

S. J. McKee Archives



Westman Recycling Council fonds

http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions12346

Part Of:	RG 5 Western Manitoba Manuscript Collection
Description Level:	Fonds
Accession Number:	14-2011
GMD:	textual records
Date Range:	November 15, 1989 - March 26, 2009
Physical Description:	90 cm
History /	

Biographical:

The Westman Recycling Council was started by a small group of avid recyclers with financial and volunteer help from the Kiwanis Club of Brandon, among others. Volunteers organized the first outdoor recycling depots in June and October 1989. The first event with recorded minutes was the first annual meeting, November 15, 1989.

The organization was incorporated in February 1990, and became a registered charity in 1995. The Mission Statement was: "to support and promote the reduction, re-use, and recycling of material resources for the benefit of Westman's environment and future generations."

The major partner in the work of the organization was the City of Brandon. In 2003, Westman Recycling, in partnership with the City, built a Material Recovery Facility (MRF) at the Brandon Landfill; Westman Recycling owned the building on the City-owned land. It was a \$4 million structure - financed by federal and provincial grants (about one-quarter of the total) and a mortgage (about three-quarters). Details are in the Board and other Committee minutes and agreements.

In late 2005, Westman Recycling faced a severe cash crunch - as a result of poor markets for recyclables, changes in support funding from the Manitoba Product Stewardship Corporation (MPSC), and a drop in public recycling levels. In February 2006, the City decided to sign a contract with another organization to operate the MRF; after that there appeared to be no role for Westman Recycling.

A general meeting on September 22, 2008 voted to dissolve the organization. At that meeting, the suggestion was made (agreed to by consensus) that the files of the organization be donated to Brandon University to be made available for researchers. A Board of Directors meeting on the same date voted to donate all remaining funds to a perpetual "Westman Recycling" fund with the Brandon Area Community Foundation.

A final wind-up meeting was held on March 26, 2009

Custodial History:

The organization was overseen by volunteers / volunteer Board of Directors. The files were first held by volunteers / Board members in their homes. In May 1991, the organization hired David McConkey as Coordinator / General Manager, who was directed by the Board to manage the files on a daily basis from that date forward.

The files were kept in the organization's rented office space in the 1300 block of Pacific Avenue from May 1991 to September 1992, and then in the rented space in the Massey building at 6th Street and Pacific Avenue. The files were kept at the new facility at the landfill from April 2003 to February 2006. They were then stored in the basement of the Marquis Project, 912 Rosser Avenue, until August 2011 when they were donated to the S.J. McKee Archives, Brandon University.

Some files (e.g. minutes from 1995-96) were found to be missing entirely. Other files were disposed of by recycling and/or shredding as they were judged to be confidential (e.g. personnel), of an ordinary business nature only (e.g. invoices), or not useful for future research (e.g. extra copies, routine correspondence, building and equipment plans and other arrangements).

Scope and Content:

Fonds consists of records that document the origin, activities, demise, and legacy of the Westman Recycling Council. Records include minutes, financial summaries, scrapbooks, newsletters, brochures, media clippings, photographs and miscellaneous documents related to the construction in collaboration with the City of Brandon of Brandon's principal recycling facility.

Notes:

Administrative history courtesy David McConkey. See additional notes on the organization in the curatorial file. Description by Tom Mitchell. 2011 accessions

Storage Location:



Hubert Weidenhamer collection

http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions12347

Part Of:	RG 5 Western Manitoba Manuscript Collection
Description Level:	Collection
Accession Number:	6-2011
GMD:	multiple media
Date Range:	April 11, 1943 - July 4, 1945
Physical Description:	4 cm textual records (48 letters)
	2 photographs
	press clippings and several facimiles
Physical Condition:	Good

History / Biographical:

> Hubert Clayton Weidenhamer was born near Dand, Manitoba in 1926. He was raised in Dand and attended school in the Dand Consolidated School District. Weidenhamer enlisted in the Canadian Army in 1943. He became a member of the Priness Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry. Following training in Canada and England Weidenhamer was sent to Italy. He was badly wounded in battle in mid-September and died of his injuries in November 1944 at age 21. He was buried in the Ancona Military Cemetery, Ancona Italy.

Custodial History:

These records were in the possession of Bea Chapin (née Weidenhamer) following their creation in the 1940s until they were donated to the S. J. McKee Archives in January 2011.

Scope and Content:

Collection consists of correspondence from Hubert Clayton Weidenhamer to his sister Bea. The letters begin in the spring of 1943. Weidenhamer had enlisted in the Canadian Army in January 1943. His letters detail his induction into miltary life in Fort Garry, Winnipeg and his training experience in Canada, principally at Camp lpperwash, Lambton County, Ontario. He relates his experience of travels on leave to Detriot. Weidenhamer left Canada from Halifax in late 1943 and arrived in Great Britain in December for additional military training. In England, maintaining his morale, waiting for deployment, and coming to terms with British currency were challenges. Transferred to the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry, Weidenhamer was deployed to Italy in March 1944. The letters dating from March 1944 to September relate in oblique fashion his's experience of military life on the Italian frontier as the Canadian Army fought its way north - "hard fighting" - and the impact of the war on Italian cities and the countryside. He was "proud" of his conduct in action. Weidenhamer's last letter is dated September 11, 1944.

Collection also includes correspondence on Weidenhamer's behalf from his military Chaplin; two press clippings dealing with his military career, and several facimiles of telegrams and correspondence from the Canadian government officials related to Weidenhamer's death and burial in Italy.

Notes:	Description by Tom Mitchell.
Name Access:	Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry
	Camp lpperwash
	Princess Pat's
Subject Access:	World War II
	Second World War
	military service
	military personnel
	Italian theatre
Storage Location:	2011 accessions



Lottie Currie stenographic diploma

http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions7941

Part Of:	BUPC 11 Documents, diplomas and certificates
Description Level:	Item
Series Number:	11
Item Number:	11.1
GMD:	textual records
Date Range:	1901
Physical Condition:	Diploma is quite damaged. All of the wording is legible but there are a number of tears.

Custodial History:

Diploma was donated by Jack Hunter, son of Lottie Currie.

Scope and Content:

Item is a Brandon College Diploma awarded to Lottie L. Currie upon the completion of her studies in the Stenographic Department on June 29, 1901

Storage Range: Oversize drawer 2



Lottie Currie commercial diploma

http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions7942

Part Of:	BUPC 11 Documents, diplomas and certificates
Description Level:	ltem
Series Number:	11
Item Number:	11.2
GMD:	textual records
Date Range:	1902

Custodial History:

Diploma was donated by Jack Hunter, son of Lottie Currie.

Scope and Content:

Item is a Brandon College Diploma awarded to Lottie L. Currie upon the completion of her studies in the Commercial Department on April 25, 1902.

Storage Range: Oversized drawer 2



Margaret Trotter stenographic diploma

http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions7943

Part Of:	BUPC 11 Documents, diplomas and certificates
Description Level:	ltem
Series Number:	11
Item Number:	11.3
GMD:	textual records
Date Range:	1901
Physical Condition:	Diploma has some water spots and two small tears.

Scope and Content:

Item is a Brandon College Diploma awarded to Margaret ? Trotter upon the completion of her studies in the Stenographic Department on June 29, 1901.

Storage Range: Oversized drawer 2



Leta Marian Fry Bachelor of Arts diploma

http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions7945

Part Of:	BUPC 11 Documents, diplomas and certificates
Description Level:	Item
Series Number:	11
Item Number:	11.4
GMD:	textual records
Date Range:	1927
History/	
Biographical:	
Biographical information	ation available in the 1927 Quill commencement issue.
Scope and Content:	

Item is Leta Marian Fry's Bachelor of Arts degree (1927) from Brandon College (McMaster University). Notes: Signed by Harris Lachlan MacNeill and Howard Whidden.

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Language Note:	Diploma is in Latin, although liberties have been taken with the language,
	particularly in the case of names.
Storage Range:	Oversized drawer 2



Brandon Sno-Goers Snowmobile Club fonds

http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions7972

Part Of:	RG 5 Western Manitoba Manuscript Collection
Description Level:	Collection
Accession Number:	35-2007
GMD:	multiple media
Date Range:	1970-1999
Physical Description:	30 cm textual records; artifacts
Physical Condition:	Good.
History /	

Biographical:

The Brandon Sno-Goers Snowmobile Club was created in approximately 1970 and was disbanded in approximately 2002. During its lifetime, the Sno-Goers were an organization dedicated to the promotion of recreational snowmobiling. They were also a community service group, which raised funds for local charities, held many winter events and worked with E.M.O. services in the southwestern area of Manitoba. They were members of the provincial organization Sno-Man Inc (Snowmobilers of Manitoba Inc.).

Custodial History:

Records were donated to the McKee Archives on September 9, 2005 by Lloyd Shortridge, former president and Sno-Goers member from 1986-2002. The records were in Shortridge's residence prior to their donation.

Scope and Content:

Fonds consists of minutes (annual meetings, general meetings, director's meetings, club meetings etc.), newsletters, financial records, member lists, correspondence, records related to various club activities, events, and charity fundraising. It also includes the Manitoba snowmobile operator's training manual, exam and answer key, information on snow trails and trail grooming and records for the 1989 Sno-Man convention and sled show hosted by the Brandon Sno-Goers. Fonds contains a number of artifacts, including: 3 pins, 2 badges and the Sno-Goers' flag.

Fundraising included: Heart & Stroke Foundation (Heart Fund Ride), Multiple Sclerosis Society of Canada (Poker Derby), Canadian Liver Foundation, Ability Fund March of Dimes, City of Brandon, Canadian Cancer Society, Dreams for Kids.

Notes:	Description by Christy Henry. All records related to Snopasses (except a few annual reports) were culled, as were recipets and duplicates, Sno-Man newsletters and Sno-Man meeting minutes.
Storage Location:	2007 accessions
Storage Range:	2007 accessions
Arrangement:	

There are some financial records mixed in with the minutes in 1983-1985. There are some minutes for 1980 in the correspondence file.



Eva Mabel Gibson Bachelor of Arts diploma

http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions7973

Part Of:	BUPC 11 Documents, diplomas and certificates	
Description Level:	Item	
Series Number:	11	
Item Number:	11.5	
GMD:	textual records	
Date Range:	1923	
Physical Description:	56 cm x 43 cm	
History /		
Biographical:		
Biographical information available in the 1923 Quill commencement issue.		
Scope and Content:		
ltem is Eva Mabel Gibson's Bachelor of Arts degree (1923) from Brandon College (McMaster University).		
Language Note:	Diploma is in Latin, although liberties have been taken with the language, particularly in the case of names.	
Storage Range:	Oversized drawer 2	



Agnes Jean Mills Bachelor of Arts diploma

http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions7974

Part Of:	BUPC 11 Documents, diplomas and certificates	
Description Level:	ltem	
Series Number:	11	
Item Number:	11.6	
GMD:	textual records	
Date Range:	1938	
Physical Description:	56 cm x 43 cm	
History /		
Biographical:		
Biographical information available in the 1938 Sickle.		
Scope and Content:		
ltem is Agnes Jean Mills' Bachelor of Arts degree (1938) from Brandon College (McMaster University).		
Language Note:	Diploma is in Latin, although liberties have been taken with the language, particularly in the case of names.	
Storage Range:	Oversized drawer 2	



William Purdon Cumming Bachelor of Law diploma

http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions7975

Part Of:	BUPC 11 Documents, diplomas and certificates	
Description Level:	ltem	
Series Number:	11	
Item Number:	11.7	
GMD:	textual records	
Date Range:	1911	
Physical Description:	40 cm x 35 cm	
Material Details:	Vellum	
Scope and Content:		
Item is William Purdon Cumming's Bachelor of Law degree (1911) from Brandon College		
Language Note:	Diploma is in Latin, although liberties have been taken with the language, particularly in the case of names.	
Storage Range:	Oversized drawer 2	



Duncan Alexander MacGibbon Bachelor of Arts diploma

http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions7976

Part Of:	BUPC 11 Documents, diplomas and certificates
Description Level:	ltem
Series Number:	11
Item Number:	11.8
GMD:	textual records
Date Range:	1908
Physical Description:	60 cm x 45 cm
Material Details:	Vellum?
Physical Condition:	Water damage and spotting
History /	

Biographical:

Duncan Alexander MacGibbon, economist, was born in Lochaber Bay, Quebec, on 12 March 1882. He was educated at McMaster University and then went to Brandon College, Manitoba, to teach. He left Brandon to enrol at the University of Chicago where he received his Ph.D. in economics in 1915. He began to teach at McMaster University but his teaching career was halted by World War I. After the war he joined the University of Alberta as professor and head of the Department of Political Economy. He served as Commissioner for the Alberta Government on banking and credit with respect to the industry of agriculture in 1922. He was a member of the Royal Grain Inquiry Commission, Canada, 1923-1924. He left the University of Alberta in 1929 to become a member of the Canadian Board of Grain Commissioners, a post he held until his retirement in 1949. In 1930 he was attached to the Canadian delegation to Imperial Conference, London; in 1932 he served the same role at the imperial Economic Conference in Ottawa in 1932. After his retirement, he returned to McMaster University to teach part-time. Among his many writings, MacGibbon published two definitive books on the grain trade: The Canadian Grain Trade (1932) and The Canadian Grain Trade, 1931-1951 (1952). He died in Hamilton, Ont. on 10 October 1969.

Scope and Content:

Item is Duncan Alexander MacGibbon's Bachelor of Arts degree (1908) from McMaster University.

Notes:	History/Bio information taken from the Duncan Alexander MacGibbon fonds (McMaster University Archives.)
Language Note:	Diploma is in Latin, although liberties have been taken with the language, particularly in the case of names.
Storage Range:	Oversized drawer 2
Related Material:	Duncan Alexander MacGibbon fonds (McMaster University Archives)



Paul DeArmande Bugg Bachelor of Arts diploma

http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions7977

Part Of:	BUPC 11 Documents, diplomas and certificates
Description Level:	ltem
Series Number:	11
Item Number:	11.9
GMD:	textual records
Date Range:	1933
Physical Description:	56 cm x 43 cm
History /	

Biographical:

Biographical information is available in the 1932 Sickle. (The Sickle says Bugg graduated in 1932, but the diploma is dated 1933).

Diploma is in Latin, although liberties have been taken with the language,

Scope and Content:

Item is Paul DeArmonde Bugg's Bachelor of Arts degree (1933) from Brandon College (McMaster University).

particularly in the case of names.

Language Note:

Storage Range:

Oversized drawer 2



The Quill-Alumni Award for Outstanding Achievement - Trent Frayne

http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions7978

Part Of:	BUPC 11 Documents, diplomas and certificates
Description Level:	ltem
Series Number:	11
Item Number:	11.10
GMD:	textual records
Date Range:	1990
Physical Description:	44.5 cm x 31 cm

Scope and Content:

Item is The Quill-Alumni Award for Outstanding Achievement given to Trent Gardner Frayne at Homecoming 1990 and in honour of the 80th Anniversary of the Quill.

Storage Range: Oversized drawer 2



Alumni Association Distinguished Service Award - Norman Keith McKinnon

http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions7979

Part Of:	BUPC 11 Documents, diplomas and certificates
Description Level:	ltem
Series Number:	11
Item Number:	11.11
GMD:	textual records
Date Range:	1978
Physical Description:	45.5 cm x 31.5 cm
Scope and Content:	
Item is a copy of the Alumni Association Distinguished Service Award given to Norman Keith McKinnon.	

Storage Range: Oversized drawer 2



Alumni Association Award for Excellence in Teaching - Kathleen M. Nichol

http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions8190

Part Of:	BUPC 11 Documents, diplomas and certificates
Description Level:	ltem
Series Number:	11
Item Number:	11.13
GMD:	textual records
Date Range:	1989
Physical Description:	45.5 cm x 31.5 cm
Scope and Content:	
Item is a conv of the	Alumni Association Award for Excellence in Teaching given

Item is a copy of the Alumni Association Award for Excellence in Teaching given to Kathleen M. Nichol.

Storage Range: Oversized drawer 2



Alumni Association Distinguished Service Award - Adelene Monica Evans

http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions8191

Part Of:	BUPC 11 Documents, diplomas and certificates
Description Level:	ltem
Series Number:	11
Item Number:	11.12
GMD:	textual records
Date Range:	1989
Physical Description:	45.5 cm x 31.5 cm
Scope and Content:	
Item is a copy of the Alumni Association Distinguished Service Award given to Adelene Monica Evans.	
Storage Range:	Oversized drawer 2



The Order of United Commercial Travelers of America (UCT) fonds

http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions8224

Part Of:	RG 5 Western Manitoba Manuscript Collection
Description Level:	Collection
Accession Number:	5-2008
GMD:	multiple media
Date Range:	1908-2006
Physical Description:	2 m textual records
	9 b/w photographs

History / Biographical:

The Order of United Commercial Travelers of America (UCT) is a fraternal benefits society. It was founded in Columbus, Ohio on January 16, 1888 by eight traveling salesmen (commercial travelers) for the purpose of providing accident insurance for traveling salesmen, protecting the rights of its members and aiding those dependent upon them.

UCT came to Canada in 1898 with the creation of Winnipeg Council No. 154. The organization gradually spread westward with Councils established in Regina, Saskatoon, Calgary and Brandon. Brandon Council No. 448 was granted a charter on December 12, 1908.

Brandon Council No. 448 incorporated in 1984. Soon after they purchased and renovated the UCT Hall (now East Port Hall) at 530 Richmond Avenue East. The goals of Brandon Council No. 448 are "to improve our community, meet new friends, improve fellowship, to discover the best in ourselves and others, and to derive satisfaction from helping others." UCT Brandon Council No. 448 supports a number of organiztions and programs in Brandon; to raise money, the Council holds a weekly bingo (first held on May 9, 1963) and a canteen at bingos. As well, they participate in an anuual ticket raffle within Manitoba.

The governing body of UCT in the United States and Canada is the Supreme Council, which is located in Columbus, Ohio. States or groups of states and provinces are divided into Grand Jurisdictions; Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta make up a Grand Jurisdiction, of which Brandon Council forms a part. The Grand charter was granted on June 10, 1911. Prior to 1911, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, and Alberta formed part of the Grand Jurisdiction of Minnesota and North Dakota.

Custodial History:

The UCT Brandon Council #448 decided to donate their records to the McKee Archives after selling their meeting hall (UCT Hall - now East Port Hall). Records were stored in East Port Hall on Richmond Avenue East until their donation in January 2008.

Scope and Content:

Fonds consists of: Brandon UCT Council scrapbooks (1974-1999, 1997-2006); Brandon Council minutes (1990-1996); unidentified attendance registers (probably Brandon); Minutes of the Grand Council of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta (1911-17, 1919); Proceedings of the Grand Council of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta (1914-15, 1917-19,1922-35, 1937-62, 1964, 1966-75, 1977, 1981-83, 1988-89); Minutes and Correspondence of the Grand Council of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta (1958-59); Annual Reports to the Grand Council Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta (1958-59); Annual Reports to the Grand Council Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta from various councils (1948, 1949, 1950, 1952); Grand Council of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta from various councils (1948, 1949, 1950, 1952); Grand Council of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta from various councils (1948, 1949, 1950, 1952); Grand Council of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta from various councils (1948, 1949, 1950, 1952); Grand Council of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta from various councils (1948, 1949, 1950, 1952); Grand Council of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta from various councils (1948, 1949, 1950, 1952); Grand Council of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta documents including Cash Book (1911-1948) and Ledger (1911-1948); Proceedings of the Supreme Council (1964-68); Proceedings of the Grand Council of Illinois (1956-57); Proceedings of the Grand Council of Minnesota and North Dakota (1931, 1949); Swift Current Council, minutes (1939-45, 1959-71), membership and financial records (1937-63); Lethbridge, attendance register (1914-1930, 1933-55); Regina, membership [nd]; Miscellaneous documents: Constitution and Bylaws UCT of America, 1962; The UCT Story 1888-1988, compiled by William C. Shortt; and 9 b/w photographs, various sizes.

Notes:

History/Bio information taken from the UCT webstie available at: http://www.uct.org/History.html (February 2008), from "The UCT Story: Do you Know It?" by James B. Chrisp, and published in the May 18, 1986 edition of the Sunday Sunday, and the Brandon Council #448 pamphlet. Description by Christy Henry and Tom Mitchell.



Stone house

http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions8695

Part Of:	RG 5 Western Manitoba Manuscript Collection
Creator:	Walker collection
Description Level:	ltem
Series Number:	3.9
Item Number:	1-2002.3.9.77
Accession Number:	1-2002
GMD:	graphic
Date Range:	c. 1900
Physical Description:	7" x 5" (b/w)
History /	

Biographical:

Images in the Walker collection were mostly taken in Millwood, MB and its surrounding area.

Scope and Content:

Photograph shows a stone house and the family that likely lived there - father, mother and seven children. Two of the children are on a horse being held by their father.

Notes:	Corresponds with negative History - Miscellaneous [1].
Repro Restriction:	The McKee Archives is the copyright holder for the Stuckey materials.
Storage Location:	RG 5 photograph storage drawer
Related Material:	Edward Walker collection (24-2006); RG 6 Brandon University fonds,
	8.2.4 Archival exhibits, Millwood display, File 1.

Images





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