

# S. J. McKee Archives



### Brandon Folk, Music & Art Society, Inc. fonds

http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions8761

Part Of:	RG 5 Western Manitoba Manuscript Collection
Description Level:	Collection
Accession Number:	17-2008
	19-2008
GMD:	multiple media
Date Range:	1981-2001
History /	
Biographical:	

The Brandon Folk, Music, and Art Society, Inc. has been in existence since 1985, when it was founded by a group of Westman people interested in providing an alternative art and music festival for the western Manitoba region. That group sponsored the first annual Brandon Folk, Music, and Art Festival in September of 1985 and established the community-based, non-profit structure of the Society.

The Society's main goal is to provide musicians, artists and artisans with an opportunity to perform or display their talents on a professional level. The Society provides for its members and aspiring artists by sponsoring an annual Festival, coffeehouses, socials and other performances at local establishments, featuring local and touring performers.

The Society is governed by a volunteer board of directors from many sectors of the local community.

#### Custodial History:

Recrods in accession 19-2008 were in the possession of the Brandon Folk, Music & Art Society prior to their donation to the archives in September 2008.

### Scope and Content:

Accession 17-2008 (12 cm, 1985-1988) consists of 10 files containing promotional materials, meeting minutes and planning documents for Society's annual music festival.

Accession 19-2008 (63 cm, 1981-2008) consists of: minutes, festival programs, publications, posters, financial records, correspondence; miscellaneous photographs.

 Notes:
 History/Bio information taken from Society records. Description by Donna Lowe and Christy Henry.

 Accruals:
 Further accruals expected

 Storage Range:
 2008 accessions



# Baker family fonds

### http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions8864

Part Of:	RG 5 Western Manitoba Manuscript Collection
Description Level:	Collection
Accession Number:	21-2008
GMD:	multiple media
Date Range:	1884-1889; 1997; 2007
Physical Description:	200 letters
	2 booklets
Material Details:	A number of the letters are samples of "cross writing"
Physical Condition:	Some of the letters are fragile, but generally the fonds is in good condition.

### Custodial History:

Ann Murdoch donated a copy of "My Dear Will" to the McKee Archives in February 2008. The formal donation of the Baker family letters occurred on September 27, 2008 at a reception in the Gathering Space at the John E. Robbins Library.

Scope and Content:

Fonds consists of a collection of about 200 letters primarily written by William Baker (although letters written by other family members are also included), who left Liverpool and settled in Oak Lake, to his son William who remained in England. The letters offer insights on a wide range of subjects including the conditions of immigrants and the Riel "situation".

The fonds also contains a supplement to "My Dear Will: Reflections of Prairie Pioneer Life." This latter publication consists of transcribed copies of the letters in the Baker family fonds. The letters were originally transcribed by Ronald James Parsons and his wife Rita Olive Parsons (nee Blake) and published, along with some letters, photographs and other documents for family c. 1997. The booklet was updated in 2007 by Ronald and Rita's daughter, Ann Murdoch. The Supplement was prepared by Ann Murdock and her sister Dawn Powell.

Notes:	Description by Christy Henry.
Finding Aid:	My Dear Will booklet
Storage Location:	2008 accessions. Booklets and family tree stored in Rare Books: RC 3399.B73Z495 2007 v.1 and v.2.
Storage Range:	2008 accessions



## Maureen Johnson collection

http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions9012

Part Of:	RG 5 Western Manitoba Manuscript Collection
Description Level:	Collection
Accession Number:	10-2009, 14-2009
GMD:	multiple media
Date Range:	1908-c.1965; predominant 1915-1921

Physical Description:	32 photographs
	1 sound recording
	2 cm textual records
Material Details:	17 photographs are digital records
History /	

Biographical:

Maureen Johnson (nee Sills) was born in Brandon, MB in 1936 and grew up in western Manitoba. She spent three years in Ethiopia (1958-1961) and two years in Houston, Texas before taking up permanent residence in Winnipeg, MB. She attended Brandon College in 1953-1954, living in the Tower Room of Clark Hall.

From 1960-1979, Johnson raised her family, volunteered in the St. Vital community and was Secretary to the Manitoba Schools Science Symposium (1973-1977). She worked in the Office of the President at the University of Manitoba from 1980 to 1996.

Johnson is a visual artist and photographer, and is a member of the Winnipeg Sketch Club, Manitoba Society of Artists and Winnipeg South Photo Club. Her work is on permanent display at Medea Gallery (www.medeagallery.ca) where she has been a member since 1985. She also has work in the Rental Program at the Winnipeg Art Gallery.

For biographical information on Sarah Persis Darrach see RG 1 Brandon College fonds, Series 9: Clark Hall women's residence.

### Custodial History:

The original photographs in accession 10-2009 are in the custody of Maureen Johnson in Winnipeg, MB. Copies were digitally scanned by Johnson and sent to the Archives in March 2009. The 1921 photographs of Brandon College students were given to Johnson by Eileen McKenzie, her aunt, who attended Brandon College at that time. The photos of Sarah Persis Darrach (Johnson's great-aunt and maternal grandmother's sister) are from her family albums.

All of the records in accession 14-2009, except for the 1920 Quill and the Clark Hall Rules 1912, were collected by Johnson during her time at Brandon College. The Quill issue belonged to Johnson's aunt Eileen McKenzie, a student at Brandon College in the early 1920s. The records were in Johnson's possession at her home until their donation to the McKee Archives in May 2009.

#### Scope and Content:

Accession 10-2009 consists of seventeen digital photographs. Seven photographs are of Sarah Persis Darrach (nee Johnson), taken primarily during her time as a nursing sister during World War I. Two photographs are of Eileen McKenzie. The remaining photographs depict students and student activities at Brandon College in the early 1920s.

Accession 14-2009 consists of a copy of the sound recording and program for Mr. College Spirit, a musical comedy presented by the Brandon College Literary Board and written by James Struthers and Kenneth Gunning. Accession also includes fifteen photographs from 1953-1954, when Johnson attended Brandon College. Subjects include: Freshie King and Queen; Graduation Banquets (1955, 1956); senior and lady sticks; Jim Casey Trophy; Grand March 1954; Capettes basketball team 1954; Glee Club 1953; Variety Night - Men's Chorus; Caps Football Team; Caps Hockey Team 1954; Cheerleaders 1954; Caps Basketball 1954; and Touques.

Textual records include graduation banquet and commencement programs, news clippings, programs for Variety Night and Be Your Age, a list of football cheers and a copy of the Fall Number of the 1920 Quill. Textual records also include two color photocopies: Clark Hall Rules 1912 and Johnson's Arts and Science Departments, Brandon College Registration card.

Notes:	History/Bio information and Custodial History provided by Maureen Johnson (April 2009). A review of the play, written by Kay Rowe, appeared in the March 6, 1953 issue of the Quill.
Name Access:	Sarah Persis Darrach
	Eileen McKenzie
	Brandon College
	Brandon General Hospital
Subject Access:	World War I
	First World War
	student activities
	snowshoeing
Location Original:	Maureen Johnson (Winnipeg)
Storage Location:	T:\Library\Archives\Shared.02\photos\2009 Accessions
Related Material:	RG 1 Brandon College fonds, Series 9: Clark Hall women's residence
	MG 1 1.9 Sarah Persis Darrach fonds
	MG 2 2.4 James Struthers fonds



## Jack Stothard collection

### http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions4231

Part Of:	RG 5 Western Manitoba Manuscript Collection
Description Level:	Collection
Accession Number:	1-2003, 12-2006, 8-2007, 8-2008, 18-2008, 11-2009, 4-2012, 4-2013, 8-2016
GMD:	multiple media
Date Range:	ca. 1900s, 2001-2003, 2007, 2008, 2016
Physical Description:	30 cm textual records
	9 b/w photograph
Physical Condition:	Good
History /	

Biographical:

Jack Stothard was born on February 16, 1932 in Brandon, MB. He attended public schools in the city (Central School, Park School, and Earl Oxford) and graduated from Brandon Collegiate Institute (BCI). Stothard married Velma Pollock in 1957 and together they had two daughters: Debra and Kimberly. Stothard was employed in the plumbing and heating business until 1960, when he joined Manitoba Hydro. In the course of his employment with Manitoba Hydro, he became Station Superintendent of the Brandon Generating Station. Stothard retired in 1995. Stothard was a member of the Canadian Numismatic Association, the Canadian Association of Token Collectors and the Toronto Postcard Club. Jack Stothard died on November 3, 2021 in Brandon, MB.

#### Custodial History:

Accession 1-2003 was in the possession of Stothard until donated to the McKee Archives in 2003. Accession 12-2006 was acquired by Lawrence Stuckey at some point after the photograph was taken. Stuckey later sold a copy of the photograph. This copy was later acquired by Jack Stothard in the course of his collecting of Brandon postcards. Stothard donated the image to the McKee Archives in 2004. Accession 8-2007 was prepared by Jack Stothard in the course of 2007. He provided a copy to the Archives upon its completion. Accession 8-2008 was in the possession of Fred McGuinness until he gave jit to Jack Stothard in February 2008. Stothard donated the records to the McKee Archives on February 12, 2008. Accession 18-2008 was donated to the McKee Archives by Stothard on August 18, 2009. Accession 4-2012 was donated to the McKee Archives by Stothard on August 24, 2011. Accession 4-2013 was donated to the McKee Archives by Stothard in March 2013. Accession 8-2016 was donated to the McKee Archives by Stothard in March 2013.

### Scope and Content:

Accession 1-2003 contains brief research reports prepared by Stothard on various topics concerning historical Brandon. These include: a listing of hotels, inns and motels that have operated in Brandon since the 1880s; reports dealing with the Café Aagard, Central United Church, the 1913 Dominion Exhibition, Brandon, the Empire Hotel, Brandon's Central Steam Heating System, the Post Office and the Clement Block. It also contains one booklet: Facts About Brandon: An Industrial Survey of the City of Brandon. Winnipeg: Department of Industry and Commerce [n.d.]

Accession 12-2006 consists of one photograph of the Great Northern Engine 208, built by Rogers Locomotive Company 1887. Cylinders 18 x 24, Drivers 63". G.N. line Church's Ferry, N.D. to Brandon, Manitoba. Opened 1906, Closed 1936.

Accession 8-2007 consists of a brief typed report entitled "The Day the Lights Went Out in Brandon - Strike of 1919" by Jack Stothard. Document provides an account of the sources and delivery of hydro electric power to Brandon beginning in the early 1900s and the brief power outage at the beginning of the Brandon General Strike May 25, 1919.

Accession 8-2008 consists of "The Brandon Sun Challenge Cup" ledger, which contains two b/w photographs, newspaper clippings and information on the history and first race (1908) of the cup; 3 additional b/w photographs of different races; and the Brandon Old Timers Association record book (c. 1900).

Accession 18-2008 consists of a copy of Stothard's Brandon Postcards index. The index is divided into various sub-headings and consists of colored reproductions of postcards in Stothard's collection. The index contains pages that were discarded by Stothard as he updated his inventory, therefore the index is only up to date as of August 18, 2008.

Accession 11-2009 consists of a typed research report entitled "Brandon Police Department Stations and Locations" by Jack Stothard. The report outlines the location of the Brandon Police Department from 1882 - 2008, and also includes a section on "What the Future Holds."

Accession 4-2012 consists of pages for Stothard's Brandon Postcards index (18-2008) and a photocopy of a Brandon Municipal Railway ticket.

Accession 4-2013 consits of eight binders of handwritten notes/facts about Brandon compiled by Jack Stothard. The notes are a collection of names, places, things, events and items related mostly to the first 100 years of Brandon (1882-1982), although the notes continue into the 2000's. Some notes centre on the late 1930's to early 1950's during the period of Stothard's youth. The information in the binders was taken from a variety of publications, while some notes are Stothard's own comments. A list of sources, as well as a cross reference index for all eight binders, can be found in Book No. 1. The accession includes: Book No. 1 - Notes of Brandon (A to B); Book No. 2 - Notes of Brandon (C to F); Book No. 3 - Notes of Brandon (G to O); Book No. 4 - Notes of Brandon (P to Z); Book No. 5 - Notes of Brandon: Churches, Hostpitals, Hotels; Book No. 6 - Notes of Brandon: Police Department, Fire Department; Book No. 7 - Notes of Brandon: Brandon City Council, City of Brandon etc.; Book No. 8 - Notes of Brandon: Brandon College/University, Brandon Schools, ACC, Brandon School Board. Accession also includes pages from Stothard's Brandon Postcards index (18-2008).

Accession 6-2016 consists of local history books, pamphlets, bakery tokens, local magazines, one binder containing handwritten notes/facts about Brandon compiled from the Brandon Sun's "Looking Back" column, and an accordian file box containing newspaper clippings about Brandon.

The accession includes the following local history books: Betty Watson's "One Day in Brandon Manitoba 9/9/99" (Brandon, Manitoba: Bart Art Books, 1999); P.N. Breton's "Popular Illustrated Guide to Canadian Coins, Medals, &. &.," (Winnipeg: Canadian Numismatic Publishing Institute, 1963 [reprint]); "Facts About Brandon: An Industrial Survey of the City of Brandon," (Province of Manitoba: Department of Industry and Commerce, [1946]); The Polish Gymnastic Association Sokol's "75th Anniversary: From the Past to the Future!" ([Brandon, Manitoba: Polish Gymnastic Association Sokol, 1988]); and Brandon Kinsmen Club's "'Together...Once Again': A History of the Kinsmen Club of Brandon, Manitoba: The Historical Committee of the Kinsmen Club of Brandon, 1975).

Pamplets and magazines include: Brandon Generating Station (1957) and (1969), The Brandon Quota Club presents...A Century in Revue (1982), Canadian Rail No. 168/July-August 1965 [featuring Brandon Municipal Railway], Prairie City Issue No. 3/1994, and Prairion May/June 1997.

The binder is titled Book No. 9 - "Year by year: miscellaneous items from 1969 to 2000"; an asterik (\*) indicates notes have been made on each subject or item in the other Books. Each section is housed in

The files in the accordian file box have been rehoused and include the following topics: banks, Brandon 125 beer, Behlen Industries, breweries, Brandon Shoppers' Mall, calendars, Canadian Motors Ltd., Canexus/Nexen, Canada Games - Summer and Winter, Canadian Tire, CKX Radio & TV/CKLQ, Corral Centre, flour mills, hospitals, Keystone, Maple Leaf, Fred McGuinness, miscellaneous, A.E. McKenzie, people, railways, Simplot, Westman Recycling (new facility), weather-storms-floods, and extra copies of postcards.

Notes:	Description by Christy Henry. Accession 4-2013: Book No. 1 contains a
	photocopied photograph of Aagaard's Cafe, photographs of the
	Dominion Bank and Barney's Drive Inn and a photo reproduction of the
	Bass Building. Book No. 2 contains a photograph of the Provincial Goal.
	Book No. 3 contains photographs of T. Eaton Company (4 construction
	photos) and a photo reproduction of tents on the Exhibition grounds (c.
	1940). Book No. 4 contains photoraphs of the Oak Theatre and Western
	Motors. There are also photopied photographs of The Fun Shop.
Name Access:	Jack Stothard
	Cafe Aagard
	Great Northern Railway
	Aagaard's Cafe
	Lunch Counter
	A-4 Military Camp
	Alcoholism Foundation of Manitoba

Amberwood Village Anglo Canadian Oils Ltd. Applebee's Neighbourhood Grill & Bar The Brandon Armoury Army & Navy Store Art Gallery of Southwestern Manitoba Assiniboine River Atom-Jet Industries Ltd. Aub's B.A. Service Station Frederickson's B.A. Service Station A&W Restaurant A&W Drive-In Ayerst Organics Ltd. Bank of British North America Bank of Hamilton Bank of Montreal Bank of Nova Scotia Canadian Bank of Commerce Canadian Imperical Bank of Commerce (CIBC) Dominion Bank Imperial Bank of Canada Merchants' Bank of Canada The Northern Bank Royal Bank of Canada Toronto Dominion Bank (TD Bank) Union Bank of Canada Barney's Drive Inn Barney's Shoe Shine Bass Building **Bass families Beacon Lunch** Behlen Industries/Behlen-Wickes Co. Ltd. Belair Chinese Restaurant **Belvedere Apartments** Beresford Lumber Co. Bertrands Block Bertrand & Company **Beverage Services Limited** Coca-Cola Bottling Company Dr. Wilfred Bigelow Bing Juckes Drive Inn **Binkley Motors** Donald "Tiny" Bird Blackwood's Ltd. Blackwood Beverages Ltd.

Borbridge Block **Boreham Park Apartments** Bower's Esso Service The Brandon Bowl Recreation Bowling Alleys and Billiard Room Thunderbird Bowl Marsh Varcoe Woodbine Alleys Ltd. Box Brothers Ltd. **Braecrest Estates Brandon Airport** Brandon Aero Club Brandon Flying Club Brandon Allied Arts Centre Brandon Automobiles (1959) Limited Brandon Binder Twine Company Brandon Brewing Co. Brandon Business College Brandon Chamber of Commerce Brandon Clinic First Street Plaza The Brandon Club Brandon Consumer Co-operative Ltd. (Co-op) Brandon Construction Company Ltd. Brandon Correctional Institute Brandon Jail Brandon Creamery & Supply Co. Ltd. Brandon Creamery & Supply Co. Brandon Curling Club Brandon Eagles Gymnatics Centre Brandon Electric Light Company Manitoba Power Company **Brandon Felt Works** Brandon Fire Engine Co. The Brandon Fruit & Procude Co. Ltd. Brandon Gallery Shopping Centre Town Centre Brandon Golf & Country Club Brandon Hardware Co. Ltd. Ashdown's hardware Stylrite Hardware Brandon Heating and Plumbing Brandon Houseing Co-operative Ltd. Aspen Woods Brandon Humane Society

**Brandon Machine Works** Brandon Municipal Street Railway Brandon Museum Inc. **Daly House Museum** Brandon Musical Supply Company Brandon Packers Ltd. Brandon Scrap Iron & Metal Recycling Ltd. Brandon Ski Club Mt. Glenorky Ski Club Brandon Stock Car Club Brandon Sun The Sun Printing Co. Brandon Tennis Club **Brandon Tourist Camp** Brandon Transit Ltd. Brandon Transit System Handi Transit **Brandon Woolen Mills** Metev Woolen Mills Bliss Building **Brazzell Motors** Brentwood Village Moble Home Court Breslauer & Warren Jewelers First Street Bridge 1st Street Bridge Eighteenth Street Bridge 18th Street Bridge **Daly Overpass** Thompson Bridge **Eighteenth Street Overpass** 18th Street Overpass 8th Street Bridge 9th Street Bridge Eighth Street Bridge Pedestrian Bridge British Commonwealth Air Training plan British Commonwealth Air Training Plan Museum Bockie-Donovan Roy Brown La Plant Block Fraser Block Syndicate Block Laplont Block Johnson & Company Hardware Zink Block

Yukon Block **Burchill & Howey** Burns Foods Ltd. Burns Meats Ltd. **Bus Depot** Greyhound Bus Lines Grey Goose Bus Lines MacArthur & Son Ltd. CDC Home & Leisure Centre Campbell & Campbell Building Campbell & Ferguson Building Canada Safeway Ltd. Canada Summer Games Canada Winter Games Canadian Brown Steel Tank Canadian Steel Tank Ltd. Canadian Mental Health Association Canadian Motors Ltd. Canadian National Railway (CNR) Canadian Order of Foresters Canadian Pacific Railway (CPR) Canadian Phoenix Insurance Co. Canadian Stover Gasoline Engine Co. Canadian Tire Store Cancade Co. Ltd. Cancade Bros. Cancade Bros. Ltd. **Cancade Company** Cando Contracting Ltd. Cargill Grain Company Central Community Centre Central Park Lodge Valleyview Care Centre Central Sheet Metal Works Child & Family Services of Western Manitoba The Children's Aid Society Chrest's Dry Cleaners Chrest family Christie's Bookstore Christie's School Supply **Christie Grant Store** Sir Winston Churchill Park Circle Eight Drive Inn City Cafe City Golf Course

CKLQ СКХ Clark Leatherdale Funeral Home **Clement Block** Cockshutt Plow Co. Codville & Co. Commodore Bakery Ltd. Trent's Bakery Coldwell Block **Coronation Park** Jubilee Park **Corral Centre** The Country Kitchen Restaurant Aunt Sarah's Family Restaurant **Country Style Donuts** Court House Crane Limited Crane Steel Structures Ltd. Crang's Grocery & Confectionery Dairyworld Foods Creelman's Shoe Store Cumming & Dobbie Curran Park Curtis Block Yaeger Block Daymin Court **Bell Block** De Bruyn & Verhoef Woodworks Ltd. De Fehr Furniture Denis Prefab Ltd. **Diamond Waterworks** Dinsdale Cartage & Storage (1968) Ltd. Dinsdale Park Doig & Robertson Rankin & Co. Doig, Rankin & Robertson Doig's Store Ltd. Double Bar S Burger & Dairy Ranch The Drewry's Ltd. Alexander Brown Brown's Drug Store Dufresne Furniture & Appliances **Dutch Mill Bakery** East End Community Centre Eastern Access Route (Highway 110)

Eaton's of Canada T. Eaton Company Edrans Brandon Pressed Brick Co. Eleanor Kidd Park Eleanor Kidd Gardens W.A. Elliott T.E. Elviss Company Empire Brewing Co. Ltd. Bell Bottling Co. **Esquire Dance Hall Connaught Hall** Evans, Matheson & Associates Experimental Farm **Brandon Research Station** Fairview Personal Care Home Feed Rite Mills Ltd. Federal Pioneer Ltd. (FPE) Federated Co-operatives Ltd. Fedoruk Groceteria Flash Barber Shop and Beauty Salon Alexander Fleming Fleming's Drug Store Fleming Block Fleming's Well Fort Brandon Museum A.C. Fraser & Co. Fraser & Ross Fred's Dry Cleaners Frost & Wood **Brockie Funeral Home** Campbell & Campbell Vincent & Macpherson Galaxy Computer Systems George's Food Bar George Jimas Gidding's Store Gillis & Warren Ltd. Golden Gate Cafe Gooden's Men's Wear Grand Stand Grand Valley Place The Great West Coal Copmany Ltd. Great Western Outerwear & Sportswear Ltd. Green Acres Community Centre Green Acres Lodge

Green Acres subdivision Habitat for Humanity B.J. Hales Natural History Museum Hamilton and Jones Ltd. Hanbury Manufacturing Co. Hanbury House T.M. Harrington Harry's Ukrainian Kitchen & Steak House Hedges Trucking Heise Block Heritage Co-op 1997 Ltd. Highland Park Mobile Home Estate Ltd. Hillcrest Place Personal Care Home Hillside Town Houses Manitoba Infrastructure & Transportation Highways Deparment Hobbs Manor Home Development Co. Ltd. Home Estates Ltd. Home Hardware Hopkins Bakery Horner's Busy Corners Hornor's Busy Corners Paterson House Matheson House Villa Louise Row House Hudson House Casa Maley Hughes & Long Hughes & Co. Husky Oil & Refining Ltd. Husky Travelcentre Husky House Locomart North Hill IGA West End IGA Sobey's Immigration Hall Imperial Square Indian and Metis Friendship Centre International Harvester Co. of Canada Ltd. Inventronics Ltd. Jacobson and Greiner Ltd.

The Jo-Ann Accessory Shop John Deere Plow Company Johnson's Cafe Johnson's Hardware Store Kam Lung Restaurant & Cocktail Lounge Martin Kavanagh Keg Steakhouse & Bar Kelly Block Kelly & Co. P.A. Kennedy Co. Ltd. Keystone Centre Kinsmen Club Kinsmen Kiddies Korner Kinsmen Centennial Swimming Pool Kinsmen Outdoor Skating Rink Kinsmen Memorial Stadium Kinsmen Little League Stadium Kin Village Kinsmen Zoo **Kip's Service Station** Brigadier General James Kirkcaldy Kirkcaldy Heights (North Hill) sub-division Kiwanis Club Kiwanis Swimming Pool/Paddling Pool Kmart Knowlton's Boot Shop S.S. Kresge Co. Ltd. Kullberg's Furniture Store Lake Brandon Land Titles Office Lark Hill sub-division Larry's Studio Lawson Lodge Prairie Oasis Frank Lawson & Sons Leech Printing Lee's Implements Ltd. Brandon Public Library Centennial Library - Arts Centre Western Manitoba Regional Library Lindenberg Brothers Limited Linden Lanes Lions Club Lion's Manor Westman Lion's Manor Inc.

Linden Lanes Shopping Centre Red & White Store Lyceyn Tea Room MacArthur Transportation Co. Soo-Security Motorways Ltd. M.F. MacDonald Macey Foods Ltd. G.C. (Curly) MacKay MacLeods Store Magnacca Enterprises Manitoba Centennial 1970 Manco Manitoba Cooperative Dairies Ltd. Manitoba Dairy and Poultry Cooperative Ltd. The Manitoba Hardware & Lumber Co. Ltd. Manitoba Emergency Services College Manitoba Engines Ltd. Manitoba Felt & Yarn Works - Brandon Manitoba Government Building Manitoba Housing & Renewal Corporation Manitoba Housing Authority Manitoba Motor Transit Ltd. Manitoba Pool Elevators Agricore Manitoba Public Insurance Coproration Autopac MPI The Manitoba Windmill & Pump Co. Ltd. Brandon Gas & Power Co. Ltd. Maple Leaf Flour Mills Maple Leaf Pork Maple Leaf Meats Maple Leaf Foods The Maples Mark's Work Wearhouse D. Marshall Massey-Harris Co. Ltd. Massey-Feguson Building Massin Furs Frank Massin & Son Hide & Furs Masonic Temple Dr. J. Murray Matheson McCallum Jewellers McCallum Nursing Home McCall Frontenac

Texaco McDiarmid & Clark McDonald & Foreman John A. McDonald & Son McDowell & Doke Tinsmiths' McGregor's Livery Sale & Boarding Stable J.D. McGregor Malcolm McAdam McGregor Fred McGuinness A.E. McKenzie Seed Co. Ltd. A.E. McKenzie House Meadowlark Campground Memories Chapel and Pre-planning Centre Metropolitan Cafe Metropolitan Store Meyers Norris Penny Miladi's - The House of Ladies' Quality Apparel Mitrou Cafe & Candy Company Modern Dairies Monterey Estates Sunridge Homes Ltd. Morgon Motors Moxie's Blue Hills restaurant Perkin's Restaurant William Muir General Grocer Murray Chev Olds-Cadillac Ltd. Mutter Brothers Nation & Shewan National Store Neale, Stothard & Chapman The Newmount Medical Clinic Nexen Chemicals Inc. Canexus Ltd. New System Store North End Community Centre Northside Mazda Oddfellows Corner Ogilvie Co. Old Men's Home Charlton Lodge Olympia Cafe Orange Hall Grand Orange Lodge Orchard Hardware Co.

Oshkosh Filter and Softener Co. Pacific 66 Service Station Palladium Dance Hall Park Community Centre Parker's Restaurant Charlie Coyote's Park View Apartments George A. Paterson Patmore's Paul's Hauling Ltd. A.E. McKenzie Jack Hawson Christopher David Mitrou A. Reginald McDiarmid **Tony Macialek** Alex Mowat **David Weiss** Joseph Whitehead Steward Shultz Harry Cater **Charles Pilling** Robert Coombs William Henderson Arthur Johnson George W. Noble T.J. Beaubier Harry Brown Frank Massin H.L. Patmore Jack MacArthur Flora Cowan P.A. Kennedy George Fitton William Ferguson Jack Coleman A.E. Smith J.C.P. Mitchell Joseph Boyarski W.T. "Bud" Higgins **Colonel Charles Whillier Benjamin Hales** Fred Young Wilfred Bigelow Gabriel Charles (Barney) Mollot E.J. Tyler

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Lorne Duncan McDonald Max Szturm Henry Perdue Samuel Harris Charles Lightbody **Boom Cristal Russell Fedoruk** James Creighton Jack Kullberg D.R. MacKay W. Norman Hargreaves-Mawdsley **Reg Poole** Stephen William Bass A.B. Downing Ernestine Whiteside Albert St. Clair Rumball Alfred Veale **Clive Porteous** G.T. McNeil J. Stuart Thompson William Bertrand Stephen Magnacca **Charles Unicume** Franklin Williamson P.J. Harwood **Donn Mitchell** David Brownridge George Mutter J.E. Matthews Mary Waddell Alfred James Eamer Herbert Stuart Curly MacKay Betty Gibson Louisa Eagle Ewart Murray Marion Doig Arthur Gordon Buckingham Ernest Christie Whitehead Daniel Cristall Gordon Sefton Robert Brockway H.O. McDiarmid **Glen Fowler** Arthur Augustus Harris

James Munro Thomas Stark Howard B. Smith Reginald Edward Unicume Elwood Gorrie James "Skip" McFarlane Mitchell Turk Broda Henry Neudorf John Boyd Craig Walter Dinsdale A.B. Knowlton John R. Brodie Walter Shillinglaw Zena Hurst H. Vincent Kidd People's Market Place Perkins Family Restaurant Pizza Hut Pizza Place Planet KIA Ponderosa Steak House **Pool Packers** The Porteous Manufacturing Company Princess Auto Ltd. **Princess Park Apartments Princess Towers Apartments Provincial Building** Federal Building Pue's Interior Furnishings Ltd. **Quality Groceteria** Queen's Court Queen Elizabeth Park **Ravenscourt Apartments** R.C.A.F. No. 2 Manning Depot R.C.A.F. No. 12 Service Flying Training School Brandon Rec Centre Red Cross Drug Store Rehab Industries of Western Manitoba Reliance Machine and Motor Company Rendering Plant **Ressor's Jewellery Store** Richmond Gardens Apartments Ltd. **Richmond Shoe Store** Ricki's Ladies' Ready to Wear Store The Ricksha Restaurant

**Rideau Park Rideau Park Personal Care Home** Ritz Cafe **Riverbank Discovery Centre Riverheights Terrace Riverview Curling Club Robins Donuts** Rosenman's Furniture Royal Canadian Legion Brandon Branch No. 3 Royal Canadian Legion Wheat City Branch No. 247 RCMP Safety Service Station Don Gamble Sander's Drug Store Wellman's Drug Store Scotia Towers Scott Fruit Company Security Building Seniors for Seniors Tony's Shamrock Lunch Vic Sharpe Shaver's Furs Ltd. Simpson Sears/Sears Canada Shoppers Mall Brandon Brandon and Distric Shriner's Club Shur-Gro Farm Services Ltd. Simplot Canada Ltd. Koch Fertilizer Canada **Thomas Sinclair** Sixteenth Street Beach John E. Smith Block Smith & Burton Smith Carter Searle Associates Smith's Lumber Ltd. Smith's Tobacco Shop Smitty's Restaurant Snye Bridge/Snye River Sokol Hall Sokol Manor Somerville & Co. Soo's Chop Suey House South End Community Centre Spin Well Woolen Mills Co. Ltd. Sportsplex Harold Spratling

The Spruce Woods Housing Cooperative Ltd. Stanley Park West End Park Stan's IGA/Stan's Fine Foods Staples Business Depot O. Stark & Son Steel Store Strand Theatre Strathcona Apartments Isaiah Strome Stuarts News & Cigar Store Lawrence Stuckey Suburban Restaurant Sun Cafe The Sun Printing Company Superstore Super Thrifty Drugs Sykes Slide Ted Hill's Meat Market MTS Texaco-Lone Star Service Station Allen Theatre **Bijou Theatre Capital Theatre** Landmark Cinema **Empire Theatre** Green Acres Drive-In Theatre Lucky Star Drive-In Theatre Oak Theatre **Orpheum Theatre** Palace Theatre **Princess Theatre** Sherman Theatre Starland Theatre Town Cinema Willis Theatre The Avenue Groceteria The Fun Shop Thomas Mall Thompson Grocery Train Drive-In & Dairy Bar Trans-Canada Highway Travellers Day Parade Trotter & Trotter Tuberculosis Act

United Commercial Travellers of America UCT United Grill United Cafe United Pacific Company Ltd. United Services Recreation Centre Upton Apartments Valleyview Subdivision Velvet Dip Venice House Restaurant Victoria Curling Club Victoria Rink Victory Cafe The Vogue Waddell's Children's Store Wade & Sons Ltd. Wally Byam Caravan Club International Watt's Men's Wear Welder Supplies Ltd. Wendy's Restaurant West End Community Centre Westbran Stadium Neil Andrews Field Western cooperative Fertilizers Ltd. Western Concrete Products Ltd. Western Grocers Ltd. Western Manitoba Centennial Auditorium Western Medical Clinic Western Motors Ltd. Westman Communications Group Westman Media Cooperative Westman Kiwanis Courts Westoba Credit Union Wheat City Arena Winter Fair Building Wheat City Business College Wheat City Curling Club Wheat City Motors Whyte's Pantry Grocery White Rose Service Station Willingdon Apartments Willson Stationery Company Wilton Motors Ltd. Winnipeg House F.W. Woolworth Store

Wright & Wightman Yaeger's Furs YMCA YWCA Zenith Paving Ltd. Zeller's Zink's Grocery First Baptist Church **Bethel Temple** Pentecostal Tabernacle **Bethel Christian Assembly** McDiarmid Drive Alliance Church **Calvary Temple** St. Paul's Presbyterian Church St. Paul's United Church Central United Church First Church of Christ Scientist Church of the Nazarene First Christian Reformed Church First Church United First Methodist Church Methodist Church First Presbyterian Church Full Gospel Church Four Square Gospel Church Grace Lutheran Church Grace Mennonite Church Grand Valley Community Church Jewish Synagogue Kingdom Hall of Jehovah Witnesses **Knox United Church** Knox Presbyterian Church First Lutheran Church Lutheran Redeemer Church Madison Crescent Baptist Church Mennonite Mission Church Mevlana Canadian Heritage Islam Society Richmond Park Mennonite Brethren Church Saint Andrews Presbyterian Church St. Augustine's Church St. George's Anglican Church St. Hedwig's Catholic Church St. Joseph's Polish National Catholic Church St. Mary's Ukrainian Catholic Church

St. Matthew's Cathedral

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# Westman Oral History collection



### http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions4350

Part Of:	RG 5 Western Manitoba Manuscript Collection
Description Level:	Collection
Accession Number:	35-1998
GMD:	multiple media
Date Range:	1981-1984
Physical Description:	3 meters
Material Details:	335 cassette tapes
	310 files

### History /

### Biographical:

The Westman Oral History collection was a project of the Westman Oral History Association and ran from 1980-84. The Westman Oral History Association was created on August 12, 1980, by a steering committee of the Assiniboine Historical Society. The Oral History Association undertook a project called "Voices of Yesteryear." The project was created in order to record and preserve the lives and experiences of early settlers to the Westman area. Work began in 1981, and included interviews conducted with approximately seventy senior citizens from over twenty communities in western Manitoba. The Association held a training session for committee members on April 11, 1981, where 125 participants learned how to conduct an effective interview and how to operate the recorders used in the interviews. The chairman of the Westman Oral History Association was Effie McPhail, the coordinator was Sally Cunningham, and the secretary was Bob Coates. Some of the interviews recorded were used in the early months of 1982 on a local radio station, CKLQ, as part of a program called "Centennial Memories." The project resulted in the creation of the Westman Oral History Collection.

#### Custodial History:

This collection was accessioned by the McKee Archives in 1998. The original tapes from the Westman Oral History project were deposited in the Brandon Public Library. Copies of these originals were made by Margaret Pollex of the Brandon University Language Lab at the request of Eileen McFadden, University Archivist in the early 1990s. These copies compose the collection held in the McKee Archives.

#### Scope and Content:

The collection includes the audiotapes used to record the interviews, as well as corresponding files for each interview subject. The files contain facts about the interviewees, including date and place of birth, occupations, and marital status. The files also include a summary of the interview heard on each tape.

The interviews were done with men and women pioneers from the Westman area of Manitoba, and describe the daily lives of common people during the late-nineteenth and early-twentieth centuries. The topics covered in the interviews include the following: Agriculture, Associations and Clubs, Churches and Church Life, Cultural Events, Early Politics, Education, Health Services, Immigration, Local Businesses, Native-White Relations, Pioneer Settlements, Pioneer Way of Life, Social Life, Sports, Transportation, and War Brides. This collection includes interviews with residents from the following communities: Brandon, Boissevain, Brookdale, Carberry, Deloraine, Douglas, Elkhorn, Erickson, Forrest, Glenboro, Hamiota, Hartney, Justice, Kenton, Killarney, Melita, Minnedosa, Neepawa, Ninette, Oak Lake, Rapid City, Reston, Rivers, Shoal Lake, Sioux Valley Reserve, Souris, Strathclair, Virden, and Wawanesa. The interviews also disclose the unique experiences of pioneer women in rural areas. Many of the interviewse provide brief family histories during their interviews.

Notes:

Some of the files include photocopied pictures of the interviewees. Description written by Robyn Mitchell (2001).

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Mr. & Mrs. Alex Adams

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# RG2SF1 Provincial Exhibition of Manitoba

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Part Of:	RG 2 Provincial Exhibition of Manitoba Association fonds
Description Level:	Sous-fonds
Fonds Number:	RG2SF1
GMD:	multiple media
Date Range:	1903-1991
Physical Description:	3.47 m textual records; 793 graphics
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**Biographical:** 

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The Provincial Exhibition of Manitoba has been an institution almost as long as Brandon has been a city, although under the guise of several different names. The idea of an exhibition came from Charles Whitehead, who was the founder and first president of the fair. Whitehead was one of the earliest and most prominent businessmen in Brandon. The first Brandon fair was organized in October of 1882, by the Brandon Agricultural Society (BAS). The Board of Directors of the BAS offered up two hundred dollars in prize money, but poor weather and a subsequently small turnout of people and exhibits to the downtown location caused the fair to do poorly. Undeterred, the Board of Directors began to make plans for the second fair, in what was to become an annual event. This time, due to generous grants from the city, district, and province, the Board of Directors was able to purchase land just south of the city to hold the fair on and built a Crystal Palace to hold exhibits in. In October 1883, there were seven hundred and thirty entries, and the fair, the first to be held on the new fair grounds, was considered successful.

The Brandon Exhibition was not financially sound however, and by 1888, the Directors knew that major changes had to be made if they wanted to continue the fair. It was decided that October was not the best time to hold an agricultural exhibition because most farmers were in the middle of harvesting and did not have time to leave their farms for an exhibition. A decision was made to move the exhibition to the summer, when most farmers could get away for a few days. In July 1889, the first Brandon summer fair was held. The Directors had managed to revamp the fair in order to appeal to the wider public. The fair was a huge success, with both city and rural people attending.

The Board of Directors formally established the Western Agricultural and Arts Association (WAAA) in 1892 to take over management duties of the fair from the BAS. However, the first meeting of the WAAA was not until 1897. There is no explanation for the five year delay. The WAAA received generous donations from the various governments, and the citizens of Brandon. In 1897, the Board of Directors purchased another 42 acres of land from the city that was located beside the fair grounds. They erected a grandstand and new stables. Prize money was increased, there were special prizes offered for the first time, and special exhibition trains were available to transport fair goers at a reduced rate.

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The 1897 fair was the major turning point for the Brandon exhibition. The fair appealed to both urban and rural dwellers. The Board wanted to put Brandon on the map, and accordingly, they brought forward events and entertainment that would do so. The first Traveller's Day, still running strong today, was put on in 1912. The parade associated with it was unlike any Brandon had seen before. Despite the attractions, carnivals and midways that were beginning to dominate the fair, organizers insisted that it was still primarily an agricultural event. The promotion of agriculture was still prominent at the exhibition. As local historians have written, "the exhibition symbolized the accomplishments and potential of the region, and encouraged all agriculturists to strive towards higher standards."

By 1912, all outstanding loans had been paid off, and the Board of Directors could boast an eleven thousand dollar surplus in funds. As well, the physical assets available to the summer fair were expanded dramatically in 1913. In 1913, Brandon was granted the honour of hosting the Dominion Exhibition. From the funding that came in for this prestigious event the Board of Directors was able to build a new grandstand, erect new display buildings, replace the racetrack, and generally expand and improve the fair grounds. Another 80 acres of land was bought from the city for the summer fair. The Brandon Dominion Exhibition was declared open on 15 July 1913 by Manitoba Premier Rodmond Roblin. Although it was a resounding success, the Directors ended up having to pay for parts of it out of their own pockets.

Canada entered World War One in the late summer of 1914. The WAAA reached an agreement with the military that the army could use the fairgrounds during the year if they allowed the WAAA use of the grounds for the fair week. Because of limitations put on the fair because of the war, the Brandon exhibition became more involved with the Western Canada Fair Circuit. This organization enabled the summer fair to join in the exhibitions that worked together to bring events like the midway to their exhibitions.

It was also during this time that moral reform became more prevalent in Canadian society. Due to this growing concern with moral purity and the desire for social reform, the Directors had to find ways to ensure that the summer exhibition did not cross the boundaries of good taste. There was a short-lived protest in 1913 against horseracing, but by 1916, then-president of the fair, R.M. Matheson, cast the tie breaking vote in favour of letting both the horseracing and the betting continue. By 1917, the Board had decided against allowing betting, but the horseracing was allowed to continue.

After the war ended, financial stress on the part of the winter fair brought forward a proposal to amalgamate the summer and winter fairs. The provincial government stated that they were interested in supporting an amalgamation, and the two fair boards resolved to consider the option. In spring of 1920, the winter fair backed out the deal because they felt they would lose out to the WAAA in the deal. Not to be deterred, the WAAA applied for incorporation with the provincial government. On 3 April 1920, the WAAA was incorporated as the Provincial Exhibition of Manitoba (PEM). In 1920, the official title of the summer fair was changed from the Inter-Provincial Exhibition to the Provincial Exhibition of Manitoba.

After incorporation the Board of Directors was increased to a membership of twenty. The provincial exhibition continued to increase and change with the times. The directors tried to make each fair interesting and stimulating for the people of Brandon and the surrounding areas. A Manitoba Government Building was opened in 1927, by Premier John Bracken, and an Automobile Building opened in 1927. By 1929, the Provincial Exhibition was one of the leading summer exhibitions in Western Canada. Unfortunately, 1929 was also the beginning of a decade-long Depression throughout Canada and the United States. The exhibition continued though, although at a less grandiose level. The exhibition was the site of some work relief programs throughout the thirties, but the grants were generally small.

It was also during the 1930s that people began wanting a change in the management of the Board. For many years, almost since the inception of the fair, the Board had been run by the same group of men who took turns in the various positions. In 1933, there were several men

brought forward to run against the Directors at the annual general meeting. A total of forty four nominations went up for the twenty positions. After the dust had settled, seven new faces took seats around the Directors table.

During World War Two, the Provincial Exhibition managed to continue. The Board made an agreement with the military that while their buildings could be used by the military during the war, the fair would be able to take control of the buildings for fair week. While the fair remained open, its exhibits were hampered by the war. In 1942, for example, the Wartime Prices and Trades Board declared that farm machinery could not be exhibited for the duration. This was one of the fair's bigger draws, and its absence was felt greatly. As another concession to the war, the livestock show had to be reduced from five days to three, although this decision was met by protest from many of the directors. Despite these impediments, the entries into the agricultural exhibits continued to increase. Horse racing, long a bone of contention among members of the Board was almost eliminated in 1942, but a compromise was made and the Directors allowed one day of racing at the 1943 fair.

After the war, the prize money increased by up to twenty-five percent in an effort to increase the number of exhibitors. Many new events were added to the fair roster, including an annual 4-H show and farm camps for children. A Trade Show was added in 1952 and became a large success. The fair always enjoyed support from the City of Brandon, although there were the occasional tensions between the two. In 1955 the Board approved a proposal by R.A. Hodges to sponsor a Dream Home contest. While the attraction was a big success, the Directors evidently did not receive the cut of the proceeds that Hodges had promised them. The fair Board ended up fifty-five hundred dollars in debt.

In 1958 an attempt was made to break the all male hold on the directorate. While no women were elected to the Board itself, a Women's Advisory Committee was created to provide input into fair activities. The original committee was made up of Mrs. D. Elviss, Mrs. D. Graham, Mrs. G. McRae, and Mrs. F. Heeney.

It was also during this time that the Board began to face more direct competition from Winnipeg. The Red River Exhibition had been operating for several years, and its Board of Directors wanted their exhibition to be admitted into the Western Canadian Association of Exhibition. This would not have been particularly good for the Brandon Provincial Exhibition. Partly due to the Brandon Board's vigorous protests, Winnipeg was only granted an associate membership.

By the end of 1958, the Brandon fair was once again facing financial difficulties. The Provincial Exhibition was at its peak at the end of the 1950s. By 1961 the fair recorded a net loss of sixty-five hundred dollars. Because of financial problems, the fair Board had to mortgage its property for \$50 000. As well, the Royal American Shows left Brandon for Winnipeg in 1966, leaving the Directors scrambling to find another midway. It took several years and several different companies before the Directors settled on the Conklin Brothers Shows. To make matters worse, the grandstand was condemned in 1974, leaving the fair without a place to hold its grandstand show. This show was replaced by the Western Canada Rodeo Circuit, in an attempt to regain patrons.

By 1966 both the summer and winter fair Boards had decided that one facility could be used to house both the summer and winter fairs. Both financially and practically, it became an increasingly good idea to merge the two fairs together. In 1969, the Provincial Exhibition of Manitoba and the Manitoba Winter Fair were amalgamated to become the Manitoba Exhibition Association. Ground was broken a few years later on the summer fair grounds, and by 1972, the Keystone Centre was open for business. The official opening was at the 1973 Winter Fair. From then on, the Provincial Exhibition, Royal Manitoba Winter Fair and, later, AgEx, were housed in the same building, and run by the same board of directors.

#### Custodial History:

These files were housed with the WAAA, the PEM, and the MEA until c1986 when they were transferred to the S.J. McKee Archives at Brandon University.

Scope and Content:

The sous-fonds consists of textual records and photographs from the Provincial Exhibition of Manitoba. The textual records include prize lists, programs, minutes, financial, contracts, by laws, administrative files, original results, news releases, scrapbooks and tickets. The photographs include animal shows and events, dignitaries, entertainment, attractions, ceremonies, buildings and other events.

It has been divided into eleven series, including: (1) Documents; (2) Minutes; (3) Financial reocrds; (4) Administrative files; (5) Prize lists and programs; (6) News releases; (7) Original results; (8) Tickets; (9) Photographs; (10) Scrapbooks; and (11) Miscellaneous.

Storage Location: RG 2 Provincial Exhibition of Manitoba Association fonds RG2SF1 Provincial Exhibition of Manitoba



## RG2SF2 Manitoba winter fair

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Part Of:	RG 2 Provincial Exhibition of Manitoba Association fonds
Description Level:	Sous-fonds
Fonds Number:	RG2SF2
GMD:	multiple media
Date Range:	1908-1992
Physical Description:	2.65 m textual records
	780 graphics

History /

Biographical:

The first attempts to hold a winter agricultural fair in Brandon happened in 1884, when a show was held in the buildings owned by A. Harrison and Company. However, this did not become an annual event. There were also several unsuccessful attempts to establish annual Stallion Sales in the late spring by horsemen in the area. In 1904, J.D. McGregor petitioned Brandon City Council for a winter fair. The petition was accepted by the city, and in 1906 Brandon's first winter fair was held. It was a big success, and the Board of Directors looked forward to it becoming an annual event. The summer fair, which had been in operation since 1882 welcomed this new exhibition. The Board of the summer fair felt that a winter fair would be complementary to the summer exhibition. Although the two fairs were not amalgamated, they did share a secretary-treasurer and several Board members.

In 1907, the Cattle Breeders Association decided to make the Brandon Winter Fair the site of its annual stock sale. With this support, it was felt that the winter fair would become an annual event. A joint stock company was created in 1907 entitled the Brandon Winter Fair and Livestock Association (BWFLA), to be used primarily as a land-holding company. Land was purchased at Tenth Street and McTavish Avenue in order to erect a winter fair building.

The following year, the Provincial Winter Fair and Fat Stock Association was created to manage the winter fair. The name was soon changed to the Manitoba Winter Fair and Fat Stock Association (MWFFSA). Unlike the summer fair, the winter fair was solely an agricultural event. The Board felt no need to please the citizens with carnivals and midways. The winter fair was "by and for the farmers...[and]...the primary functions of the Brandon Winter Fair were to

educate the agricultural community and to honour the community's accomplishments."

Additional land was bought on Eleventh Street and Victoria Avenue to build a new winter fair building. The building opened in 1913. By this time, the Brandon Winter Fair was one of the best livestock and agricultural exhibitions in the province.

When the First World War broke out, the winter fair buildings were requisitioned by the military for troop accommodation and eventually as a detention centre for Ukrainian internees and other "enemy aliens." Unlike the summer fair, which was allowed to use their buildings during fair week, the winter fair buildings were not released for the exhibition. This led to the cancellation of both the 1915 and 1916 winter fairs.

By 1917 the winter fair was allowed to open again, but by this time both the BWFLA and the MWFFSA were experiencing financial difficulties. It was at this time that the proposal first went out regarding an amalgamation of the summer and winter fairs. The provincial government approved of the idea of an amalgamation, and both fair Boards considered the proposal. However, in early 1920 the winter fair Board pulled out of the discussions, as it felt that the winter fair would lose out to the WAAA. The winter fair Board decided to struggle on independently.

Financial problems heightened Board concerns that the winter fair was not exciting enough to keep the public interest. To add to the financial concerns of the winter fair board, in the fall of 1920, the old winter fair pavilion caught fire and burned. Forty six horses were killed and the fair Board had to cancel the 1921 winter fair. When the new winter fair building opened in 1922, it was greeted with enthusiasm. The Directors, in an attempt to ease the increasing financial burden they were feeling, tried to keep the buildings open year round for other events.

In 1929, the Depression began in Canada. While the winter fair continued to run, its buildings were once again requisitioned by the government, this time to house men looking for work. The winter fair Directors were conscious of the problems that the citizens of Brandon were facing, and they offered free admission to those on relief. The fair received grants from the government to provide work relief programs, but these were often small or canceled. The Board members may have resorted to helping to pay for the fair out of their own pockets.

Despite financial problems, the winter fair managed to survive the Depression. Unfortunately, as Brandon recovered from the Depression of the 1930s, the Second World War broke out. For the third time in as many decades, the government requisitioned the winter fair buildings. This time, however, instead of canceling the fair as in previous years, the winter fair went on as scheduled, although it was held on the summer fair grounds.

By 1945, the directors were at a loss financially. They decided that the best course of action in order to keep the fair going was to turn over the buildings to the City of Brandon. By the fall of 1946 the BWFLA had ceased operations.

While the Manitoba Winter Fair and the Provincial Exhibition of Manitoba were still not amalgamated, they continued to share the same secretary-manager and several Board members. After the cessation of the war, the Directors knew they had to become more appealing to the wider public. There were promotional events held and more entertainment was offered to attract the public. These additions led to dessention among Board members, as some wanted the fair to remain purely agricultural. The appeal for the greater good of the fair, even if it did include some non-agricultural attractions, eventually won out.

The fair was still to be plagued with difficulties though. In 1952 the fair had to be canceled because of an outbreak of hoof and mouth disease. Despite setbacks such as this, the Board persevered. The following year a 4-H seed show was created and sponsored by the provincial agronomist, P.F. Ford. A carcass class was added in 1957. Soon the fair was successful and stable and rapidly outgrew its facilities.

It was decided by 1966 that the winter fair and the summer fair should be housed in one building. In 1969, the respective Boards went one step further and decided to become one organization. The Manitoba Winter Fair and the Provincial Exhibition of Manitoba amalgamated in 1969 to become the Manitoba Exhibition Association. In 1970, the year of Manitoba's Centennial, it was decided that an organization in the province would receive the designation "Royal" by Queen Elizabeth II. After much consideration by the province, the Manitoba Winter Fair was chosen, and in 1970 it became known as the Royal Manitoba Winter Fair. In 1972 the construction of a common facility was completed, and the 1973 winter fair was the occasion of the official opening of the Keystone Centre. The winter fair continues in this facility and under this designation to this day.

## Custodial History:

The records were housed at the MWFFSA, the MWF and the MEA until c1986 when they were transferred to the S.J. McKee Archives at Brandon University.

## Scope and Content:

The sous-fonds consists of textual records and photographs pertaining to the Winter Fair. The textual records include prize lists, programs, minutes, financial, administrative files, original results, news releases, scrapbooks, and tickets. The photographs include animal shows and events, dignitaries, entertainment, ceremonies, buildings, and other events.

The sous-fonds has been divided into eleven series, including: (1) Documents; (2) Minutes; (3) Financial records; (4) Administrative files; (5) Prize lists and programs; (6) News releases; (7) Original results; (8) Tickets; (9) Photographs; (10) Scrapbooks; and (11) Miscellaneous Storage Location: RG 2 Provincial Exhibition of Manitoba Association fonds



# RG2SF3 AgEx

## http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions4376

Part Of:	RG 2 Provincial Exhibition of Manitoba Association fonds	
Description Level:	Sous-fonds	
Fonds Number:	RG2SF3	
GMD:	multiple media	
Date Range:	1975-1992	
Physical Description:	1.51 m textual records	
	316 graphics	

## History / Biographical:

In 1973, the Board of Directors of the Provincial Exhibition of Manitoba along with various farm representatives around the area began to feel the need for another, this time purely agricultural, exhibition. The issue was raised in the form of a report written by Donn Mitchell, the chairman of the livestock committee. Because of the growth of both the winter and summer fairs, there was little time and room to properly show the livestock that farmers brought into Brandon. A fall show and sale was thought to be the best solution to the pressing need for both time and space.

After receiving support from the provincial government and the Manitoba Beef Growers Association, the Board decided to hold a fall exhibition. While the Board was wary that the show would succeed, the strong support from producers, government and agri-business virtually ensured success. The first AgEx was officially opened on 3 November 1975. Although the first year was not a financial success, the concept of an agricultural exhibition was, and AgEx continues to thrive in Brandon.

While no minutes are held in this collection for either the Board of Directors or committees, it is evident from the prize lists and programs that the following committee structure existed. There were several committees created by the Board of Directors of AgEx. By 1984 the committees included the AgEx Chairman, the Executive, Aberdeen Angus, Blonde d'Aquitaine, Charolais, Hereford, Holstein, Limousin, Maine Anjou, Salers, Simmental, Steers, Swine, and 4-H/Junior Activities. A Shorthorn committee was added by 1985, and by 1988 there was a Commercial Classic committee.

### Custodial History:

The sous-fonds was housed at the MEA until c1986 when it was transferred on a continuing basis to the S.J. McKee Archives located at Brandon University.

## Scope and Content:

The sous-fonds contains textual records and photographs pertaining to AgEx. The textual records include prize lists, programs, administrative files, original results, and news releases. The photographs include animal events and shows, dignitaries. entertainment, and various other events.

The sous-fonds has been divided into five series, including: (4) Administrative files; (5) Prize lists and programs; (6) News releases; (7) Original results; and (9) Photographs. In keeping with the numbering system used for the series in the other sous-fonds in RG 2 Provincial Exhibition of Manitoba Association, the series in RG2SF3 maintain the same numbering system, therefore there is no series 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, or 3.8.

Storage Location: RG 2 Provincial Exhibition of Manitoba Association fonds RG2SF3 AgEx



## **RG2SF4** Miscellaneous

## http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions4382

Part Of:	RG 2 Provincial Exhibition of Manitoba Association	
Description Level:	Sous-fonds	
Fonds Number:	RG2SF4	
GMD:	multiple media	
Date Range:	1908-1992	
Physical Description:	1.04 m textual records 29 graphics	

### History /

Biographical:

The series consists of records that either did not fit, or could not easily be placed into one of the preceding three manuscript groups. The series had several creators, including the Board of Directors for both the summer and winter fairs, the combined Provincial Exhibition of Manitoba Board of Directors, and others. The records also include several documents, and financial records of the combined winter and summer fairs organization, known as the Provincial Exhibition of Manitoba Association. This Association began in the fall of 1969 with the amalgamation of the Manitoba Winter Fair and the Provincial Exhibition of Manitoba.

fonds

## Custodial History:

The sous-fonds was housed in the WAAA, the PEM, the MWFFSA and the MEA until c1986 when it was transferred to the S.J. McKee Archives at Brandon University.

### Scope and Content:

The sous-fonds consists of textual records and photographs that did not fit easily into one of the other manuscript groups. The textual records include financial, scrapbooks, shareholder's lists and miscellaneous. There are several documents regarding the building of the Keystone Centre, as well as administrative papers dealing with the Provincial Exhibition of Manitoba Association. There are some minutes, and several financial records, as well as a brief administrative file. The photographs are diverse.

The sous-fonds has been divided into seven series, including: (1) Documents; (2) Minutes; (3) Financial records; (4) Administrative files; (9) Photographs; (10) Scrapbooks; and (11) Miscellaneous. In keeping with the numbering system used for the series in the other sous-fonds in RG 2 Provincial Exhibition of Manitoba Association, the series in RG2SF4 maintain the same numbering system, therefore there is no series 4.5, 4.6, 4.7, or 4.8.

Storage Location: RG 2 Provincial Exhibition of Manitoba Association fonds RG2SF4 Miscellaneous



# Alfred Angus Murray McPherson collection

http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions4523

Part Of:	RG 5 Western Manitoba Manuscript Collection	
Description Level:	Collection	
Accession Number:	21-2006	
Other Numbers:	Formerly the Margaret McPherson family fonds	
GMD:	multiple media	
Date Range:	1862-1978	

 Physical Description:
 4 m

 Physical Condition:
 Some of the older materials are fragile.

 History /
 Biographical:

Alfred Angus Murray McPherson was born February 15, 1923 in Brandon, MB. The middle son of Angus and Annie Ethel (Pentland) McPherson, Murray grew up on the family farm in the Brandon Hills District. Following high school he obtained a B.Sc. degree from Brandon College, before enrolling in the Faculty of Eduction at the University of Manitoba in 1947 where he received his B.Ed. and M.Ed. Murray completed his Ph.D. in Educational Curriculum in 1975 at Michigan State University.

Murray's teaching career began at Brandon College as a chemistry instructor. After the year of teacher training he taught in Daupin Collegiate, then Luxton Junior High School and St. Johns High School in Winnipeg. In 1962, Murray joined the University of Manitoba Faculty of Education where he taught methods in mathematics and served as Head of the Department of Curriculum: Mathematics and Natural Sciences for sixteen years, before assuming the position of Co-ordinator of Student Teaching. During his career Murray co-edited a series of textbooks for elementary grades and was a strong supporter of the Manitoba Association of Mathematics Teachers. Following his retirement in 1988, Murray volunteered with Creative Retirement, Mentors Club and Habitat for Humanity. He also remained active in the United Church.

Murray McPherson married Margaret Elinore Raven on July 14, 1951 in Winnipeg. Margaret Elinore (Raven) McPherson was born in Winnipeg, MB on March 11, 1927. Educated at the University of Manitoba, where she earned a B.Sc. (1947), a Dip. Education (1948) and a B.Ed. (1966), Margaret taught school in Dauphin (1948-1953) and the Winnipeg School Division (Spring 1954). Together they had two children: John Angus Murray McPherson (b. March 19, 1955), an orthopedic surgeon in Winnipeg, and Kathryn May McPherson (b. November 20, 1957), a professor of history at York University, Toronto. Alfred Angus Murray McPherson died on November 25, 2001 at the Charleswood Care Centre in Winnipeg, MB. Margaret continues to live in Winnipeg, MB.

The MacPherson family originally came from the County of Sutherlandshire in the north of Scotland. The need for wool during the Napoleonic Wars resulted in the "Highland Clearances" of the early 1800's, which forced the small farmers or "crofters" to leave their farms and to move to the villages, such as Kildonan, Helmsdale and Golspie along the east coast.

In 1814, Hugh MacPherson (1779-1843) with his wife Anne Sutherland (1783-1857) and their family, immigrated to Nova Scotia and acquired a farm at Watervale, a community on the West River at Pictou. Following the issue of the land title, the "Mac" spelling of MacPherson became "Mc."

Alexander McPherson, the son of Hugh and Anne, married Elizabeth Murray at West River on April 10, 1840. They lived on the family farm at Watervale where they had a family of eleven children, a number of whom died in infancy. Their oldest son Hugh (1845-1916) and their youngest, Johnston (1857-1944), later came to Brandon Hills, MB.

Angus Sellars McPherson, a son of Hugh and Margaret (Sellars) McPherson, was born in Brandon Hills, MB on March 1, 1884. A farmer in the area his whole life, Angus married Annie Ethel Pentland in 1913. Together they had three sons: Howard, Murray and Kenneth. Angus died at Brandon General Hospital on September 5, 1953.

Alfred Angus Murray McPherson's mother, Annie Ethel (Pentland) McPherson, was born into a family that originally came from the ancient Scottish Midlothian or the more modern County of Edinburgh, from the Pentland Hills County, and in and around the towns of Pentland and Carrington. Around the year 1700, at the time of the large movement of immigrants from

Scotland and England into Northern Ireland, several families of the clan settled in counties Down and Arnaugh in Ireland.

Between 1790 and 1820, a number from both Scotland and Ireland immigrated to Canada settling mainly in Eastern Ontario in the Counties of Hastings, Lennox and Addington and on Amherst Island. Around 1860, some moved to Huron County in Western Ontario to carve homes out of the bush. In 1881, Thomas James Pentland came from Goderich to Manitoba and settled near Douglas. He had learned the trade of a blacksmith and found one was needed so badly he gave up the intention to homestead and built a shop northwest of Douglas, on the South East quarter of Section 17-11-17. He later added a store and house there.

On July 22, 1885, Thomas James Pentland and Annie Isobel McVety were married at the home of the bride's parents at High Bluff and lived northwest of Douglas until 1890, when he made a deal with Isaac and Fred Lewis. Thomas took their homesteads on Section 14-12-18 and they took over the store, which they moved to Oakenside. T.J. Pentland continued to farm there until his death in June of 1919. T.J. Pentland was elected to the Council of the RM of Elton for Ward 1 in the fall of 1884 and served three years as councilor and fourteen years as Reeve.

The McVety and Owens families both came from County Fernanagh, Northern Ireland to Ontario during the first half of the nineteenth century. Henry McVety and Elizabeth Owens were married March 11, 1856, at Belgrave and lived at Morris until the spring of 1882, when they moved to High Bluff, Manitoba and fifteen years later to Bagot. In 1882, their daughter Annie lsobel came to Douglas to teach at the first Elton School situated 2.5 miles north and 1 mile east of present Douglas.

The family of Thomas and Annie Pentland consisted of three sons and three daughters. Fred, who served overseas in the 78th Battalion in the First World War and was killed in September 1917; Harry, who farmed in Justice until 1922, then lived in Brandon until his death in 1948; Ethel (Mrs. Angus McPherson), now living in Brandon; Evelyn (Mrs. N.C. Thompson) now living in Brandon; Wesley, living at Justice on the home farm; and Grace who died in 1908.

Harry Pentland's son, H. Clare Pentland, was born October 17, 1914, on a farm near Justice, MB, where Harry had taken up farming. Clare graduated from Brandon College in 1940, with an Economics degree and attended the University of Oregon, where he completed a Master's degree in 1942. He obtained his Ph.D. from the University of Toronto in 1961. His dissertation was later published as "Labour and Capital in Canada 1650-1860." A noted economist and a founder of the history of labour in Canada, H. Clare Pentland died on October 13, 1978.

### Custodial History:

Prior to the death of Murray McPherson, Margaret McPherson's husband, he and his daughter Katherine McPherson, professor of history at York University, searched through various farm houses previously occupied by members of the McPherson family and gathered together family archival materials to safeguard them from destruction. These materials were tranferred to the McPherson residence in Winnipeg and upon the death of Murry McPherson, Margaret became the sole custodian of the records. The decision to place the records at the McKee Archives was arrived at for two reasons. First, the records relate to the Brandon Hills and the history of this region. Second, Murray McPherson attended Brandon College in the 1940s, and felt kinship with the institution. The records came to the McKee Archives courtesy of the good offices of Diane Hageland of the Association for Manitoba Archives. Margaret McPherson donated the records to the McKee Archives on May 4, 2006.

## Scope and Content:

Fonds consists of personal and business records for various members of the McPherson and Pentland families. These were generated in the course of settlement in the Brandon Hills, travel, participation in the First World War and various forms of associational life, in particular the Orange Lodge. The fonds includes correspondence, financial records/ledgers, legal documents, postcards, photographs, scrapbooks, greeting cards, livestock records, Brandon College Sickles, school records, electoral records, diaries, membership records, certificates, income tax records, ration cards, notebooks, newsclippings, autograph albums, poetry, receipts and speeches.

Notes:	Biographical information for the fonds was provided by Margaret
	McPherson. Processing done by Deidra Wallace and Christy Henry
	summer/fall 2006. Description by Christy Henry. Numerous spellings of
the surname "McVety" appear in the fonds, including McVetie	
	McVitie. The oldest documented spelling in documents of a legal nature
	is McVety. This spelling therefore will appear throughout the finding aid.
Accruals:	Further accruals expected.
Storage Location:	2006 accessions
Storage Range:	2006 accessions

Arrangement:

Original file order has been maintained, while some boxes have been combined to provide a more suitable environment for the preservation of print materials. The boxes have been renumbered accordingly. Due to the original file order, however, the file numbers in the database have been prefaced by their original box numbers. For example, File 3.5 refers to the fifth file of the original third box.



# Brandon Hills Busy Bees fonds

## http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions4712

Part Of:	RG 5 Western Manitoba Manuscript Collection
Description Level:	Collection
Accession Number:	36-2006
GMD:	multiple media
Date Range:	1916-1988
Physical Description:	31 cm textual records 2 photographs
Physical Condition:	Very good
History /	

Biographical:

The Brandon Hills Busy Bees was formed in 1916 by eighteen women. The aim of the group was to assist with the war effort during World War One. At the end of the war it was decided to carry on the club and do community and welfare work. The Busy Bees met twice a month and, during World War Two, one meeting a month was devoted to Red Cross work.

In 1969, the younger members of the Brandon Hills Busy Bees decided to form their own organization called the Brandon Hills Community Fireflies.

The remaining members of the Busy Bees continued in their work until they disbanded as a society on September 14, 1988. At their last meeting it was decided to donate their records to the McKee Archives (minutes September 14, 1988).

Custodial History:

In the minutes for the September 14, 1988 meeting of the Brandon Hills Busy Bees, Mrs. Mollie Baker made a motion to donate the record books of the organization to the Archive at Brandon University, and for Mrs. Nell Baker and Mrs. Lillian Coate to take them there. The motion was seconced by Mrs. Jean Kreller. Prior to their donation to the McKee Archives in 1988 the records were in the possession of members of the Brandon Hills Busy Bees.

## Scope and Content:

Fonds consists of minute books with membership lists, accounts, newsclippings, correspondence, and reports, recipies (Treasurer's BK 1917-1919), treasurer's books, donation records, 2 photographs (1916 and ca. 1970s), a history of the Busy Bees 1916-1976 and calendars for the Womens' Auxiliary to the Grain Growers (Oakville, MB) for 1916-1918.

The mintue book for 1976-1981 also contains the minute book of The Red Cross Emergency Unit, Brandon Hills for December 1943-1947.

Notes:	Description by Christy Henry.	
Storage Location:	2006 accessions	
Storage Range:	2006 accessions	
Related Material:	Albert Angus Murray McPherson collection (21-2006)	



# Prairie Horizons Toastmistress Club fonds

http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions4716

Part Of:	RG 5 Western Manitoba Manuscript Collection
Description Level:	Collection
Accession Number:	37-2006
GMD:	multiple media
Date Range:	1976-1984
Physical Description:	6 cm

Scope and Content:

Fonds consists of minutes, the pages of the charter dinner guest book, "Go for the Gold" membership marathon instructions and poster, and a scrapbook containing photographs, momentos and a history (summary) of the Priarie Horizons Toastmistress Club 1976-1982.

Notes:	Name tags and pins culled. Description by Christy Henry.	
Storage Location:	2006 accessions	
Storage Range:	2006 accessions	



# Grand Valley School District #206 fonds

http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions4717

Part Of:	RG 5 Western Manitoba Manuscript Collection
Description Level:	Collection
Accession Number:	38-2006
GMD:	multiple media
Date Range:	1935, 1945, 1968
Physical Description:	6 cm

Scope and Content:

Fonds consists of correspondence, newsclippings, reminiscences, historical information about Grand Valley, name and address lists for students and teachers, invitations to Grand Valley School District reunions (1935 and 1968), the program for the dedication ceremonies and reunion picnic (1968), and the guest book for the 1968 reunion and cairn dedication. The latter includes 3 photographs.

Notes:	Description by Christy Henry.
Storage Location:	2006 accessions
Storage Range:	2006 accessions



# Douglas Brolund collection

http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions4718

Part Of:	RG 5 Western Manitoba Manuscript Collection
Description Level:	Collection
Accession Number:	39-2006
GMD:	multiple media

Date Range:	1970s
Physical Description:	30 cm
Physical Condition:	Generally good. Some of the photographs have tape on them.
History /	

**Biographical:** 

Churches of the Prairies was a project undertaken by Doug Brolund and his brother. The project involved gathering information on the churches of the prairies (Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta). They were interested in the time between 1800 to 1925. Their aim was to collect historical, architectural and photographic material, as well as information concerning the people involved in the building, the ministry and in the using of the churches. The information was to be collected, put into order and made available and retrievable to anyone wishing to use it.

The purpose of the bank of information was to be the publication of a book or books. The Brolunds' believed in the importance of preserving our heritage, of honouring those who were involved in the building of the churches and believed the material would prove to be invaluable in the future to other organizations. To gather information, they sent out letters asking for any information, photographs, news clippings and stories on the churches of the prairies. The project ended when Doug Brolund was left on his own to complete the work. He concluded that it was simply too much for one person to accomplish.

## Custodial History:

In the early 1980s Doug Brolund donated the text and photographs that had been assembled to the McKee Archives. He was convinced that the material was too valuable to simply discard.

#### Scope and Content:

The collection consists of information (such as news clippings, church histories, correspondence and for Saskatchewan and Manitoba, inventory site forms) on and/or photographs of various churches across Canada. The files for Alberta; British Columbia; Ontario, Newfoundland, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Quebec are quite small and generally contain pages from old calendars and newsclippings, although there are a few photographs (some of them unidentified) and church histories. The Alberta file also contains a copy of the Provincial Register of Historic Sites ca. 1979.

The file for Saskatchewan contains information on and/or photographs of churches in the following towns/areas: Kennell, Castleton, McAulay, McLean, Neudorf, Eatonia, Eston, Carnduff, Wheatland and Carievale. There are also photographs of Welwyn Church, Trinity United, Florence School, Coshen? School and Wamphray Presbyterian (RM of Edenwold). The file also contains the finding aid for Saskatchewan developed by the project members.

The material on Manitoba churches is the most extensive. There is a copy of the finding aid for Manitoba developed by the project members. The files are arranged alphabetically, with separate files for Brandon, Portage la Prairie and Winnipeg. There is information on and/or photographs of churches in the following towns/areas: Aspelund Free Church, Arden, Angusville, Alexander, Birtle, Brookdale, Boissevain, Belmont, Mount Hope School District, Beulah, Beausejour, Clanwilliam, Carberry, Petral, Chater, Carrol (Bunclody), Decker, Deloraine, Dauphin, Darlingford, Douglas, Hargrave, Elgin, Elton, Elkhorn, Erickson, Forrest, Hamiota, Hunterville, Hilton, Horod, Hilltop, High Bluff, Horton (Desford), Hartney, Ingelow Isabella, Kola, Killarney, Kenton (and area), Justice, Lockport, Lenore (Breadalbane), Lynn Lake, McConnell, Minnedosa, Melita, Miniota, McGregor, Newdale, Ninga, Neepawa, Ninette, Oakner, Onla, Oakburn, Oak Lake, Pipestone, Rosser, Rapid City (and area), Rivers, Riding Mountain, Rounthwaite, Rossburn, Russell, Polonia, Sandy Lake, Scandinavia, Solsgirth, Souris, Hellmouth, Seech (and area), The Pas, Saint Agathe, St. Pierre, St. Anne, Teulon, St. Andrews-on-the-Red, Swan River, Shilo, Sparling, Virden, Westnbourne, Vista, Wabowden, Wawanesa, Waskade, Brandon, Brandon Hills, Portage la Prairie, Portage la Prairie (Oakland) and Winnipeg.

File 24 contains negatives. There are also some negatives for New Brunswick churches in File 23.

Notes:	The Brandon file also contains a minute book of the First Church United Circle. For information on the Brandon Synagogue, see the Brandon Synagogue file in the institutional biographies. For technical architectural descriptions of some Brandon Churches, see "A Guide to the City of Brandon, Municipal Heritage Building Inventory" in the institutional biography files. The Winnipeg file contains a copy of "Souris Valley Plains - a history" by Lawrence B. Clarke. A number of the Winnipeg churches are unidentified. Description by Christy Henry.
Storage Location:	2006 accessions
Storage Range:	2006 accessions



# Leslie Victor Robson fonds

http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions4797

Part Of:	RG 5 Western Manitoba Manuscript Collection
Description Level:	Collection
Accession Number:	7-1998

#### GMD:

#### multiple media

Date Range:

Physical Description:

1926-1975 ; predominant 1930-1940

31 cm textual records;

1 b&w photograph - approx. 50 x 20cm (torn in half);

1 ribbon from the International Pool Conference of 1928

## History /

## **Biographical:**

Leslie Victor Robson was born in Deleau, Manitoba in 1893. Following graduation from the Manitoba Agricultural College in 1915, he began a career in farming near Deleau, Manitoba. Robson married Edna Chapman in 1917. He was active in farm organizations, the cooperative movement and the Cooperative Commonwealth Federation. Robson focused his farming activities on raising purebread polled herefords. His stock was exhibited across Canada and the United States and sold in Great Britain, Japan and Czechoslovakia. In 1977, he was made a member of the Canadian Hereford Honour Roll. Leslie Victor Robson died in 1977.

## Custodial History:

This fonds was donated to the McKee Archives in 1995 by Clarke M. Robson of Deleau, Manitoba.

## Scope and Content:

This fonds contains booklets and issues of newspapers from the Canadian prairie provinces concerning the CCF, the Independant Labor Party, the UFM, the Canadian farming co-op movement, Manitoba Pool Elevators, and the early NDP. Also included are publications of the CCF including "The Commonwealth," the Canadian Department of Agriculture, the League for Social Reconstruction, the NDP, the UFM, and Manitoba Pool Elevators. The single photograph is a group picture of mostly men taken at the International Wheat Conference of 1926 in St. Paul, Minnesota. It includes Colin H. Burnell, Fawcett W. Ransom, and Dick Mahoney.

Notes:	CAIN No. 202653
Subject Access:	J. W. Noseworthy
	V.S. Alanne
	Helen Watson
	Tommy C. Douglas
	Department of Agriculture
	The Commonwealth
	Canadian Cooperater
	UFM
	CCF
	Pool Elevators
	Cooperative Consumer
	Independent Labor Party
Storage Location:	1998 accessions
Storage Range:	1998 accessions



# G.R. Rowe fonds

## http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions4799

Part Of:	RG 5 Western Manitoba Manuscript Collection
Description Level:	Collection
Accession Number:	60-1997
GMD:	multiple media
Date Range:	1897-1984
Physical Description:	6 cm

History /

Biographical:

Gabriel Richard Rowe was born in Coleman, P.E.I. in 1897. In 1918, he enlisted in the Canadian Army. After the Great War, he moved to Viscount, Saskatchewan were he was principal of a high school. In 1924, Rowe moved to Brandon where he served as principal for various schools until his retirement in 1964. G.R. Rowe attended the University of Manitoba graduating with a Bachelor of Arts in 1935, a Bachelor of Education 1952, and a Master of Education degree in 1957. Rowe also studied at the University of Minnesota, Harvard, and the University of British Columbia. Rowe served as President of the Manitoba Teachers' Scoiety from 1948 to 1949. He served as a member of the International School Master Association, the Brandon's Citizens' Committee of the Arts, and the Brandon General Hospital Board. He died in Brandon on January 6th, 1968.

## Custodial History:

This fonds was accessioned in 1997 by the McKee Archives. Prior custodial history is unknown.

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Scope and Content:
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Fonds includes photographs, certificates and diplomas, career resumes, testimonials, draft obituaries, and correspondence, relating to G.R. Rowe's professional teaching career, and in small part to his personal life.

Notes:	CAIN No. 202649
Subject Access:	Brandon School Division
	history of education
	educational administration
	Earl Oxford Junior High
Storage Location:	1997 accessions
Storage Range:	1997 accessions



## Joseph H. Hughes collection

## http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions4805

Other Title Info:	J.H. Hughes, J.H. Hughes & Company, Hughes and Atkinson Lumber & Grain, Hughes & Atkinson Co., Hughes and Long, Hughes and Patrick, Hughes and Kennedy Lumber Merchants.
Part Of:	RG 5 Western Manitoba Manuscript Collection
Description Level:	Collection
Accession Number:	3-1997, 1-2008, 6-2009
GMD:	multiple media

Date Range:

Physical Description: 4 m textual records

84 photographs

1886-1960

History /

Biographical:

Joseph Henry Hughes was born in London, Ontario on April 14, 1857, son of Joseph C. Hughes and Jane McAndless. His family farmed in Middlesex County until they retired to Brandon, MB. Huges received his education in Middlesex County then went on to attend the Toronto Normal School in 1874. He tuaght for only a short time in 1875 before going into business as a general merchant in Iderton, Ontario.

Hughes moved to Brandon, MB in 1882 and from 1882 to 1906 was engaged in the lumber business with yards in Rat Portage and Brandon and later with mils on Rainy River. His buisness partner was T.H. Patrick from 1882-1896. T.T. Atkinson was a partner in the business from 1882 until early 1888, running the company's lumber camp in the Rainy River Valley. Atkinson was replaced by a Mr. Kennedy in 1888. After disposing of the mills in 1901, Hughes & Company operated as a lumber dealer until 1908 when the lumber business was sold to Rat Portage Lumber Co., whose operations in Brandon were located on 10th Street between Rosser and Princess Avenues.

Thereafter, Hughes & Company focused on real estate, owning most of the property between 10th and 11th Streets, Rosser and Princess Avenues. The company built rental property and residences in Brandon, including the Strathcona Block on 10th Street and Hughes (Lorne) Terrace on Lorne Avenue. During this period Hughes & Company was also involved in insurance and farming, buying farmland in south eastern Saskatchewan and Manitoba for lease and sale.

Hughes was a city alderman for four years, dedicating himself mostly towards improvements to the city pertaining to electrical generation, water supply and the development of the streetcar franchise. In 1911, he resigned from City Council to stand as a successful candidate for mayor. He held this position for only one year, 1913-1914. During this period Hughes, along with other prominent citizens, set up the Patriotic Fund to help look after the dependents of those going off to fight in World War I. Hughes served as chairman of the project until his death in late 1917.

In addition to his role as a prominent city businessman, Hughes was also deeply involved in the First Methodist Church, and a member of the Independent Order of OddFellows (I.O.O.F.) and the Masonic Lodge.

Joseph Henry Hughes was survived by his wife Anna Maria Hughes, whom he married in 1993, and their daughters: Alma and May (Mrs. Wilfred C. Hughes and Mrs. Charles Leemnnis) and Ruth, and their sons Percy and Harley.

Upon J.H. Hughes' death in 1917, management of the company was taken over by Willard C. Hughes, who died in 1964. Following his death the company was administered on behalf of Alma Hughes by Barry Hughes, a Winnipeg lawyer and distant relative. The company remained active in real estate and property managment, as well as farming and oil, until the early 1990s when following the death of Alma Hughes and her daughter Anna, the company was liquidated.

#### Custodial History:

The records in the Joseph H. Hughes fonds were held in two locations prior to their donation to the McKee Archives. Family related records, including paintings by Anna Hughes, music scores, photographs and various parchments, were stored at the family residence, Lorne Terrace (133-137 Lorne Avenue Brandon, MB). The balance of the records, being the records of Hughes & Co. as the firm came to be known, were stored on the fourth floor of the Alexander Block, also known as the Hughes Block, on the west side of 10th Street just south of Princess Avenue. In the early 1990s a decision was taken by Barry Hughes, who had succeeded Willard Hughes as the President of the company, to sell Hughes & Co. Hughes family and Hughes & Co. to Brandon University. Perry supervised the transfer of the records from Lorne Terrace and the Alexander Block to Brandon University. Initially the records were located in the Physical Plant H-Hut, they were then transfered to the Brandon University Steam Plant. The family records were transfered to the Archives in 1997, while the company records remained in the Steam Plant until January 2007 when some of the records were transfered to the Archives. The remaineder of the records were moved to a storage facility on 20th Street.

### Scope and Content:

The Joseph H. Hughes collection is divided into three series, including: (1) Photographs; (2) Edwardian music sheets; and (3) Hughes & Co. business records.

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Notes:	CAIN No. 202617. The Brandon Sun, August 6th, 1917 contains a report on the death of J.H. Hughes.
Subject Access:	Hughes and Company
	Neepawa Salt Works
	Patriotic Fund
	Brandon
	Churchill
	S.S. Warkworth
	Wheat City Business College Hockey Team
	Brandon Board of Trade and Civics
	Power Committee
	electrical transmission line
	Royal North West Mounted Police
	Soldiers Re-Settlement Board
	Gordon McKay building
	interned prisoners
	World War I
	Winnipeg General Strike
	Teamsters Strike
	Souirs
	Rat Portage
	Rainy River
	Daly and Coldwell
	W.A. Robinson
Finding Aid:	Inventory for Accession 1-2008.
Storage Location:	2008 accessions
	Oversize storage drawers

Storage Range:	2008 accessions
	Oversize storage drawers
Related Material:	A large body of unprocessed records of Hughes and Co. are held in the McKee Archives
	McKee Archives.



# Janette Donnelly collection

## http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions4807

Part Of:	RG 5 Western Manitoba Manuscript Collection
Description Level:	Collection
Accession Number:	22-1999
GMD:	multiple media
Date Range:	1890-1921; predominant 1917-1919
Physical Description:	10 cm textual records;
	2 class portraits;
	and 1 small print

History /

**Biographical:** 

Stella and Gladys Sleigh were born and raised in Rossburn, Manitoba, and attended Normal School in Brandon, Manitoba, in the late 1910's and early 1920's. Both subsequently pursued teaching careers in Manitoba. Katherine McLean also attended Normal School in the early 1890's, and was from Virden, Manitoba.

## Custodial History:

Janette Donnelly has donated this collection of material that belonged to her mother and aunt, Stella and Gladys Sleigh, respectively. Included in this collection is a booklet that belonged to Donnelly's great-aunt Katherine Sinclair (McLean). This collection was donated to the McKee Archives by Janette Donnelly of McGregor, Manitoba, on September 15, 1999.

## Scope and Content:

Collection consists of portfolios and notebooks kept by Stella and Gladys Sleigh while attending Brandon Normal School. The portfolios contain drawings and projects that the women made. The notebooks contain information about education in Manitoba in the early 20th century. There is also a portrait taken of Gladys Sleigh around 1920 and two Normal School portraits included in this collection. The collection also includes a notebook kept by Katherine Sinclair (McLean), which describes lessons given to prospective teachers at the Virden Normal School in the early 1890's.

Notes:	CAIN No. 202609 (under Stella and Gladys Sleigh fonds).
Name Access:	Rembrandt Studio
	Winnipeg
	Manitoba
Subject Access:	Katherine Sinclair (McLean)
	Stella Sleigh
	Gladys Sleigh
	Virden
	Manitoba
	Brandon Normal School
	education
	primary teachers
	sewing
	normal school
Storage Location:	1999 accessions
Storage Range:	1999 accessions



# William J. Birtles fonds

## http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions4813

Part Of:	RG 5 Western Manitoba Manuscript Collection
Description Level:	Collection
Accession Number:	7-2003
GMD:	multiple media
Date Range:	c. 1880; c. 1935-2001
Physical Description:	4 photographs; 2 biographical sketches

### History /

### **Biographical:**

William Birtles was born in Alexander, Manitoba in 1930. He received his early education at Alexander School. In 1948, he completed grade 12 at St. John's College School in Winnipeg. He undertook formal training in art, beginning in 1949, at the Winnipeg School of Art. In 1952, he graduated from the Manitoba Provincial Normal School. After teaching school in Winnipeg for three years, Birtles completed a Bachelor of Fine Arts with a major in Sculpture in 1958. He obtained a Bachelor of Education from the University of Manitoba in 1970. Throughout his adult years, Birtles taught in various Manitoba communities, was active as an artist, showing his work and winning awards. He was also active in the Manitoba Society of Artists and associated provincial organizations. Birtles is retired and is a resident of Winnipeg, Manitoba.

## Custodial History:

All of the items in the fonds were in the possession of William Birtles until their donation to the McKee Archives in 2003.

## Scope and Content:

Fonds consists of photographs of Ms. Sarah Birtles, Rt. Rev W.W.H. Thomas D.D, the Thomas Smith farmhouse located northwest of Alexander, and a postcard containing a photograph of Westminster Abbey. Fonds also contains two biographical sketches written by William Birtles: one of Ms. Sarah Birtles - three pages - and one of Rt. Rev. W.W. H. Thomas D.D - six pages. Also includes the program of the Composite Lodge No. 64 G.R.M., A.F. & A.M. sixty-fifth Anniversary (Alexander, MB 1961).

Notes:	CAIN No. 202569
Subject Access:	Sarah Birtles
	Rt. Rev. W.W.H. Thomas D.D
	Thomas Smith
	Alexander
	Manitoba
	farmhouse
	masonic lodge
Storage Location:	2003 accessions
Storage Range:	2003 accessions



## James Duncan McGregor collection

## http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions4820

Part Of:	RG 5 Western Manitoba Manuscript Collection
Description Level:	Collection
Accession Number:	4-1998
GMD:	multiple media
Date Range:	1899-1935; predominant c. 1899
Physical Description:	20 cm textual records; 51 lantern slides (measuring 22 cm x 20.5 cm); 44 photographs (41 measuring 17.5 cm x 23 cm and 3 measuring 26.5 cm x 35 cm)

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History /
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Biographical:
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J.D. McGregor was a leading agriculturist from Brandon who served as Lieutenant Governor in the province of Manitoba during the 1930's. The Hon. J.D. McGregor was born in Amherstburg, Ontario August 29, 1860. He came west with his father in 1877, and entered the horse and cattle trade. McGregor established Glencarnock Farm north of Brandon and created one of the finest Aberdeen-Angus cattle herds in North America. In 1912 and 1913, his cattle (Glencarnock Victor and Glencarnock Victor II) were selected Grand Champions at the Chicago International. McGregor was a Liberal in politics with close ties to Clifford Sifton. From 1897-99, he served as mines inspector in the Klondike during the gold rush in that region. He also served as Lieutenant Governor of Manitoba from 1929-1934. James Duncan McGregor died March 15, 1935.

## Custodial History:

This collection was donated to Brandon University in 1971 by McGregor's daughter Mrs. E.C. Harte. The collection was accessioned in 1998 by the McKee Archives.

### Scope and Content:

Collection consists of photos and slides, principally of the Klondike during the gold rush era (1897-1902); Government House seating plans and speeches from a wide variety of events (1912-1934); correspondence of McGregor's, primarily from his time as Lieutenant Governor (1912-1934); a (23.75 oz.) gold bag; a state publication "Instructions for Lieutenant Governors;" documents pertaining to the history of the Manitoba Winter Fair; and documents dealing with the early career of Winston Churchill.

Notes:	CAIN No. 202634
Subject Access:	Winston Churchill
	Soapy Smith
	L.T. Floyd
	Manitoba Winter Fair
	Government House
	Manitoba
	Klondike gold rush
	Lieutenant Governor
	Livestock
Storage Location:	1998 accessions
Storage Range:	1998 accessions