

# S. J. McKee Archives



## Alvie Spafford CNR retirement

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### History /

#### Biographical:

Harry Spafford (b. 22 Oct 1888, d. 10 May 1978) was born in Holmfield, Manitoba. He married Isabella Hawking of Ninga in 1914 and the couple moved to Brandon in 1915 where they continued to reside until 1973. Harry worked as a locomotive fireman and then as an engineer with the Canadian Northern Railway (CN). While with CN, he was an active member of the Brotherhood of Local Engineers and Firemen No. 788 of Brandon. He served as an alderman in Brandon from 1928 to 1945. In 1932, Harry ran in the Manitoba by-election for Brandon as an Independent Labour candidate and lost to the Conservative member George Dinsdale. In 1952, Harry ran as a Co-Operative Commonwealth Federation (CCF) member in the provincial election and lost to Conservative party representative Reg Lissaman. Harry Spafford passed away in Burnaby, BC, and is interred in the Ocean View Cemetery. (Source: see obituary in McG 4.1 File 66)

Alva/Alvery/"Alvie" Reddell/Riddell/Ridall Spafford (b. 15 Mar 1891, d. 23 Aug 1985) was born in Enterprise, Manitoba, in the R.M. of Turtle Mountain. In 1911, he married Francis Ethel Harrison (d. 1979) in Killarney and had three children. Alvie farmed in Bannerman from 1902 to 1936, after which he moved to Boissevain to work as a Rawleigh salesman. In 1942, the family moved to Brandon where Alvie worked as a conductor with the CNR until his retirement. Alva Spafford passed away at the age of 94 at the Brandon General Hospital. His funeral was held in Killarney, Manitoba. (Source: Obituary, Brandon Sun, 23 Aug 1985)

#### Scope and Content:

Photograph shows [left to right] Carl Spafford, Alva Spafford, Ken Hawking, and Harry Spafford posing together in a banquet room. Ken Hawking is shaking Alvie's hand. On the table in front of the group is a suit case, which may be a possible retirement gift for Alvie from the CNR.

Notes: Writing on the back of the photograph reads: Carl S. [Spafford], Alva S. [Spafford], Ken Hawking, Harry Spafford right, 1956, at Alva's retirement.

Name Access: Alva Spafford  
Alvie Spafford  
Harry Spafford  
Carl Spafford

Subject Access: banquets

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

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