

# S. J. McKee Archives



# Maureen Johnson collection

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Part Of:	RG 5 Western Manitoba Manuscript Collection
Description Level:	Collection
Accession Number:	10-2009, 14-2009
GMD:	multiple media
Date Range:	1908-c.1965; predominant 1915-1921
Physical Description:	32 photographs
	1 sound recording
	2 cm textual records
Material Details:	17 photographs are digital records
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Biographical:

Maureen Johnson (nee Sills) was born in Brandon, MB in 1936 and grew up in western Manitoba. She spent three years in Ethiopia (1958-1961) and two years in Houston, Texas before taking up permanent residence in Winnipeg, MB. She attended Brandon College in 1953-1954, living in the Tower Room of Clark Hall.

From 1960-1979, Johnson raised her family, volunteered in the St. Vital community and was Secretary to the Manitoba Schools Science Symposium (1973-1977). She worked in the Office of the President at the University of Manitoba from 1980 to 1996.

Johnson is a visual artist and photographer, and is a member of the Winnipeg Sketch Club, Manitoba Society of Artists and Winnipeg South Photo Club. Her work is on permanent display at Medea Gallery (www.medeagallery.ca) where she has been a member since 1985. She also has work in the Rental Program at the Winnipeg Art Gallery.

For biographical information on Sarah Persis Darrach see RG 1 Brandon College fonds, Series 9: Clark Hall women's residence.

### Custodial History:

The original photographs in accession 10-2009 are in the custody of Maureen Johnson in Winnipeg, MB. Copies were digitally scanned by Johnson and sent to the Archives in March 2009. The 1921 photographs of Brandon College students were given to Johnson by Eileen McKenzie, her aunt, who attended Brandon College at that time. The photos of Sarah Persis Darrach (Johnson's great-aunt and maternal grandmother's sister) are from her family albums.

All of the records in accession 14-2009, except for the 1920 Quill and the Clark Hall Rules 1912, were collected by Johnson during her time at Brandon College. The Quill issue belonged to Johnson's aunt Eileen McKenzie, a student at Brandon College in the early 1920s. The records were in Johnson's possession at her home until their donation to the McKee Archives in May 2009.

Scope and Content:

Accession 10-2009 consists of seventeen digital photographs. Seven photographs are of Sarah Persis Darrach (nee Johnson), taken primarily during her time as a nursing sister during World War I. Two photographs are of Eileen McKenzie. The remaining photographs depict students and student activities at Brandon College in the early 1920s.

Accession 14-2009 consists of a copy of the sound recording and program for Mr. College Spirit, a musical comedy presented by the Brandon College Literary Board and written by James Struthers and Kenneth Gunning. Accession also includes fifteen photographs from 1953-1954, when Johnson attended Brandon College. Subjects include: Freshie King and Queen; Graduation Banquets (1955, 1956); senior and lady sticks; Jim Casey Trophy; Grand March 1954; Capettes basketball team 1954; Glee Club 1953; Variety Night - Men's Chorus; Caps Football Team; Caps Hockey Team 1954; Cheerleaders 1954; Caps Basketball 1954; and Touques.

Textual records include graduation banquet and commencement programs, news clippings, programs for Variety Night and Be Your Age, a list of football cheers and a copy of the Fall Number of the 1920 Quill. Textual records also include two color photocopies: Clark Hall Rules 1912 and Johnson's Arts and Science Departments, Brandon College Registration card.

Notes:	History/Bio information and Custodial History provided by Maureen Johnson (April 2009). A review of the play, written by Kay Rowe, appeared in the March 6, 1953 issue of the Quill.
Name Access:	Sarah Persis Darrach
	Eileen McKenzie
	Brandon College
	Brandon General Hospital
Subject Access:	World War I
	First World War
	student activities
	snowshoeing
Location Original:	Maureen Johnson (Winnipeg)
Storage Location:	T:\Library\Archives\Shared.02\photos\2009 Accessions
Related Material:	RG 1 Brandon College fonds, Series 9: Clark Hall women's residence
	MG 1 1.9 Sarah Persis Darrach fonds
	MG 2 2.4 James Struthers fonds



# Gerry Beaubier collection

## http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13541

Part Of:	RG 5 Western Manitoba Manuscript Collection
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 Lt.-Col. Sutherland Lt.-Col. 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
Subject Access:	181st Brandon Overseas Battalion 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