

# S. J. McKee Archives



## John Robert Charles Evans

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions4243>

Part Of: RG 1 Brandon College fonds

Description Level: Sub-series

Series Number: 2.5

GMD: textual records

Date Range: 1928-1959

Physical Description: 6.42 m

History /

Biographical:

Dr. Evans was born in Nanaimo, B.C. on March 15, 1891. In the fall of 1907, at the age of sixteen, Dr. Evans entered the Academic Department of Brandon College. He played an integral part at the College, participating in academics, sports, and various other college functions and organizations. In his final year he was Senior Stick, the highest position in the Student Government. In 1913, Dr. Evans graduated from Brandon College. Immediately after graduation he was hired to teach Science and Academic Mathematics. In 1917, he became Principal of the Academic Department, while continuing to teach Mathematics and Science. Dr. Evans took leave in 1920 to study post graduate work at the University of Chicago. During the summers, he was the Acting Dean of the Department of Geology in Chicago. He received his Ph.D. in Geology in 1923, and returned to Brandon College. His new positions at the college were of Professor of Geology and Resident Master. He also taught some Chemistry.

On August 1, 1927, Dr. Evans married Adelene M. Bailey (Class of 1921, Music 1924) at the Joseph Bond Chapel in Chicago. He took over as College Dean in 1928 after the position became vacant. In September of 1928, Dr. Evans accepted the position of President of Brandon College, thus becoming its fifth president since the college's inception. Dr. Evans was head of the college at a very difficult time. He guided the College through the Depression and repeated threats of closure from the Baptists. Dr. Evans resurrected the Department of Theology in the mid-1930's. He helped with the reorganization of Brandon College as a non-denominational college in 1938, and its new affiliation with the University of Manitoba. During World War II, Dr. Evans started a War Emergency Fund, aimed at keeping the College from sinking into debt during the war years as enrollment shrank. With increased financial support from the government, Dr. Evans began expansion plans for the College. In 1958, he created the Dr. J.R.C. Evans Student Loan Fund in conjunction with the Alumni Association in order to provide worthy students with interest-free loans. It was also in 1958 that Dr. Evans was awarded the Queen Elizabeth Coronation Medal for his outstanding contribution to education in the British Commonwealth.

On July 29, 1959, Dr. Evans died suddenly at his summer home in Robson, B.C.. On his desk was the programme for the sod-turning ceremony for the new Arts and Library Building and Lecture Theatre. When it was completed, the Lecture Theatre was christened the Dr. J.R.C. Evans Lecture Theatre on behalf of the man who had made sure that it would be built. The Theatre had been his dream, a place to hold Chapel and Assemblies, as the student body grew in number.

#### Scope and Content:

Dr. Evans collection is quite substantial, owing to the fact that he was President of Brandon College for thirty one years. His collection is primarily made up of correspondence between Dr. Evans and various people. The letters deal with students, teachers, finances, fundraising, the Bursar, the Registrar, and legal matters. The collection also includes the minutes from various meetings, including Board of Director meetings and National Conference on Canadian Universities. There are accounts dealing with World War II, its affect on campus, the C.O.T.C, and the lending of part of Brandon College to the R.C.A.F. during the war. The complete withdrawal of Baptist support for Brandon College is well documented in this collection, as is the ensuing affiliation of the College with the University of Manitoba. The Brandon College Campaign and other fundraising endeavors are documented in Evans' papers as well. Evans was bent on the expansion of Brandon College, and there is a lot of correspondence dealing with this topic. There are various financial accounts and financial histories of Brandon College in Evans' collection.

Name Access: J.R.C. Evans  
Storage Location: RG 1 Brandon College fonds  
Series 2: Office of the Principal/President



## John E. Robbins

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions4244>

Part Of: RG 1 Brandon College fonds  
Description Level: Sub-series  
Series Number: 2.6  
GMD: textual records  
Date Range: 1960-1967

## History /

### Biographical:

Dr. John Everett Robbins was born 9 October 1903 in Hampton, Ontario the son of John and Gertrude (Brown) Robbins. He married Catherine St. Denis on 11 June 1934 in Ogdens, New York. John Robbins was raised in Darlingford, Manitoba. He attended the University of Manitoba graduating with a B.A. Hon 1928 and M.A. in 1929. Dr. Robbins completed a Ph.D at the University of Ottawa in 1935. From 1936-1951 he was Director of the Education Division, Dominion Bureau of Statistics.

Dr. Robbins helped to found the Canadian Association for Adult Education, the Social Science Research Council of Canada, the Humanities Research Council of Canada, the United Nations Association in Canada, and the Canadian Citizenship Council. In 1942 he became a member of the Board of Directors of Carlton University. Dr. Robbins was active in UNESCO work: he was a member of Canadian Government delegations to foreign conferences, and, in 1951-52, he spent a year as Director of an educational project for Palestinian Refugees in the Middle East.

In 1960, while editor-in-chief of the newly compiled "Encyclopedia Canadiana," Dr. Robbins was asked to become President of Brandon College. From 1960 to 1967, he oversaw construction of the Arts and Library Building and Lecture Theatre, a Men's Residence, a Dining Hall, a Heating Plant, a Ladies' Residence, a Music Building, a Physical Education Building and an Education Building. After the university charter was granted in 1967, Dr. Robbins was installed as the first President of Brandon University.

After his retirement from Brandon University Dr. Robbins was appointed Canadian Ambassador to the Vatican 1970-73. In the years after his departure from Brandon, he held many positions including President of World Federalists of Canada 1977-79 and President of the Canadian Writers Foundation 1976-78. Dr. Robbins served as Executive Chairman and Treasurer of Amnesty International in Canada 1973-75.

He was the recipient of an honorary LLD from the University of Manitoba (1967), Carleton University (1969) and Brandon University (1974). In 1994, the title President Emeritus of Brandon University was conferred on John Robbins by the Board of Governors of the University. Dr. Robbins died in 1995, at the age of 91.

### Scope and Content:

Dr. Robbins' administrative records are located in the Brandon University fonds.

Notes:	Dr. John E. Robbins archival papers are held at the Library and Archives Canada.
Name Access:	<b>John E. Robbins</b>
Storage Location:	RG 1 Brandon College fonds Series 2: Office of the Principal/President
Related Material:	See RG 6, series 3 (Office of the President) for additional records regarding John E. Robbins.



## Lady Stick's notes

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions4251>

Part Of: RG 1 Brandon College fonds

Description Level: Sub-series

Series Number: 8.1

GMD: textual records

Date Range: 1938-1965

Physical Description: 7 cm

### Scope and Content:

These records consist of notes that Lady Sticks have written regarding functions during their term in office. The records contain suggestions for future Lady Sticks on how to deal with certain aspects of the job.

Storage Location: RG 1 Brandon College fonds  
Series 8: Brandon College Students Association



## Memorial gymnasium book

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions4252>

Part Of: RG 1 Brandon College fonds

Description Level: Sub-series

Series Number: 8.2

GMD: textual records

Date Range: 1923-1932

Physical Description: 7 cm

### Scope and Content:

This book contains the minutes of Memorial Gymnasium Committee meetings during the years 1923 to 1932. There is also a subscription card within the book.

Storage Location: RG 1 Brandon College fonds  
Series 8: Brandon College Students Association



## Minutes

<http://archives.bradonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions4253>

Part Of: RG 1 Brandon College fonds

Description Level: Sub-series

Series Number: 8.3

GMD: textual records

Date Range: 1919-1967, 1948-1965

Physical Description: 9 cm

Scope and Content:

These are the minutes of meetings of the Literary Board.

Subject Access: literary board

Storage Location: RG 1 Brandon College fonds  
Series 8: Brandon College Students Association



## Expansion Fund Committee

<http://archives.bradonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions4254>

Part Of: RG 1 Brandon College fonds

Description Level: Sub-series

Series Number: 8.4

GMD: textual records

Date Range: 1959-1962

Physical Description: 1 cm

Scope and Content:

Includes minutes of the Expansion Fund committee.

Storage Location: RG 1 Brandon College fonds  
Series 8: Brandon College Students Association



## Athletic board finance

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions4255>

Part Of: RG 1 Brandon College fonds

Description Level: Sub-series

Series Number: 8.5

GMD: textual records

Date Range: 1935-1951

Physical Description: 2 cm

### Scope and Content:

These records are a financial statement for the Athletic Board. It includes all expenditures and credits for the years included.

Storage Location: RG 1 Brandon College fonds

Series 8: Brandon College Students Association



## Finance board

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions4256>

Part Of: RG 1 Brandon College fonds

Description Level: Sub-series

Series Number: 8.6

GMD: textual records

Date Range: 1943-1967

Physical Description: 2.5 cm

### Scope and Content:

These include the minutes of Finance Board meetings.

Storage Location: RG 1 Brandon College fonds

Series 8: Brandon College Students Association



## Main Executive Committee

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions4257>

Part Of: RG 1 Brandon College fonds

Description Level: Sub-series

Series Number: 8.7

GMD: textual records

Date Range: 1931-1945, 1957-1967

Physical Description: 8.5 cm

Scope and Content:

These are the minutes from the meetings of the Main Executive of the Student Association.

Subject Access: Student Association

Storage Location: RG 1 Brandon College fonds  
Series 8: Brandon College Students Association



## Functions Committee

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions4258>

Part Of: RG 1 Brandon College fonds

Description Level: Sub-series

Series Number: 8.8

GMD: textual records

Date Range: 1923-1935, 1945-1950

Physical Description: 3 cm

History /

Biographical:

This committee was in charge of deciding which students would be allowed to join extra-mural clubs and committees based on satisfactory schoolwork. The committee consisted of the President, faculty and students.

Scope and Content:

This file contains minutes from the meetings of the Functions Committee.

Storage Location: RG 1 Brandon College fonds  
Series 8: Brandon College Students Association



## Athletic Association/Athletic board

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions4259>

Part Of: RG 1 Brandon College fonds

Description Level: Sub-series

Series Number: 8.9

GMD: textual records

Date Range: 1919-1933, 1947-1958

Physical Description: 7 cm

Scope and Content:

These are the minutes from the meetings of the Athletic Association and the Athletic Board.

Storage Location: RG 1 Brandon College fonds

Series 8: Brandon College Students Association



## Contemporary club

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions4260>

Part Of: RG 1 Brandon College fonds

Description Level: Sub-series

Series Number: 8.10

GMD: textual records

Date Range: 1942-1945

Physical Description: 0.5 cm

Scope and Content:

Minutes from the meetings of the Contemporary Club.

Storage Location: RG 1 Brandon College fonds

Series 8: Brandon College Students Association



## Social science club

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions4261>

Part Of: RG 1 Brandon College fonds

Description Level: Sub-series

Series Number: 8.11

GMD: textual records

Date Range: 1945-1946

Physical Description: 0.3 cm

Scope and Content:

Minutes from Social Science Club meetings.

Storage Location: RG 1 Brandon College fonds

Series 8: Brandon College Students Association



## Brandon College Student Association records

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions4262>

Part Of: RG 1 Brandon College fonds

Description Level: Sub-series

Series Number: 8.12

GMD: textual records

Date Range: 1948-1957

Physical Description: 1.5 cm

Scope and Content:

Consists of the BCSA constitution, electoral procedure documents, nomination forms, the Brandon College Crests and Awards Board constitution, the Brandon College Finance Board constitution, the Brandon College Athletic Board/Athletic Council constitution, the Brandon College Board of Publications constitution, the Brandon College Literary Board constitution, the Sigma Mu constitution, and BCSA statistical summary of Committee meetings.

Subject Access: club constitutions

Storage Location: RG 1 Brandon College fonds

Series 8: Brandon College Students Association



## Co-Ed Association

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions4263>

Part Of: RG 1 Brandon College fonds

Description Level: Sub-series

Series Number: 8.13

GMD: textual records

Date Range: 1936-1945

Scope and Content:

Minutes from the meetings of the Co-Ed Association, a club formed by members of Clark Hall.

Storage Location: RG 1 Brandon College fonds

Series 8: Brandon College Students Association



## English club

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions4264>

Part Of: RG 1 Brandon College fonds

Description Level: Sub-series

Series Number: 8.14

GMD: textual records

Date Range: 1933-1940

Physical Description: 1 cm

Scope and Content:

Minutes from meetings of the English Club.

Storage Location: RG 1 Brandon College fonds

Series 8: Brandon College Students Association



## Sports awards

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions4265>

Part Of: RG 1 Brandon College fonds

Description Level: Sub-series

Series Number: 8.15

GMD: textual records

Date Range: 1919-1923

Physical Description: 1.5 cm

Scope and Content:

A book containing the names of those who won events during the College Field Day.

Storage Location: RG 1 Brandon College fonds

Series 8: Brandon College Students Association



## Record of social events

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions4266>

Part Of: RG 1 Brandon College fonds

Description Level: Sub-series

Series Number: 8.16

GMD: textual records

Date Range: 1916-1930

Physical Description: 2 cm

### Scope and Content:

Consists of a record of social affairs to be kept for reference listing various social events along with the preparations for and activities at each event.

Storage Location: RG 1 Brandon College fonds

Series 8: Brandon College Students Association



## Brandon College Ministerial Association

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions4268>

Part Of: RG 1 Brandon College fonds

Description Level: Sub-series

Series Number: 8.17

GMD: textual records

Date Range: 1919-1921

Physical Description: 1 cm

### Scope and Content:

This book contains the minutes from meetings of the students' ministerial association.

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Series 8: Brandon College Students Association



## Ledgers

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions4269>

Part Of: RG 1 Brandon College fonds

Description Level: Sub-series

Series Number: 8.18

GMD: textual records

Date Range: 1940-1941, 1959-1963

Physical Description: 1.5 cm

### Scope and Content:

One of the ledgers in this sub-series contains the Allocations of the Brandon College Student Association Main Executive Funds for the year 1940-1941. As well, there is a general ledger for the years 1959-1963.

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