

S. J. McKee Archives



William Lewis Wright

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions8561>

Part Of: Brandon University Photograph Collection

Description Level: Item

Series Number: 8

Item Number: 8.W.15

GMD: graphic

Date Range: c. 1920

Physical Description: 4" x 6" (b/w)

History /

Biographical:

Wright taught in the Department of Music from 1907-1940. From 1908-1940 he was the Director of Music at Brandon College.

Custodial History:

Photograph donated by Keith Evans, son of Adelene Monica Bailey and J.R.C. Evans.

Scope and Content:

Portrait of W.L. Wright.

Notes: Photograph was originally part of a larger item that included portraits of Adelene Monica Bailey (BUPC 8.B.27) and M. Kathleen Moffat (BUPC 8.M.40).



Lewis Whitehead

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions4121>

Part Of: RG 6 Brandon University fonds

Description Level: File

Series Number: 6.5.1

File Number: 52

GMD: textual records

Date Range: May 1990

Physical Description: 1 file

Scope and Content:

File consists of a news release, Whitehead's nomination form and citation.

Storage Location: RG 6 Brandon University fonds

Series 6: Senate Office

6.5 Convocation Services, Baccalaureates Services, Banquets



Gwendolyn Lewis

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions2306>

Part Of: Brandon University Photograph Collection

Description Level: Item

Series Number: 8

Item Number: 8.L.1

GMD: graphic

Date Range: c. 1920s

Physical Description: 3" x 4" (b/w)

Physical Condition: Top left corner of the photograph was bent in the past causing the surface of the photo to crack.

Scope and Content:

Portrait of Gwendolyn Lewis, pianist, from Chicago, IL.



Nadia Lewis collection

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14325>

Part Of: RG 5 Western Manitoba Manuscript Collection

Description Level: Collection

Accession Number: 3-2017

GMD: multiple media

Date Range: late 1880's - 2009

Physical Description: 2.5 cm textual records

206 photographs (loose)

2 scrapbooks

2 artefacts

Physical Condition: The textual records and artefacts are in good condition. Many of the photographs are bent and the paper based photo albums have some tearing.

History /

Biographical:

Nadia Irene Lewis (nee Chernec) was born in Shoal Lake, MB on December 31, 1926. Shortly after her birth, Nadia was placed in the care of a nurse in Brandon, MB while her parents were attempting to set up a home in the United States. Her mother was a teacher and her father was in training to become a member of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP), but because they were unmarried and had a child out of wedlock, they both lost their jobs and felt they needed to start a new life in a different place. As they were driving up the Brandon Hill, they were tragically involved in a three car collision, which killed them both.

The nurse caring for the newborn baby girl and a social worker from the Children's Aid Society assigned to the case decided to place Nadia in an orphanage in Brandon. During her stay at the orphanage, the caretakers named her "Katy" after a popular song of the day and discovered that she really enjoyed music. Nicholas and Maria Chernec adopted "Katy" from the orphanage when she was 3 1/2 years old, and in her brief autobiography, Nadia wrote that she suspected that Nicholas Chernec was her biological uncle (her father's brother). In June 1929, baby "Katy" was christened "Nadia Irene Chernec."

According to Nadia's autobiography, Nicholas Chernec urged his wife Maria to adopt the baby for three years as she remained in the orphanage. Maria had suffered a fall from a ladder during their marriage and as a result, was unable to have children. Maria "was often quite ill" and did not want to raise another person's child, but eventually she agreed.

Both Nicholas and Maria were of Ukrainian descent, and therefore Nadia was raised with a knowledge of Ukrainian traditions and within the Ukrainian community of Brandon, something that she embraced. Nadia grew up in Brandon's North End and graduated from the Normal School in 1945. She immediately began a teaching career that would last for 32 years, though she also worked in an office for three of those years. She married Alexander Mitchell Lewis on July 23, 1971 in Vancouver, BC. Alexander was a contractor and boat builder.

After Maria Chernec's death in September 1984, Nadia began correspondence with Oseredok, the Ukrainian Cultural and Educational Centre in Winnipeg, MB. She ultimately donated many traditional Ukrainian items to the Centre, including a painting much beloved by her father (who died in 1955) and garments handmade by her mother, thus preserving some of her family's cultural heritage.

As noted previously, Nadia loved music as a child and eventually learned to play the violin. She performed with several orchestras throughout her life, including the New Westminster Symphony and the Kitsilano Orchestra. In November 1998, she was diagnosed with trigeminal neuralgia, a neurological disorder that affects the nerves in the head. This disorder, which can cause unexpected and debilitating pain in the affected area, led to Nadia giving up driving, and ultimately, her violin playing. Through prescription drug experimentation under the supervision of her physician and neurologist, Nadia was eventually able to control the effects of the disease. Nadia Irene Lewis died on September 14, 2013 in Richmond, BC at the age of 86.

Custodial History:

The collection was transferred to Ms. Lewis' lawyer after her death in 2013. The records were then given to Drew Mitchell, a distant cousin who had been named in her will. Mitchell donated the records to the McKee Archives in 2017.

Scope and Content:

The collection was created by Nadia Chernec Lewis throughout the course of her adult life and chronicles her activities from her birth in Manitoba, and moves to British Columbia, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, New Zealand and finally back to British Columbia where she died.

Collection consists of an autobiography, her parents' biographies (written by Nadia), vital records related to her family, correspondence with classmates from the Normal School and Oseredok and many photographs of Nadia, her friends and family. Some of the photograph depict Brandon and Brandon's North End. Also included in the collection is a set of wooden rosary beads and a doll dressed in traditional Ukrainian garments, handmade by Maria Chernec.

Notes: History/Bio information taken from the records. Description by Megan Demarest (December 2018).

Language Note: English and Ukrainian

Finding Aid: A file list for the collection is available, as well as a photo inventory.

Storage Location: 2018 accessions

Arrangement:

Photographs 3-2017.5 through 3-2017.88 were in a card box labeled "Lewis Pictures (1956-'58, 1960's, 1970's)," which has been discarded.

Photographs 3-2017.89 through 3-2017.104 were in a candy box labeled "Pictures and Background Material in relation to Nicholas and Maria Chernec of Brandon, Manitoba . . . the Ukrainian Community in the 1930's-1940's mostly . . .," which has been discarded. An envelope in the box labeled "Ukrainian Shirt, History of . . ." contained a handwritten description of the shirt and its history along with photographs 3-2017.89 through 3-2017.94. The note is in Folder #6, Oseredok-Ukrainian Cultural and Educational Centre. Photographs 3-2017.95 through 3-2017.104 are Polaroids taken to document items that Ms. Lewis donated to Oseredok in 2000.

Photographs 3-2017.105 through 3-2017.152 were removed from a green self-adhesive photo album, which has been discarded.

Photographs 3-2017.153 through 3-2017.198 were removed from a self-adhesive photo album with a waterside landscape image on the front, which has been discarded.

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| Subject/Topic | OH035.04 | Page 1 of 11 |
| Westman Oral History Collection | | |
| Interview Date: | 1982-03-30 | |
| Interviewer(s): | Lewis Mathie | |
| Interviewee(s): | Edward Senko | |
| Location: | Brandon, Manitoba | |
| Transcript: | Sound Recordings | |
| Audio Transcription: | OH035.04 | |
| Recording Format: | Cassette | |
| Length of Recording: | 01:02:19 | |
| (Beginning of Transcript 4) | | |
| (OH035.04) | | |
| Notes to Reader (SP, 1982): The following is an interview with Lewis Mathie of his home in Brandon, Manitoba, born in Canada, Manitoba, Mr. Mathie moved at an early age to Brandon and has resided in this city ever since. Early in his life he spent time in Norway, Sweden and moved to the United States when he was 10. He spent his childhood in the United States and moved back to Brandon, Manitoba when he was 18. He has been in Brandon, Manitoba since 1968. This interview was conducted with Mr. Mathie to gather his impressions of a long and great career in the newspaper business. The interview will be conducted by Edward Senko for the Westman Oral History Collection Project. "Notes of Interviewer". | | |

Lewis Mathie interview

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14452>

Part Of: Westman Oral History collection

Description Level: Item

Item Number: OH035.Mat

Accession Number: 35-1998

GMD: sound recordings

Date Range: March 30, 1982

Physical Description: 1 audio cassette [01:02:19]

History /

Biographical:

Lewis Mathie was born November 8, 1889 in Carberry, MB. His family moved to Brandon in 1890. After completing schooling at Central and Park schools, he apprenticed as a printer with his uncle, Walpole Murdoch, publisher of the Hartney Star. After brief stints with a printing plant and The Brandon Times, Mathie joined the staff of The Brandon Sun as a printer. In 1916, Mathie enlisted in the 181st (Brandon) Battalion and served overseas as a signaler with the 52nd (Port Arthur) Regiment. He returned to Brandon after his discharge in 1919, and re-joined the staff of The Brandon Sun. Beginning in 1939, Mathie was foreman of the composing room. Although he retired in 1956, he continued to work part-time for the paper from 1956-1972. Mathie married Rosetta Mills (1903-1995) in 1926, and together they had two sons: Thomas and Frank. He was a founding member of Local 700 of the ITU. Lewis Mathie died on March 13, 1985 in Brandon, MB.

Custodial History:

As part of the Westman Oral History Collection, 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:

Item is an audiocassette tape containing an interview with Lewis Mathie about his experiences as a printer at The Brandon Sun, 1911-1956, although the first half of the interview covers Mathie's childhood years and apprenticeship in Hartney. Interviewer is Elwood Gorrie.

Notes: History/bio information from the records and Mathie's obituary. Transcript by Jessica Spark (2017). Description by Christy Henry.

Language Note: English

Conservation: Preservation copy made 2021 (R. Hess)

Audio Tracks

Documents

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Westman Oral History Collection

Interview Date: 1985-03-08

Narrator (Interviewee): Lewis Mathie

Interviewer: Elwood Gorrie

Location: Brandon, Manitoba

Transcriber: Jessica Spark

Date Transcribed: 2017-09-18

Recording Format: Cassette


Length of Recording: 01:00:53


(Significance of Transcript >)

(00:00:01)

Today is March 30th, 1985. The following is an interview with Lewis Mathie at the home in Brandon, Manitoba. Born in Carberry, Manitoba, Mr. Mathie moved at an early age to Brandon and has resided in this city ever since. Early in life he apprenticed in Hartney, Manitoba and learned the trade while working later in Brandon. He began during the interview with Mr. Mathie to gather the impressions of a long and great career in the newspaper business. The interview will be conducted by Elwood Gorrie for the Westman Oral History Association Project "Voices of Yesterday".

OH035_Mathie_transcript.pdf

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Lewis and Amy Richards interview

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14677>

Part Of: Westman Oral History collection

Description Level: Item

Item Number: OH057.Ric

Accession Number: 35-1998

GMD: sound recordings

Date Range: June 3, 1982

Physical Description: 1 audio cassette [0:30:00]

History /

Biographical:

Lewis Richards was born on September 29, 1902 in Cornwall, England. He came to Beresford, MB in 1921, moved to Selkirk in 1926 and then to Kenton in 1928. Amy Isobel Paterson was born on November 4, 1906 in Kenton, MB. She married Lewis in Selkirk in 1926. Together they had four children: Lois, Vivian, Kaye and Barry, and took over the Paterson's home farm in the Verity district. Lewis was very musical and often shared his talents with the community. Amy enjoyed antiques and gardening, winning many prizes for flowers and vegetables as a member of the Horticultural Society. The couple moved to Kenton in 1986, where they were both ardent members of the Leisure Club. Ill health forced them to move to Brandon in 1994. Lewis Richards died on May 21, 1996. Amy Richards died on September 25, 1996. They are both buried at Shiloh Cemetery.

Custodial History:

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Scope and Content:

Item is an audiocassette tape containing an interview with Lewis and Amy Richards about their life history. Interviewer is Shirley Hunt.

Notes: History/bio information from the records, the Kenton local histories "Cradle to combine vol. 2" and "Cradle to combine vol. 3." Description by Christy Henry. The records in the collection spell Lewis' name as "Louis" but all other records use "Lewis." The latter has been used in the description.

Audio Tracks



Advertisements for McCormick Harvesting Machine Co. and Mitchell & Lewis Co.

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions9716>

Part Of: RG 11 Lawrence Stuckey fonds

Description Level: Item

Series Number: 3.1

Item Number: 1-2002.3.1HB9

Accession Number: 1-2002

GMD: graphic

Date Range: August 20, 1900

Physical Description: 3 1/2" x 5"

Material Details: Negative

Custodial History:

For custodial history see the collection level description of the Lawrence Stuckey collection.

Scope and Content:

Advertisement for McCormick's Right Hand Binder

Advertisement for Mitchell & Lewis Co.'s buggy & wagon.

Notes: Advertisements copied from the Nor'West Farmer, August 20, 1900

Name Access: McCormick Harvesting Machine Co.

Mitchell & Lewis Co.

Subject Access: advertising

agricultural machinery

wagons

Brandon Early Business Advertisements

Repro Restriction: The McKee Archives is the copyright holder for the Stuckey materials.

Storage Location: Lawrence Stuckey collection

Images





Wright & Wright, Brandon

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13949>

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection

Description Level: Item

Series Number: McG 9

Item Number: 1-2015.21

Accession Number: 1-2015

GMD: graphic

Date Range: 1882

Physical Description: 5" x 4" (b/w)

Material Details: reproduction

Scope and Content:

Photograph shows four men posing in front of a wood-framed shop on 8th Street and Rosser Avenue. The men are wearing three-piece suits or vests and long-sleeved shirts. A painted sign above the shop reads: Wright & Wright, Hamilton Stove & Tin Store. Hanging from the exterior walls are various tin items for sale: lantern, ladel, dust pan, pots and pans.

Notes: Writing on the back of the photograph reads: Corner of 8th & Rosser. Photograph is stamped Public Archives Canada.

Name Access: 8th Street

Rosser Avenue

Subject Access: Pioneers

store exteriors

Brandon business buildings & facilities before 1940

Storage Location: RG 5 photograph storage drawer 2 (hanging photos)

Related Material: LAC, Mikan 3194057

Arrangement:

See McG 4.1 File 51 William R. Morrison correspondence dated 14 January 1985

Images





Dave Wright

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions12836>

Part Of: CKX fonds
Creator: CKX
Description Level: Item
Series Number: W
Item Number: 11-2010.W32
Accession Number: 11-2010
GMD: graphic
Date Range: 1969
Physical Description: 1.5" x 1.5" (b/w)
Material Details: Negative

Custodial History:

See fonds level of the CKX records for custodial history.

Scope and Content:

Portrait of a man.

Name Access: CKX
Dave Wright
Provincial Exhibition of Manitoba
Subject Access: persons
Portrait
building exteriors
Storage Location: CKX fonds - 2010 accessions

Images





Tom Wright

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions12856>

Part Of: CKX fonds
Creator: CKX
Description Level: Item
Series Number: W
Item Number: 11-2010.W16
Accession Number: 11-2010
GMD: graphic
Date Range: after 1954
Physical Description: 5" x 4" (b/w)
Material Details: Negative

Custodial History:

See fonds level of the CKX records for custodial history.

Scope and Content:

Portrait of a man.

Name Access: CKX
Subject Access: persons
portraits
Storage Location: CKX fonds - 2010 accessions

Images





Maril Wright

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions12857>

Part Of: CKX fonds
Creator: CKX
Description Level: Item
Series Number: W
Item Number: 11-2010.W15
Accession Number: 11-2010
GMD: graphic
Date Range: after 1954
Physical Description: 2.5" x 2.5" (b/w)
Material Details: Negative

Custodial History:

See fonds level of the CKX records for custodial history.

Scope and Content:

Portrait of a lady at work.

Name Access: CKX
Subject Access: persons
portraits
office interiors
Storage Location: CKX fonds - 2010 accessions

Images





Wright & Wightman

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions12881>

Part Of: CKX fonds
Creator: CKX
Description Level: Item
Series Number: W
Item Number: 11-2010.W1c
Accession Number: 11-2010
GMD: graphic
Date Range: after 1954
Physical Description: 1.5" x 1.5" (b/w)
Material Details: Negative

Custodial History:

See fonds level of the CKX records for custodial history.

Scope and Content:

Image of an advertisement.

Name Access: CKX
Wright & Wightman
Subject Access: persons
advertising
business and professional people
Storage Location: CKX fonds - 2010 accessions

Images





Wright & Wightman

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions12882>

Part Of: CKX fonds
Creator: CKX
Description Level: Item
Series Number: W
Item Number: 11-2010.W1b
Accession Number: 11-2010
GMD: graphic
Date Range: after 1954
Physical Description: 1.5" x 1.5" (b/w)
Material Details: Negative
Custodial History:

See fonds level of the CKX records for custodial history.

Scope and Content:

Image of the Wright & Wightman building.

Name Access: CKX
Wright & Wightman
Subject Access: building exteriors
signs and signboards
store exteriors
retail trade
Storage Location: CKX fonds - 2010 accessions

Images





Wright & Wightman

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions12883>

Part Of: CKX fonds
Creator: CKX
Description Level: Item
Series Number: W
Item Number: 11-2010.W1a
Accession Number: 11-2010
GMD: graphic
Date Range: after 1954
Physical Description: 5" x 4" (b/w)
Material Details: Negative

Custodial History:

See fonds level of the CKX records for custodial history.

Scope and Content:

Image of the Wright & Wightman building.

Name Access: CKX
Wright & Wightman
Gooden's
Jo-Ann
Subject Access: building exteriors
signs and signboards
store exteriors
retail trade
cars

Storage Location: CKX fonds - 2010 accessions

Images





Shirley Wright (staff)

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions12858>

Part Of: CKX fonds
Creator: CKX
Description Level: Item
Series Number: W
Item Number: 11-2010.W14
Accession Number: 11-2010
GMD: graphic
Date Range: after 1954
Physical Description: 5" x 4" (b/w)
Material Details: Negative
Custodial History:

See fonds level of the CKX records for custodial history.

Scope and Content:

Image of two women at work.

Name Access: CKX
Subject Access: persons
ckx staff
office interiors
Storage Location: CKX fonds - 2010 accessions

Images





H.E. Wright Farm Equipment

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions12878>

Part Of: CKX fonds
Creator: CKX
Description Level: Item
Series Number: W
Item Number: 11-2010.W3b
Accession Number: 11-2010
GMD: graphic
Date Range: after 1954
Physical Description: 5" x 4" (b/w)
Material Details: Negative

Custodial History:

See fonds level of the CKX records for custodial history.

Scope and Content:

Image of a tractor.

Name Access: CKX
H.E. Wright Farm Equipment
Federal Grain Limited
Subject Access: building exteriors
Grain elevators
Agriculture
Tractors
winter
Storage Location: CKX fonds - 2010 accessions

Images





H.E. Wright Farm Equipment

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions12879>

Part Of: CKX fonds
Creator: CKX
Description Level: Item
Series Number: W
Item Number: 11-2010.W3a
Accession Number: 11-2010
GMD: graphic
Date Range: after 1954
Physical Description: 5" x 4" (b/w)
Material Details: Negative

Custodial History:

See fonds level of the CKX records for custodial history.

Scope and Content:

Image of a tractor.

Name Access: CKX
H.E. Wright Farm Equipment
Federal Grain Limited
Subject Access: building exteriors
Grain elevators
Agriculture
Tractors
cars
businesses
Storage Location: CKX fonds - 2010 accessions

Images





Norah and Robert Wright interview

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14704>

Part Of: Westman Oral History collection

Description Level: Item

Item Number: OH031.Wri

Accession Number: 35-1998

GMD: sound recordings

Date Range: December 8, 1981

Physical Description: 1 audio cassette [0:45:00]

History /

Biographical:

Robert Charles Tracy Wright was born on March 24, 1896 on a farm in the Ninette district. Robert attended Duncraig School, but much of his time was spent helping his father on the farm. A. Norah Wright was born on September 23, 1899, also on the family farm. She attended Lenore School. Robert farmed until his health failed, while Norah kept house. In 1947, the siblings moved to Ninette and Robert worked in the lumber yard and Norah did housework for families in the village. The Wrights left Ninette in October 1981, and moved to the Lakeview Senior Citizens Home in Killarney, MB. Robert Wright died on March 21, 1983 in Killarney, MB. Norah Wright died on January 7, 1986 in Killarney, MB. They are both buried at Ninette Cemetery.

Custodial History:

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Scope and Content:

Item is an audiocassette tape containing an interview with Norah and Robert Wright about the Ninette, MB area. Interviewer is Dr. D.B. Stewart.

Notes: History/bio information from the records and obituaries for both Wrights.
Description by Christy Henry.

Audio Tracks



William Wherrat (?)

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions12854>

Part Of: CKX fonds
Creator: CKX
Description Level: Item
Series Number: W
Item Number: 11-2010.W18
Accession Number: 11-2010
GMD: graphic
Date Range: after 1954
Physical Description: 2.5" x 2.5" (b/w)
Material Details: Negative
Custodial History:

See fonds level of the CKX records for custodial history.

Scope and Content:

Portrait of a man.

Name Access: CKX
Subject Access: persons
portraits
Storage Location: CKX fonds - 2010 accessions

Images



William Currie

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14314>

Part Of: Brandon and Area Photograph Collection
Creator: Photographer: W.A. Martel & Son
Description Level: Item
Series Number: 5
Item Number: BAPC 5.11



GMD: graphic
Date Range: c. 1900
Physical Description: 4" x 5.5" (b/w)
Physical Condition: Very good
History /
Biographical:

William Currie was born on February 28, 1834 in Lanark County, ON. In 1860, he moved to St. Mary's, where he worked in mercantile and grain businesses until 1879, when he emigrated to Manitoba. The following year, he took up homesteading along the Assiniboine River, at a site known as Currie's Landing. He received and forwarded freight from steamboats travelling the river. From 1893-1902, he served as baliff for the Brandon District, before resigning and moving to Brandon where he engaged in the real estate and fire insurance business.

Currie married Ellen Creighton of Blanchard, ON in 1861. Together they had six children: Robert Wilson Currie, Margaret Anne Currie, Harriet Ellen Currie, William James Currie, James Weldon Currie, and Lottie Louise Currie.

William Currie died on March 30, 1931 in Brandon, MB.

Scope and Content:

Item is a studio portrait of William Currie.

Notes: History/Bio information taken from the Manitoba Historical Society website (http://www.mhs.mb.ca/docs/people/currie_w.shtml)

Name Access: William Currie
Currie's Landing

Subject Access: portraits
Pioneers

Storage Location: BAPC photograph drawer

Images

