track
82-006/002(24)	Item - Clifford Tivey (aged 83) edited: life on square-rigged barque on Australia run - 1900	24 June 1964	1 reel-to-reel tape : 3 3/4 ips
82-006/003(25)	Item - Earle Tighe: Irish in Central Ontario, 'booby hatch' logging, lumber camps, language - views on Irish, English, Jews, and several very earthy stories	August 1966	1 reel-to-reel tape : 2 hours, 3 3/4 ips four track
82-006/003(26)	Item - Earle Tighe - Warsaw, Irish flute and fiddle music, and wake music with description of Ont. Irish wake	August 1966	1 reel-to-reel tape : 30 minutes, 3 3/4 ips four track
82-006/003(27)	Item - Earle Tighe, Warsaw, woodsman, biologist, musician, Irish wake flute music, cures, logging, river driver, working logs, Irish settlement in Central Ontario, views on language, Jews, etc, several early stories (tracks 1 and 4)	16 August 1966	1 reel-to-reel tape : 1 hour 45 minutes, 3 3/4 ips four track
82-006/003(28)	Item - Frank Walsh (great grandson of Francis Young of Youngs Point). Aged 87. Indians at store, trading pelts, dug out canoes, logging, squaring timbers, French loggers, George Douglas, etc. Recorded in Warsaw at Young's Point	19 March 1966	1 reel-to-reel tape : 45 minutes, 3 3/4 ips single track
82-006/003(29)	Item - Neil Whitmore (age 89) in his home at Apsley. Family history, early settlement and land clearing	26 August 1966	1 reel-to-reel tape : 2 hours, 3 3/4 ips four track
82-006/003(30)	Item - Captain Harold Young: boats on Stoney Lake, logging, story of Polly Cow, Indians	9 May 1965	1 reel-to-reel tape : 45 minutes, 3/34 ips
82-006/004(31)	Item - The Liftlock Story: Extracts from tapes 8 and 10 (track 1, 60 minutes). Logging in the 1890s: Extracts from tapes 7, 9, 10 and 22 (track 4, 60 minutes).		1 reel-to-reel tape : 3 3/4 ips
82-006/004(32)	Item - The Liftlock Story (Part 2) and the Otonabee River: 3 3/4 ips. Master copy Extracts from tapes 3, 13 and 14. See also tape 56.		1 reel-to-reel tape : 3 3/4 ips

82-006/004(33)	Item - Logging master copy		
82-006/004(34)	Item - C logging 2, copy from master	1965-1966	1 reel-to-reel tape : 3 3/4 ips four track
82-006/004(35)	Item - Early Days in Ontario, master		1 reel-to-reel tape : 3 3/4 ips
82-006/004(36)	Item - Boating on the Otonabee, master copy		
82-006/004(37)	Item - Early Canadian life - 15 minute segments		
82-006/004(38)	Item - Peterborough and district industries, etc.		
82-006/004(39)	Item - Medical, dental, remedies: Backwoods dentistry, Halchoate, Earle Tighe, Neil Whitmore		
82-006/004(40)	Item - Sounds of the country, extracts from Choate, Medicine men	2 January 1966	reel-to-reel
82-006/004(41)	Item - Pioneers tape/slide show		
82-006/004(42)	Item - Curve Lake First Nation: Mary Johnson (age 96) and Dow Taylor	[196-?]	4 inch tape : 3 3/4 ips
82-006/004(43)	Item - Curve Lake First Nation: Herb Irons (tracks 1 and 3)	2 July 1966	5 inch tape : 90 minutes, 3 3/4 ips
82-006/004(44)	Item - Curve Lake First Nation: Christopher McKue [McKue]	19 June 1966	5 inch tape : 20 minutes, 3 3/4 ips
82-006/004(45)	Item - Curve Lake First Nation: Bill Taylor: Indigenous names of lakes etc.	7 August 1966	5 inch tape : 45 minutes, 3 3/4 ips
82-006/004(46)	Item - Curve Lake First Nation: Dow Taylor: Hunting, baskets, black ash tree, sweet grass. Transcript.	2 and 16 July 1966	5 inch tape : 60 minutes, 3 3/4 ips
82-006/004(47)	Item - Curve Lake First Nation: Short Tom Taylor: Age 87 at time of interview. Trapping, food preservation, schools. Transcript.	29 May 1966	5 inch tape: 3 3/4 ips
82-006/004(48)	Item - Curve Lake First Nation: Short Tom Taylor: Age 87 at time of interview. Working on farm, first boots, Native stories, trapping, lumbering	5 June 1966	5 inch tape : 3 3/4 ips
82-006/004(49)	Item - Tall Tom Taylor June 12 1966, Christopher McKue (others in same room, noisy, also 2 young boys dash round to see airplane passing over)	1966	1 reel-to-reel tape : 3 3/4 ips
82-006/004(50)	Item - Ojibwa Choir, Curve Lake from Montaigne Limited Pembroke Ont record, Walter Jacobs aged 75 singing Great Redeemer in English and Ojibway, boy learns John Brown's Body in Indian. Last 2 items recorded George Cobb at Curve Lake	[196-]	1 reel-to-reel tape : 1 7/8 ips

82-006/004(51)	Item - Tom Taylor, Walter Jacobs sings My Great Redeemer in Ojibwa and English	June 5 1965	1 reel-to-reel tape : 3 3/4 ips
82-006/004(52)	Item - Copies of Curve Lake tapes for Trent University	[196-]	1 reel-to-reel tape
82-006/004(53)	Item - Copies of Curve Lake tapes (at Trent University): Herb Irons, Bill Taylor, Tall Tom Taylor	1966	1 reel-to-reel tape : 1 7/8 ips
82-006/004(54)	Item - Curve Lake Story to 1920, 1830-1930 composite: pre-whiteman, hunting and fishing stories, schools, treaties	Summer 1966	1 reel-to-reel tape
82-006/004(55)	Item - Indian songs and chants, Curve Lake Ojibwa Choir, Jewish holiday songs for each festival by Heritage Orchestra and Choral	[196-]	1 reel-to-reel tape
82-006/004(56)	Item - Boating on the Otonabee, master copy	[196-]	1 reel-to-reel tape
82-006/004(57)	Item - Recordings from elsewhere: Marius Barbeau's life story and connecting Indian and French soup and their importance in Canadian culture; False faces, Prof Barbeau on Huron and Iroquois culture CBC (Dec 18 1963), World Theatre England Ralph Richardson, July Garland	1963	1 reel-to-reel tape
82-006/004(58)	Item - Recordings from elsewhere: Pueblo and Navaho songs	[196-]	1 reel-to-reel tape : 3 3/4 ips
82-006/004(59)	Item - Recordings from elsewhere: Spanish language records	[196-]	1 reel-to-reel tape
82-006/004(60)	Item - Recordings from elsewhere: 4 CBC programs on Mexico	[196-]	1 reel-to-reel tape
82-006/004(61)	Item - Recordings from elsewhere: Mexican slide commentary	[196-]	1 reel-to-reel tape
82-006/004(62)	Item - Recordings from elsewhere: Mexico commentary	[196-]	1 reel-to-reel tape
82-006/004(63)	Item - Recordings from elsewhere: Donald Swann, Tommy Hunter, Centennial Flame, Canadian History, Joan Baetz in Edinburgh (BBL)	[196-]	1 reel-to-reel tape
82-006/004(64)	Item - Recordings from elsewhere: Multi-play Mexico slide commentary	[196-]	1 reel-to-reel tape
82-006/004(65)	Item - Recordings from elsewhere: The Bold Ones, Capt range, Mexico, CBC	[196-]	1 reel-to-reel tape
82-006/004(66)	Item - Recordings from elsewhere: Pueblo Navaho songs, stories of S.W., C. Burke 'Mexico'	[196-]	1 reel-to-reel tape

82-006/004(67)	Item - Recordings from elsewhere: Martha Schlamme	[196-]	1 reel-to-reel tape
82-006/004(68)	Item - Recordings from elsewhere: Churchill funeral	[196-]	1 reel-to-reel tape
82-006/004(69)	Item - Recordings from elsewhere: Kennedy Program: assassination, interview with Oswald, funeral services and burial, Johnston's first speech, hospital autopsy, killing Oswald by Ruby	1963	1 reel-to-reel tape
82-006/004(70)	Item - Recordings from elsewhere: Dr. Martin Luther King's assassination and following riots	April 4-9 1968	1 reel-to-reel tape
82-006/004(71)	Item - Recordings from elsewhere: Gemini flight	23 March 1965	1 reel-to-reel tape
82-006/004(72)	Item - Recordings from elsewhere: Gemini take-off, Rendezvous and landing	Dec 1965	1 reel-to-reel tape
82-006/004(73)	Item - Recordings from elsewhere: John Glen: postponed by weather, take off, flight, orbits and landing	February 20 1962	1 reel-to-reel tape
82-006/004(74)	Item - Recordings from elsewhere: Algae workshop - Otonabee Region Conservation Authority, Adam Scott School	November 24 1962	1 reel-to-reel tape
82-006/004(75)	Item - Recordings from elsewhere: Roadside's conference, Otonabee Region Conservation Authority	[196-]	1 reel-to-reel tape
82-006/004(76)	Item - Recordings from elsewhere: copies of tapes from Bill Weaver, Director W.T.F. History Section	1966	1 reel-to-reel tape
82-006/004(77)	Item - Recordings from elsewhere: Upper Canada Village	[196-]	1 reel-to-reel tape
82-006/004(78)	Item - Recordings from elsewhere: Vilhjalmor Stefansson and Henry Larson - insecticides, Arctic trip, Sir Isaac Newton	[196-]	1 reel-to-reel tape
82-006/005(79)	Item - Recordings from elsewhere: CBC The Long hundred: Canada's centennial	1967	1 reel-to-reel tape
82-006/004(80)	Item - Recordings from elsewhere: Dr. Barnardo and is heart operation	7 January 1968	1 reel-to-reel tape
82-006/004(81)	Item - Recordings from elsewhere: Mixed folk-talk from CBC	ca. 1969	1 reel-to-reel tape
82-006/004(82)	Item - Recordings from elsewhere: Centennial Day, Progressive Conservative Leadership Conference Sept 1967	1967-1969	1 reel-to-reel tape
82-006/004(83)	Item - Recordings from elsewhere: Dr. Helen Creighton: the radio excerpts	1966-1969	1 reel-to-reel tape
82-006/004(84)	Item - Recordings from elsewhere: Diefenbaker speech at conservative	September - October 1967	1 reel-to-reel tape

	conference; "I am a Canadian" from Diefenbaker RCA record		
82-006/004(85)	Item - Recordings from elsewhere: Mexican music	[196-?]	1 reel-to-reel tape
82-006/004(86)	Item - Recordings from elsewhere: Hutchison House (bonfire house)	[196-?]	1 reel-to-reel tape
82-006/004(87)	Item - Recordings from elsewhere: The blues, strolling 20s Negro show	February 1966	1 reel-to-reel tape