

# S. J. McKee Archives



# Gerry Beaubier collection

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| Part Of:              | RG 5 Western Manitoba Manuscript Collection |
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| Description Level:    | Collection                                  |
| Accession Number:     | 11-2013                                     |
| GMD:                  | electronic records                          |
| Date Range:           | 1916-1917                                   |
| Physical Description: | 35 digital photographs                      |
| Material Details:     | JPEGs                                       |
| History /             |   |
| Biographical:         |   |

Gerry Beaubier was born in Wainwright, Alberta to Beatty and Babe Beaubier. He completed his high school in Saskatoon, before receiving a BSc in Geography from Brandon University.

Before attending university Gerry served in the army as a special reserve, while working as a night clerk at the Bessbourough Hotel in Saskatoon. His post-graduate career consisted primarily of work for Canada Agriculture, under the PFRA Branch (Prairie Farm Rehabilitation Administration). Later he would work as an Executive Manager, helping develop forage and range management programs for several post secondary schools, including, Assiniboine Community College, as well as schools in Red Deer, Lethbridge, and Saskatoon.

Gerry Beaubier married Joyce Abercrombie, of Saskatoon. Together they had two sons: Neil and Dean. Neil, an Account Advisor for the Royal Bank, was born in Regina, and currently works in Swift Current. Dean was born in Swift Current, received his PhD in Education and currently lives in Forrest working at Elton Collegiate.

The Beaubiers, who were originally from Ireland, emigrated to the Canadian West, making Gerry part of the fourth generation of his family to call the region home. His great-grandfather, along with his grandfather and great uncle were amongst the first one hundred settlers in Brandon. Together they first built the Beaubier House, a boarding house for early settlers and travellers. After it burnt down they began construction on the Beaubier Hotel, which stood at the corner of 8th Street and Princess Avenue in Brandon until August 17th, 2008. His grandfather, David Wilson Beaubier, continued to build and operate hotels throughout the prairies, including the Empire Hotels (of Brandon and Saskatoon) and The Park (Moose Jaw).

David Wilson Beaubier served as a secretary of the Orange Lodge of Manitoba. As an Orange Lodge Colonel, he worked with other Orange Lodge members, to recruit throughout the prairies for the purpose of World War One. For his efforts, David was promoted to Leftenant Colonel, and later Captain of the 99th Manitoba Rangers. David's sons (Gerry's father, at University of Manitoba, and uncle at McGill), were both working towards undergraduate degrees when war broke out in 1914, and each would leave school to join their father at Camp Hughes.

#### Custodial History:

Gerry Beaubier collected these photos primarily in the years 2000-2011, largely from family and friends who knew of his interest in the topic. They were donated to the S.J. Mckee Archives in 2011.

Scope and Content:

Collection consists of digital photographs of those who trained for battle in World War I at Camp Hughes and in Brandon, Manitoba. It also includes a digital copy of the cover of the Nominal Roll of Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers and Men, who departed from Brandon in 1917.

The photos, taken primarily at Camp Hughes, are of a number of battalions, including the 34th, 100th, 108th, 181st and 214th. The photo, PT in England, is a postcard sent home from Beaty Beaubier. The Massey Harris building seen on the right side of, WW1 B parade0001, was used to house troops throughout the war. The man standing alone at the front of the parade in, 181 Parade, is David Wilson Beaubier.

| Notes:       | Information for the biographical and custodial histories was provided by Gerry Beaubier on September 25, 2013. Description by Dustin Lane (October 2013). |
|--------------|---|
| Name Access: | Gerald Beaubier   |
|              | Gerry Beaubier  |
|              | Beaubier family   |
|              | Camp Hughes   |
|              | Brandon, MB   |
|              | Lieut. D. Slemin  |
|              | Capt. C. Smith  |
|              | Capt. J. Strong   |
|              | Capt. Ridgeway  |
|              | Lieut. W. Smith   |
|              | Lieut. T. Williams  |
|              | Lieut. H. Craig   |
|              | Capt. S.R. Wallace  |
|              | Lieut. D.H. Beaubier  |
|              | David Wilson Beaubier   |
|              | Capt. E.L. Abbott   |
|              | Major E.R.C. Wilcox   |
|              | Major N.F. McCahey  |
|              | LtCol. Sutherland   |
|              | LtCol. Foster   |
|              | Major Lawless   |
|              | Major Collier   |
|              | Capt. J.D. Young  |
|              | Capt. A.E. Vanderpump   |
|              | Capt. J.E. West   |
|              | Capt. Munro   |
|              | Lieut. Watson   |
|              | Lieut. Johnstone  |
|              | Lieut. McIntosh   |
|              | Lieut. Cherry   |

Lieut. Bryan Lieut. J.L. Evans Lieut. J. Kavanaugh Lieut. I. Vipond Capt. Rutherford Lieut. Cluff Capt. Maples Lieut. Lane Lieut. E.C. Whitehead Lieut. R. Carleton Lieut. B.F. Beaubier Fincher Lieut. Beaver Lieut. McCool Lieut. A.P. Milk Lieut. Joseph Hardy Lieut. K. Spencer Lieut. J. Faulkner Lieut. F. Keall 181st Battalion 181st Brandon Overseas Battalion Band A. Gov. Lines 108th No. 13 Platoon 108th Battalion 184th Battalion 34th Fort Garry 100th Battalion 214th Battalion 108th Signallers Stretcher Bearer Section 108th Machine Gun Section 108th Battalion 181st Brandon Overseas Battalion

Subject Access: armed forces military personnel barracks public ceremonies downtown historic sites railroads military services parades regional parks passenger trains Veterans railway stations train stations restaurants food services war World War I World War One First World War The Great War Storage Location: T: drive/shared 02/web photos



# 10 Mile Dam

### http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13716

| Part Of:              | Fred McGuinness collection |
|-----------------------|----------------------------|
| Description Level:    | ltem                       |
| Series Number:        | McG 9                      |
| Item Number:          | 20-2009.26                 |
| GMD:                  | graphic                    |
| Date Range:           | 1900-1924                  |
| Physical Description: | 4.25" x 2.5" (b/w)         |
| History /             |                            |

Biographical:

Situated in the R.M. of Whitehead on the Little Saskatchewan River, the 10 Mile Dam was a 14 kilometer transmission line that supplied the city of Brandon with power. The Brandon Electric Light Company built the dam in 1900 and it is considered Manitoba's first hydroelectic power generating station. The dam spanned approximately 80 meters and was constructed from timber and reinforced with clay and stone. The station was decommissioned in 1924.

#### Scope and Content:

Photograph shows 10 Mile Dam, also known as the Brandon Dam or Minnedosa River Hydro Plant.

| Notes:            | Writing on the back of the photograph reads: "10 mile dam". Biographical information obtained from Manitoba Historical Society. |
|-------------------|---|
| Name Access:      | 10 Mile Dam   |
|                   | Ten Mile Dam  |
|                   | Brandon Dam   |
|                   | Minnedosa River Hydro Plant   |
|                   | Brandon Electric Light Company  |
|                   | Little Saskatchewan River   |
| Subject Access:   | dams  |
|                   | Rivers  |
|                   | hydroelectric dams  |
|                   | hydroelectric generation  |
| Storage Location: | RG 5 photograph storage drawer 2 (hanging photos)   |

#### Images



# Fishing at 10 Mile Dam

### http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13731



| Part Of:              | Fred McGuinness collection |
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| Description Level:    | ltem                       |
| Series Number:        | McG 9                      |
| Item Number:          | 20-2009.41                 |
| Accession Number:     | 20-2009                    |
| GMD:                  | graphic                    |
| Date Range:           | 1906?                      |
| Physical Description: | 6.5" x 4.75" (b/w)         |
| Material Details:     | reproduction               |
| History /             |                            |

**Biographical:** 

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Alonzo Archibald Rowe (b. 1862, London, ON; d. 22 Oct 1951, Brandon). The Rowes were considered Brandon area pioneers. Alonzo's father, Alonzo L. Rowe, came to Brandon with his family in 1881, where the family had a furniture and undertaker business on the west side of 10th Street between Rosser and Princess Avenues. In 1885, the family began farming west of Brandon and Alonzo Archibald served as a councilor and then a reeve in the R.M. of Whitehead. He returned to Brandon in 1907 and served with the Brandon Police Department until 1910, when he returned to farming, this time in Arrow River. A.A. Rowe returned to Brandon in 1915 to work as a Provincial Licenses Inspector, a position he held until 1938. (Source: Obituary, Brandon Daily Sun 22 Oct 1951)

Custodial History:

Photograph was in possession of Mrs. Ruby Miles, who passed the image on to Fred McGuinness. McGuinness makes reference to Mrs. Miles and this photograph in his Sunbeams column (Source: F.A. Rosser, "Another interesting chat with a daughter of the plains," Brandon Sun 18 Aug 1981).

Scope and Content:

Photograph shows four fishermen at 10 Mile Dam, also known as the Brandon Dam or Minnedosa River Hydro Plant. The fishermen in the photo are identified as George H. Rowe and his father A.A. Rowe, Dr. Wilfred Bigelow, and Al Collins.

Notes:

Writing on the back of the photograph reads: at Brandon Dam, [right to left] son and father - George H. ROWE, Mr. A.A. ROWE, Dr. BIGELOW, AI COLLINS (dam?, 1906?, George born March 1897); Jerrett's Photo-Services, May 7 1938.

| Name Access:      | 10 Mile Dam                                       |
|-------------------|---|
|                   | Ten Mile Dam                                      |
|                   | Brandon Dam                                       |
|                   | Minnedosa River Hydro Plant                       |
|                   | Brandon Electric Light Company                    |
|                   | Little Saskatchewan River                         |
|                   | George H. Rowe                                    |
|                   | A.A. Rowe   |
|                   | Dr. Bigelow                                       |
|                   | AI Collins  |
| Subject Access:   | dams  |
|                   | Rivers  |
|                   | fishing   |
| Storage Location: | RG 5 photograph storage drawer 2 (hanging photos) |
| Related Material: | Ruby Miles collection 14-2003                     |

## Images





Standard up-to-date practical letter writer : a comprehensive and practical guide to correspondence, showing the structure, composition, formalities and uses of the various kinds of letters, notes and cards

### http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/specialcollections791

| Part Of:              | MG 2 2.15 George E Thorman Collection       |
|-----------------------|---|
| Collection:           | George E Thorman School Textbook Collection |
| Creator:              | Strong, E. J. (Edward Jefferson), 1863      |
| Description Level:    | ltem  |
| Item Number:          | Archives 11-999-3-73                        |
| Item Number Range:    | Archives 11-999-3-73                        |
| Responsibility:       | by E.J. Strong                              |
| Start Date:           | 1914  |
| Date Range:           | 1914  |
| Publication:          | Chicago : C.C. Thompson Co                  |
| Physical Description: | 275 p. : ill. ; 20 cm                       |
| Notes:                | Includes index                              |
| Subject Access:       | Letter writing                              |
|                       | Commercial correspondence                   |
|                       | Etiquette                                   |
| Storage Location:     | Box 3 - English                             |
| Storage Range:        | Box 3 - English                             |
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# 10 Mile Dam

#### http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13784

| Part Of:              | Fred McGuinness collection |
|-----------------------|----------------------------|
| Description Level:    | ltem                       |
| Series Number:        | McG 9                      |
| Item Number:          | 20-2009.95                 |
| Accession Number:     | 20-2009                    |
| GMD:                  | graphic                    |
| Date Range:           | 1900-1924                  |
| Physical Description: | 4.25" x 2.5" (b/w)         |
| History /             |                            |

**Biographical:** 

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Scope and Content:

Photograph shows 10 Mile Dam, also known as the Brandon Dam or Minnedosa River Hydro Plant. The dam's timber construction is quite evident in the picture.

| Notes:            | Writing on the back of the photograph reads: McGuinness (Manitoba<br>Hydro), on Little Saskatchewan. |
|-------------------|--|
| Name Access:      | 10 Mile Dam  |
|                   | Ten Mile Dam   |
|                   | Brandon Dam  |
|                   | Minnedosa River Hydro Plant  |
|                   | Brandon Electric Light Company   |
|                   | Little Saskatchewan River  |
| Subject Access:   | dams   |
|                   | Rivers   |
|                   | hydroelectric dams   |
|                   | hydroelectric generation   |
| Storage Location: | RG 5 photograph storage drawer 2 (hanging photos)  |
| Related Material: | Lawrence Stuckey collection 1-2002.3.1J1   |

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