

# S. J. McKee Archives



## T.R. Wilkins collection

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions4298>

Part Of: RG 1 Brandon College fonds

Description Level: Sub-series

Series Number: MG 1 1.4

Accession Number: 3-2016

GMD: textual records

Date Range: 1911?-1940

Physical Description: 7 cm

History /

Biographical:

Thomas Russell Wilkins was born in Toronto in 1891. He received his B.A. from McMaster University in 1912, and became the Science Master at Woodstock College the following year. In 1916, he and his wife Olive moved to Chicago, where Wilkins was an instructor of Physics at the University of Chicago. The next year he served as a master signal electrician in the U.S. Signal Corps. During World War I, Wilkins completed pioneer research for the United States Navy, which led to the development of pulse sonar devices in the 1920s. He had also been researching the possibilities of a wireless telephone.

Wilkins and his wife moved to Brandon in 1918, where he took up the position of Professor of Physics. During his time at Brandon College, Wilkins introduced the latest technology to classrooms, designed the original Science Building, and along with the Brandon Citizen's Committee, secured building funds for the Citizen's Science Building.

Receiving his Ph.D. from the University of Chicago in 1921, Wilkins resigned from Brandon College in 1925 to pursue postgraduate study at Cambridge University. In 1926, he began research at the University of Rochester, where he also took up the position of Professor of Physics. From 1930 to 1938, he acted as the Director of the Institute of Optics.

Widely known for his work in the fields of cosmic rays and atomic disintegration, in April 1939, Wilkins announced the perfection of a camera that was able to record the "footprints" of invisible atoms after they collide. In October 1939, he received a medal from the Royal Photographic Society of Great Britain recognizing his work regarding the use of photographic emulsions in the study of radium. The following year, Wilkins perfected a camera that could determine the energy levels inside the nuclei of stable chemical elements. He received a grant from Sigma Xi, the National Society for the Promotion of Scientific Research, in November of 1940.

Wilkins married twice. The first marriage, to Olive Angles Cross took place on June 17, 1913. Olive Wilkins died suddenly on May 13, 1937, at the age of 45. Wilkins married Susan Gwendolyn Whidden, the daughter of former Brandon College president Dr. H.P. Whidden, in 1938.

Thomas Russell Wilkins died suddenly of a heart attack on December 10, 1940, on his way back to his laboratory after a faculty meeting. He was 49 years old.

Custodial History:

Records were accessioned by the McKee Archives in 1998. Prior custodial history is unknown.

Scope and Content:

T. Russell Wilkins' records contain correspondence between himself and Mrs. Wilkins and Dr. Whidden concerning their employment with Brandon College. There are letters between the two men regarding the building of the Science Building in 1920. There is also a copy of the Canadian Baptist. Besides programmes and a picture, there is also correspondence between various people. Dr. Wilkins kept the papers he had written for various classes at McMaster University in the years 1911 and 1912. There is a "toast to the ladies" that he delivered at a banquet of some sort, that gives an interesting view on how Wilkins, and possibly other men of his time, viewed women. There are numerous newspapers clippings, and several pages taken from journals such as Popular Mechanics, Popular Electricity and others. Dr. Wilkins was at the top of his field of study. He was an extremely bright man who managed to create some very useful tools of science. His papers are interesting and informative to read.

Notes:	History/Bio information taken from Campus News May 1990
Name Access:	Olive Wilkins Thomas Wilkins H.P. Whidden
Subject Access:	science building science scientific development
Storage Location:	2016 accessions



## Esther Magdalene Moore collection

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions4299>

Part Of:	RG 1 Brandon College fonds
Description Level:	Sub-series
Series Number:	MG 1 1.5
Accession Number:	4-2016
GMD:	textual records
Date Range:	1911?-1960?
Physical Description:	8 cm

## History /

### Biographical:

Esther Moore was born in Norfolk, Nebraska and moved to Canada at age 3. There is a vague reference to her being related to the composer Dvorak in *The Quill* of 1913. She registered as a music student at Brandon College in 1909. In 1910, Miss Moore received a medal for sight-reading and accompanying in Edmonton. She took her examinations of the Toronto Conservatory of Music in 1910, and her Senior examinations in 1911. She completed her theory work in 1913, as well as finishing the academic requirements. In 1913, Esther Moore became the first graduate of the Music department at Brandon College. After graduation, Miss Moore taught music in Unity, as well as being the choirleader and organist. She returned to her home in Olds, Alberta for a rest from teaching. However, she was not idle for long. She took up teaching again, and she was the organist and choirleader at church. She also began a Glee Club. Between these responsibilities Miss Moore finished a course in the Household Science Department at the Olds Agricultural College. She returned to Brandon College to take postgraduate work, becoming the first Brandon College student to receive her L.T.C.M. in 1916. In 1922 Miss Moore began to teach piano at Brandon College. She received her Bachelor of Music in 1925, and her Master of Music in 1926.

### Custodial History:

Records were accessioned by the McKee Archives in 1998. Prior custodial history is unknown.

### Scope and Content:

Esther Moore's records consist of newspaper clippings, recital programmes, concert programmes, and commencement programmes. As well, there are dance cards, invitations, tickets, and the programme for the annual Graduation Banquet for several years. There are Track and Field programmes and a ribbon. There are also Alumni Luncheon programmes for a few years. There is an issue of *The Western Baptist* from 1926, and the programmes for the installation of Dr. Robbins as President and the opening of the Arts and Library building and the J.R.C. Evans Lecture Theatre in 1960. There is also a letter from William L. Wright, director of the music department at Brandon College.

Name Access:	Esther Moore
	W.L. Wright
	J.R.C. Evans Lecture Theatre
	John E. Robbins
Subject Access:	School of Music
	rectials
	concerts
	commencement
	graduation banquet
	programmes
	arts and library building
Storage Location:	2016 accessions



## Brandon

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions6159>

Part Of: RG 6 Brandon University fonds  
Description Level: File  
Series Number: MG 3 1.14.1  
File Number: 1212, 1212b  
GMD: textual records  
Date Range: Mar. 1990-Mar. 1992  
Physical Description: 2 files  
Scope and Content:  
File consists of correspondence  
Notes: File divided by Karyn Taylor, Nov. 2006  
Storage Location: RG 6 Brandon University fonds  
MG 3 Brandon University Teaching and Administration  
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## The Brandon Sun

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13662>

Other Title Info: Title based on the contents of the subseries  
Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection  
Description Level: Sub-series  
Series Number: McG 2.2  
Accession Number: 1-2015  
GMD: textual records  
Date Range: c. 1966 - 2010  
Physical Description: Approximately 63.5 cm of textual records  
History /  
Biographical:

In November 1966, McGuinness was hired as vice-president to the Brandon Sun. He moved to Brandon with his family and had a career with the paper until his death in 2011. During his years with the Sun, McGuinness wrote a tri-weekly "Sunbeams" (sometimes spelled "Sun Beams") column using the nom-de-plume F.A. [Fifth And] Rosser. Sunbeams was similar to McGuinness' "Lighthouse" column for The Medicine Hat News; commenting on a variety of current events, Sunbeams also included book reviews, local events, and reminiscences.

Upon his retirement in January 1987, McGuinness was made publisher emeritus of the Brandon Sun. A week after his retirement, he began writing a new column for the Sun, called the "Diary." Initially a bi-weekly column, which was made into a weekly column in 2009, McGuinness continued writing the "Diary" until his hospitalization in 2010. The Diary column was primarily a historical retrospective of Brandon, although it also touched on broader topics of interest to McGuinness during the time period.

#### Custodial History:

Accession 1-2015 contains records created and collected over the course of McGuinness' career as a newspaper journalist and freelance writer. The Estate of Fred McGuinness donated the materials to the SJ McKee Archives circa 2011. The Archives accessioned the records in 2015.

#### Scope and Content:

The subseries contains records created and collected by Fred McGuinness during his time as a journalist, editor, and freelance writer with the Brandon Sun. The records consist of scrapbooks of Sunbeams columns, Sunbeam drafts, Diary drafts, article proofs, column research, and correspondence.

#### Notes:

Readers' correspondence pertaining to McGuinness' time with the Brandon Sun can be found in Fred McGuinness' personal papers, subseries McG 1.2 Correspondence. Possible research for his Sunbeam and Diary columns may be found in McG 4.1 Local history research and McG 2.3 Neighbory News (File 3)

#### Accruals:

Closed

#### Finding Aid:

A file level inventory is available

#### Storage Location:

2015 accessions

#### Arrangement:

Arrangement was artificially created by the Archives. Subseries has been re-arranged according to publication period

## Documents

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## Brandon, City of

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions6232>

Part Of: RG 6 Brandon University fonds  
Description Level: File  
Series Number: MG 3 1.14.1  
File Number: 1285  
GMD: textual records  
Date Range: Feb. 1993  
Physical Description: 1 file  
Scope and Content:  
File consists of correspondence  
Storage Location: RG 6 Brandon University fonds  
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## B- Brandon

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions6234>

Part Of: RG 6 Brandon University fonds  
Description Level: File  
Series Number: MG 3 1.14.1  
File Number: 1287  
GMD: textual records  
Date Range: Jan.1992-Aug. 1993  
Physical Description: 1 file  
Scope and Content:  
File consists of correspondence  
Storage Location: RG 6 Brandon University fonds  
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## The Brandon Sun

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions3354>

Part Of: RG 6 Brandon University fonds

Description Level: File

Series Number: 2.4

File Number: 9

GMD: textual records

Date Range: 1973

Physical Description: 1 file

Scope and Content:

File consists of correspondence, an essay by L. Dulmage and newsclippings.

Storage Location: RG 6 Brandon University fonds  
Series 2: Board of Governors  
2.4 Correspondence and subject files  
Box 1



## Brandon Sun

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions3670>

Part Of: RG 6 Brandon University fonds

Description Level: File

Series Number: 4.2

File Number: 92

GMD: textual records

Date Range: 1968

Physical Description: 1 file

Scope and Content:

File consists of correspondence.

Storage Location: RG 6 Brandon University fonds  
Series 4: Office of the Vice-President  
4.2 Office of the Vice-President (Administration & Finance)  
Box 3



## Brandon Sun

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions3731>

Part Of: RG 6 Brandon University fonds

Description Level: File

Series Number: 4.2

File Number: 149

GMD: textual records

Date Range: 1969

Physical Description: 1 file

Scope and Content:

File consists of a piece of correspondence between D.R. MacKay and Fred McGuinness.

Storage Location: RG 6 Brandon University fonds

Series 4: Office of the Vice-President

4.2 Office of the Vice-President (Administration & Finance)

Box 5



## Brandon Sun

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions3844>

Part Of: RG 6 Brandon University fonds

Description Level: File

Series Number: 4.2

File Number: 260

GMD: textual records

Date Range: 1971

Physical Description: 1 file

Scope and Content:

File consists of correspondence.

Storage Location: RG 6 Brandon University fonds

Series 4: Office of the Vice-President

4.2 Office of the Vice-President (Administration & Finance)

Box 6



## Brandon College

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions4532>

Part Of: Alfred Angus Murray McPherson collection

Description Level: Box

File Number: 9.1 - 9.18

Accession Number: 21-2006

Other Numbers: Box I

GMD: textual records



Date Range: 1938-1952

Scope and Content:

Contains the following files:

9.1 Class list and lost alumni 1941-1948

9.2 "Spectrum" April 1944

9.3 "The Sickle" 1941-1945 (missing 1944)

9.4 Graduation programmes 1927, 1940-1952 (includes photo of Arts Banquet, Brandon College 1942)

9.5 "The New Era" 1947

9.6 Murray McPherson diary 1942

9.7 The Quill and The Sickle account book [1939-1941]

9.8 Brandon College documentation 1942-1943

9.9 Calendar 1940-1941

9.10 Murray McPherson's notes 1938-1939 (Brandon Collegiate)

9.11 Brandon College notes [1941-1944] (2 files)

9.12 Commencement programme 1944

9.13 Brandon College commencement programmes 1944, 1945, 1952 (also contains 1937-1938 Brandon College calendar and a copy of "S.J. McKee of Brandon College" by Tommy McLeod)

9.14 Physics notes [1942]

9.15 Murray McPherson - math and physics notes 1943

9.16 Murray McPherson - math notes 1944

9.17 Murray McPherson account book 1938-1940 (Brandon Collegiate)

9.18 Miscellaneous pamphlets re: Brandon College and hockey 1909 - ca.1945 (including Student Handbooks 1940-1944 and the 1913 convocation programme, the 1909 Manitoba Amateur Hockey Association constitution, pamphlets from The Boys' Brigade and a pamphlet with etiquette and manner advice for teenagers)

Notes: Part of the Alfred Angus Murray McPherson collection.

Storage Location: Alfred Angus Murray McPherson collection  
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## Brandon Reflections

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions4736>

Part Of: RG 1 Brandon College fonds  
Description Level: Sub-series  
Series Number: 12.5  
GMD: textual records  
Date Range: 1935, 1937-1938  
Physical Description: 3 mm  
Physical Condition: The October 1936 issues has some tears from a hole punch.

### History /

### Biographical:

Brandon Reflections was a quarterly publication issued by Brandon College in the interests of Christian education. The publication was a product of the Brandon College Board of Directors.

### Scope and Content:

Sub-series consists of copies of Brandon Reflections for: March 1935 (Vol. 1, No. 1), October 1936 (Vol. 1, No. 6), December 1937 (Vol. 1, No. 10) and March 1938 (Vol. 1, No. 11).

Storage Location: RG 1 Brandon College fonds  
Series 12: Brandon College publications



## Brandon University

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions5072>

Part Of: RG 6 Brandon University fonds  
Description Level: File  
Series Number: MG 3 1.14.1  
File Number: 160  
GMD: textual records  
Date Range: 1982-85

Physical Description: 1 file

### Scope and Content:

File consists of correspondence from C.W. Kennedy, BU Registrar re: bursary for "Charlie", various correspondence 1983-1985 between Clark and BU employees, 1985 BU Convocation, correspondence re: Nigeria, "Brandon University An Economic Impact Study"

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## Brandon Waterslides

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions5074>

Part Of: RG 6 Brandon University fonds  
Description Level: File  
Series Number: MG 3 1.14.1  
File Number: 162  
GMD: textual records  
Date Range: 1984  
Physical Description: 1 file  
Scope and Content:  
File consists of waterslides proposal, Kirkcaldy Heights Development project 1984  
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## City of Brandon

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions5543>

Part Of: RG 6 Brandon University fonds  
Description Level: File  
Series Number: MG 3 1.14.1  
File Number: 606  
GMD: textual records  
Date Range: 1989-1990  
Physical Description: 1 file  
Scope and Content:  
File consists of Trade Commissioners Visit Nov. 9&10, 1989; YWCA Women of Distinction Awards, 1989  
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## Brandon-Souris

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions5633>

Part Of: RG 6 Brandon University fonds  
Description Level: File  
Series Number: MG 3 1.14.1  
File Number: 697  
GMD: textual records  
Date Range: 1989  
Physical Description: 1 file  
Scope and Content:  
File consists of correspondence re: Shilo  
Storage Location: RG 6 Brandon University fonds  
MG 3 Brandon University Teaching and Administration  
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## Brandon Airport

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions6029>

Part Of: RG 6 Brandon University fonds  
Description Level: File  
Series Number: MG 3 1.14.1  
File Number: 1083  
GMD: textual records  
Date Range: Dec. 1986-Apr. 1987  
Physical Description: 1 file  
Scope and Content:  
File consists of correspondence  
Storage Location: RG 6 Brandon University fonds  
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## Brandon College/Brandon University Women's Auxiliary fonds

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14290>

Part Of: RG 1 Brandon College fonds  
Description Level: Fonds  
Accession Number: 18-2016  
GMD: textual records  
Date Range: 1955-1975

Physical Description: 24 cm of textual records  
3 scrapbooks containing newspaper clippings

History /

Biographical:

The Brandon College/Brandon University Women's Auxiliary was founded on February 17, 1955, with the purpose of a) foster[ing] good public relations between the university and the community, and to stress the importance of Brandon University to Western Manitoba; b) to gain a better knowledge of the functioning of Brandon University and; c) to improve the surroundings of the College/University's students and the university at large. They were to hold four regular meetings per annum, with an annual meeting in April, and one fund-raising tea a year. The organization raised money through these teas, as well as through receptions, with the intention of donating to the college/university and surrounding community, contributing to the furnishing of residences and offices at the college/ university, as well as facilitating an annual community visitation day for the public to tour the university. The organization's name was changed from the Brandon College Women's Auxiliary to the Brandon University Women's Auxiliary along with the renaming of the school itself on July 1, 1967. The organization was sometimes referred to simply as the Women's Auxiliary.

The Auxiliary was run by an elected President and Board of Executives. Its members, who were all mothers of Brandon College/Brandon University students, paid an annual membership fee. Subcommittees within the organization included those in charge of social organization, membership management, program management, phoning management, press and publicity management and project management; all of these were fronted by their own individual leaders from within the members, under the board of executives. The organization ceased meeting in 1975; the minutes from the final meeting reference difficulties filling executive offices before a motion was carried to disband.

Custodial History:

Records were created and held by the Brandon College/Brandon University Women's Auxiliary until their dissolution on October 23, 1975, when a motion was passed to move the records to the McKee Archives.

Scope and Content:

Fonds consists of records that relate to the organization of and activities coordinated by the Women's Auxiliary, as well as records detailing the contribution that the organization made to the university and community of and around Brandon. The records span the entire existence of the Women's Auxiliary from 1955 to 1975.

Records include meeting minutes, treasurers' statements, financial bookkeeping, correspondence, a copy of the constitution, records of members, members' addresses and phone numbers, lists of members' children attending school and their respective degree, lists of council members, event memorabilia, organization letter heads, donation receipts, newspaper clippings, advertisements, publicity reports, meeting reports, visitation records, scrapbooks and scrapbook inventories.

Notes: History/Bio information taken from the records. Description by Kayliegh Penner (October 2016).

Name Access: Mrs. R.B. Alexander  
Mrs. Cumming  
Mrs. R.G. McDiarmid  
Mrs. R.K. Leiteh  
Mrs. Wesley Nelson  
Mrs. Robert Ghidorie  
Mrs. Barney Thordarson  
Kathleen Thordarson  
Mrs. Stuart Craig  
Mrs. Doris Hunt

Subject Access: centennial visitation day  
women's organizations

Storage Location: 2016 accessions

Related Material: Brandon University photograph collection (Observatory Opening)  
Spring 1955 Alumni News (report on the founding of the organization)

Arrangement:  
Records are arranged in chronological order in four (4) subseries: 1) treasurer's books; 2) minute books; 3) textual files; and 4) scrapbooks and miscellany



## Brandon Aboriginal Literary Festival - Brandon Neighbourhood Renewal Corporation

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions10235>

Part Of: Brandon Aboriginal Literary Festival

Description Level: File

Series Number: 8.4.1

File Number: 7

GMD: textual records

Date Range: November 2007 - January 2008

Physical Description: 1 file

History /

Biographical:

See sub sub series level (RG 6, 8.4.1) for history/bio information.

Custodial History:

See sub sub series level (RG 6, 8.4.1) for custodial history.

Scope and Content:

File consists of grant application materials and progress reports to the Brandon Neighbourhood Renewal Corporation and correspondence regarding funding, reports and thank you letters to funders.

Storage Location: RG 6 Brandon University fonds  
Series 8: Library Services  
8.4 Library special events  
8.4.1 Brandon Aboriginal Literary Festival



## Transport Brandon Airport

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions6087>

Part Of: RG 6 Brandon University fonds

Description Level: File

Series Number: MG 3 1.14.1

File Number: 1141

GMD: textual records

Date Range: Apr.-May 1993

Physical Description: 1 file

Scope and Content:

File consists of correspondence

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