

# S. J. McKee Archives



## Coombs & Stewart general store c. 1881

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13756>

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection

Description Level: Item

Series Number: McG 9

Item Number: 20-2009.67

Accession Number: 20-2009

GMD: graphic

Date Range: c.1881

Physical Description: 6.5" x 5" (b/w)

Material Details: on matting

Physical Condition: Photograph is stained and water damaged. A newspaper clipping about William (Billy) Muir is glued to the top left hand corner of the mat. The image is exfoliated in the right hand corner. The negative has been reverse printed.

### History /

#### Biographical:

Coombs & Stewart opened the first general store in Brandon in 1881, which was located on 6th Street and Pacific Avenue. According to G.F. Barker (Brandon: A City, 1977, 291), William (Billy) Muir worked at the store until he opened his own grocery store in 1888.

#### Custodial History:

Donated to Fred McGuinness by Allena Strath (nee Coombs).

#### Scope and Content:

Photograph shows the Coombs & Stewart general store located on the corner of Pacific Avenue and 6th Street. A group of men pose in front of the wood-framed store.

Notes: Back of photograph reads: One of first stores in Brandon, Coombs...[?]

Name Access: Coombs & Stewart  
Pacific Avenue  
6th Street  
Wm. Muir General Grocer

Subject Access: Pioneers  
general stores  
building exteriors  
store exteriors  
horses  
grocery stores  
Brandon business buildings & facilities before 1940

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

Related Material: Lawrence Stuckey collection 1-2002.3.1E13

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## 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

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## Apothecaries Hall, Brandon

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13947>

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection

Description Level: Item



Series Number: McG 9  
Item Number: 1-2015.19  
Accession Number: 1-2015  
GMD: graphic  
Date Range: 1882  
Physical Description: 5" x 4" (b/w)  
Material Details: reproduction

Scope and Content:

Photograph shows eight men posing in front of a wood-framed building on the corner of 8th Street and Rosser Avenue. Above the building's entrance is a painted sign that reads: Apothecaries' Hall. A. Fleming, Druggist is painted in the window above the door. Street signs designating 8th Street and Rosser Avenue are affixed to the building. A transit/theodolite is mounted on a tripod in front of the store.

Notes: Writing on the front of the photograph reads: Corner 8th St and Rosser Ave May 1882. Writing on the back of the photograph reads: Corner 8th St and Rosser, May 1882, Apothecaries' Hall, A. Fleming, Druggist. Photograph is stamped Public Archives Canada.

Name Access: A. Fleming  
Apothecaries' Hall

Subject Access: Pioneers  
surveying  
druggists  
store exteriors  
Brandon business buildings & facilities before 1940

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

Related Material: LAC, Mikan 3194058

Arrangement:

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

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## 10th Street, Brandon

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13948>

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection

Description Level: Item

Series Number: McG 9

Item Number: 1-2015.20

Accession Number: 1-2015

GMD: graphic

Date Range: 1882

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

Material Details: reproduction

### Scope and Content:

Photograph shows seven men posing in front of a wood-framed shack on 10th Street. The men are wearing three-piece suits or vests and long-sleeved shirts. One man can be seen holding an axe another a saw. A double ox-team wagon is in front of the structure.

Notes: Writing on the back of the photograph reads: 10th St. May 1882, Brandon. Photograph is stamped Public Archives Canada.

Name Access: 10th Street

Subject Access: Pioneers  
store exteriors

Brandon business buildings & facilities before 1940

wagons

Ox wagons

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

### Arrangement:

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

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## Rosser Avenue, north side 900 block

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13799>

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection

Description Level: Item

Series Number: McG 9  
Item Number: 20-2009.108  
Accession Number: 20-2009  
GMD: graphic  
Date Range: 1882  
Physical Description: 7.25" x 4.25" (b/w)  
Material Details: On matting  
Physical Condition: Photograph has pen markings and publishing mark-up notes on front and back of matting

Scope and Content:

Photograph shows the north side of the 900-block of Rosser Avenue, facing west from 9th Street. All the shops appear to be woodframed buildings; the sidewalk has yet to be installed and wooden planks have been laid down in front of the shops. Visible storefronts include: (left to right): Leask & Rose, general merchants (at the 11th Street intersect); Fortier & Bucke - Manufacturers' Agents and CPR Express Co.; The New Era - real estate office; Imperial Bank of Canada; Durand & Macdonald Law Office, T.D. McLean - jeweller; Deacon & Hooper - grocers; and J. Barker Vosburgh - Surgeon & Dentist. The building in the foreground has Rosser Avenue and 9th Street street signs affixed above the entrance to the building. A chuckwagon is parked in front of Fortier & Bucke.

Notes: Writing on the front of the photograph reads: Brandon.

Name Access: Rosser Avenue  
Leask & Rose  
Fortier & Bucke Commision Agents  
The New Era  
Imperial Bank of Canada  
T.D. McLean  
W.A. McDonald soliciter  
J. Barker Vosburgh  
Deacon & Hooper  
9th Street

Subject Access: Brandon business buildings & facilities before 1940  
store exteriors  
street scenes  
jewellers  
jewelry stores  
jewelry stores  
signs and signboards  
grocery stores  
general stores  
banks  
surgeons  
dentists  
lawyers  
grocery trade  
hardware stores  
wagons

Storage Location: McGuinness oversize storage drawer (1-2015)

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## Brandon General Hospital postcard

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13873>

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection  
Creator: Published by Christie's Bookstore, Brandon, Man.  
Description Level: Item  
Series Number: McG 9  
Item Number: 20-2009.183  
Accession Number: 20-2009  
GMD: graphic  
Date Range: 1910s  
Physical Description: 3.5" x 5.5" (colour)  
Material Details: postcard

### Scope and Content:

Photograph shows the buildings of the Brandon General Hospital

Notes: Part of "Christie's Brandon Series of Six Colored Picture Postcards of Brandon, Manitoba, The Crown Series, Published by Christie's Bookstore, Brandon, Man." [note: missing sixth postcard]. Writing on the front of the photograph reads: Brandon General Hospital, Brandon, Man.

Name Access: Brandon General Hospital

Subject Access: hospitals

Brandon business buildings & facilities before 1940

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

### Arrangement:

From 20-2009 File 9

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## Queen's Hotel on the corner of 10th Street and Rosser Avenue

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13778>

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection  
Description Level: Item  
Series Number: McG 9  
Item Number: 20-2009.89  
Accession Number: 20-2009  
GMD: graphic



Date Range: 1883  
Physical Description: 7.25" x 4.25" (b/w)  
Material Details: on matting  
Physical Condition: Left hand corner of mat is bent. Mock-up instructions are written in pencil at the bottom right hand corner. Portions of the photograph itself are marked with pen.

History /

Biographical:

The Queen's Hotel was located on the corner of Rosser Avenue and Tenth Street (Steen & Boyce, 1882. Brandon, Manitoba, Canada and Her Industries. Steen & Boyce Publishers Printers & Binders, 81.). Therefore this photo appears to display Rosser Avenue looking east. P.E. 11/06/09

Scope and Content:

Photograph shows early Rosser Avenue under construction between 9th Street and 10th Street in the 1880s. Buildings that line the avenue are wood framed and there are wooden boardwalks in front of a few structures. On the north side of Rosser Avenue signs for Fortier & Bucke Commision Agents and Transit House (Hotel) can be seen. On the south side of Rosser Avenue, the Queen's Hotel and Robinson Brothers and Company groceries and dry goods store are open for business. A family appears to be standing on the stoop at the dry goods store. A boy is lounging in the entryway of the Queen's Hotel. A man is standing on a wooden plank that extends across the dirt road of Rosser Avenue between the dry goods store and the commission agents' shop.

Notes: The back of the photograph reads: FRED McGUINNESS

Name Access: Queen's Hotel  
Rosser Avenue  
Fortier & Bucke Commision Agents  
Transit House  
Robinson Brothers and Company

Subject Access: downtown  
construction  
Brandon Street Scenes Before 1940  
hotels  
hardware stores  
street scenes  
store exteriors  
building exteriors  
grocery stores  
general stores  
dry goods

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

Related Material: Lawrence Stuckey collection 1-2002.3.1C17

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## Brandon General Hospital viewbook postcard

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13881>

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection  
Creator: Printed by Photogelatine Engraving Co. Ltd., Ottawa  
Description Level: Item  
Series Number: McG 9  
Item Number: 20-2009.191  
Accession Number: 20-2009  
GMD: graphic  
Date Range: 1927-1929  
Physical Description: 3.5" x 5.5" (b/w)  
Material Details: postcard  
Physical Condition: Postcard is water damaged on back and ripped

### Scope and Content:

Photograph shows an eastern view of the hospital grounds, including the 1922 hospital building.

Notes: Part of "Souvenir of Brandon, Manitoba, Canada [viewbook], Printed by Photogelatine Engraving Co. Limited, Ottawa." Dates obtained from the Burchill's Music Store Henderson's Brandon City Directory listings (1927-1929). Writing on the front of the photograph reads: Hospital & Nurses Home, Brandon, Man.

Name Access: Brandon General Hospital

Subject Access: Brandon business buildings & facilities before 1940  
hospitals

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

### Arrangement:

From 20-2009 photos

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## Stores near the corner of Rosser Avenue and 6th Street

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13783>

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection  
Description Level: Item  
Series Number: McG 9  
Item Number: 20-2009.94  
Accession Number: 20-2009  
GMD: graphic  
Date Range: 1881-1882  
Physical Description: 9.25" x 6.25" (b/w)  
Material Details: on matting  
Physical Condition: Corners of photograph mat are bent. Picture is cracked.

### Scope and Content:

Photograph shows an early view of Brandon's 6th Street in the 1880s. The Winter & O'Neil Groceries & Provisions and James Smart Hardware storefronts have been photographed. A street sign designating 6th Street can be seen below the Winter & O'Neil sign. A horse and cart is parked in front of the grocery store. A number of men wearing hats and jackets are standing along the boardwalk while posing for the picture. Lumber/timber saws are displayed in the windows of the hardware store.

Notes: Front of photograph reads: 6th Street, Brandon, Manitoba, 1881-1882, Entrance [to Winter & O'Neil] corner of Rosser Ave & 6th Street.

Name Access: James Smart Hardware store  
Winter & O'Neil Groceries and Provisions  
6th Street

Subject Access: downtown  
hardware stores  
Pioneers  
dry goods  
street scenes  
Brandon Street Scenes Before 1940  
grocery stores

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

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## Early scene of Rosser Avenue facing west

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13782>

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection  
Creator: Photographer: I. Bennetto & Co. (Winnipeg)  
Description Level: Item  
Series Number: McG 9  
Item Number: 20-2009.93  
Accession Number: 20-2009  
GMD: graphic  
Date Range: c.1882  
Physical Description: 9.25" x 6.26" (b/w)  
Material Details: on matting  
Physical Condition: Photograph mat is bent. Emulsion problems with image.

### Scope and Content:

Photograph shows Rosser Avenue in its incipient stages. Canvas tents are mixed amongst wooden structures. The James Smart Hardware store, Winter & O'Neil Groceries & Provisions, and the law office of F.G.A. Henderson in the Molesworth Block can be seen on the north side of Rosser Avenue. A street sign designating 6th Street can be seen below the Winter & O'Neil sign. A horse and buggy is traveling down the dirt track that is Rosser Avenue. Groups of men can be seen congregating outside some of the local businesses.

Notes: Front of photograph reads: Rosser Avenue, Brandon 1882-1883, from east of Six Street. Back of photograph is stamped: I. Bennetto & Co., Photographers, Opposite Post-Office, Winnipeg, Man.

Name Access: James Smart Hardware store  
Winter & O'Neil Groceries and Provisions  
F.G.A. Henderson Law Office  
Molesworth Block  
Rosser Avenue

Subject Access: downtown  
hardware stores  
Pioneers  
dry goods  
street scenes  
Brandon Street Scenes Before 1940  
grocery stores  
lawyers

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

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## E.E. Lehigh Ltd.

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13796>

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection  
Creator: Photograph: C.J. Smith  
Description Level: Item  
Series Number: McG 9  
Item Number: 20-2009.105  
Accession Number: 20-2009  
GMD: graphic  
Date Range: [1929-1931]  
Physical Description: 9.5" x 7.5" (b/w)  
Material Details: On matting

### History /

#### Biographical:

The 1901 Canadian Census places the Lehigh family near Brockville, Ontario, where Everett E. Lehigh (b. 19 May 1881) was farming with his widowed father Solon (b. 20 Aug 1849) and younger sister, Edna (b. 08 Feb 1884). The findagrave.com genealogical website identifies a Mary Wickware as marrying Everett E. Lehigh in Alqonquin, Ontario, on 04 April 1905.

E.E. Lehigh appears in the Henderson's Brandon City Directories in 1919. By 1923, he was Vice-President of Motors Ltd., which had its shop on 151-7th Street. By 1925, Lehigh had taken over the garage, renaming it Lehigh Motors, which became the sole agent for McLaughlin Motor Cars. By 1927, Lehigh Motors had opened a second branch on 12th Street and Princess Avenue, which was formerly the Brandon Auto Garage. Lehigh had become the exclusive dealer for McLaughlin-Buick, Pontiac, and Oldsmobile motor cars.

It appears Lehigh moved his business, E.E. Lehigh Ltd., to 799 Pacific Avenue by 1929. By then, Lehigh had a head office in Winnipeg at 640 Portage Avenue where he served as president and was the provincial distributor for Rugby trucks and Durant cars. Although E.E. Lehigh had a residence in Brandon (325 - 14th Street), Mr. S.G. Cunningham was listed as the Brandon representative for Lehigh Motors Ltd. in the Henderson Directories. By 1931, E.E. Lehigh Ltd. had moved once again, this time to 151-153 - 9th Street.

E.E. Lehigh disappears from the Henderson's Brandon City Directory by 1933 and a Mrs. E.E. Lehigh (possibly Mary (Wickware) Lehigh, d.21 July 1943) is listed under the 14th Street residence. The 9th Street garage address is divided between Munns Taxi (151-9th Street) and Wheat City Auto Wreckers (153-9th Street.)

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 a group portrait of 33 individuals standing and seated in front of the business E.E. Lehigh Ltd., Brandon. The storefront window has a sign that reads: Durant Motor Cars, E.E. Lehigh Ltd., Brandon. The door to the business has Lehigh Motors stencilled on the window. The men are wearing jackets and ties, and there are three women, possibly clerical staff, wearing 1920s era dresses. The elderly man seated in the centre of the photograph, wearing a long-sleeved white dress shirt might be Everett E. Lehigh.

Notes: Writing on the front of the photograph is embossed: C.J. Smith

Name Access: E.E. Lehigh

Subject Access: garages

Transportation

Brandon business buildings & facilities before 1940

store exteriors

Storage Location: McGuinness oversize storage drawer (1-2015)

Related Material: Ruby Miles collection 14-2003

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**Brandon Wheat Market at Pacific Avenue and 10th Street**

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13795>

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection

Description Level: Item

Series Number: McG 9

Item Number: 20-2009.104

Accession Number: 20-2009

GMD: graphic

Date Range: 1885

Physical Description: 9.25" x 7.25" (b/w)

Material Details: On matting

Physical Condition: Photograph is creased and scratched

Scope and Content:

Photograph shows the Brandon Wheat Market along Pacific Avenue on November 30, 1885. Farmers can be seen driving wagon teams loaded with bags of grain in line on Pacific Avenue from 10 Street to at least 7th Street. On the north side of Pacific Avenue the CPR Land Office and grain elevators are pictured. On the south side of Pacific Avenue, the general merchant/hardware store Bower, Blackburn, Mundell & Porter is situated on the corner of Pacific Avenue and 10th Street. A 10th Street sign is affixed to the merchants' store. On the east side of the general store, Edie House, the Grand View Hotel, and a Farmers' boarding and lodging house can be seen. Most of the buildings appear to be woodframed except for the Grand View, which is constructed of brick. Sidewalks appear to be in place on the south side of Pacific and snow dusts the streets. A baby swathed in winter clothing sits in a pram/baby carriage in front of the general store.

Notes: Writing on the front of the photograph reads: Novemeber 30th, 1885, Brandon Wheat Market

Name Access: Bower, Blackburn, Mundell, & Porter  
Edie House  
Grand View Hotel  
Pacific Avenue  
10th Street  
CPR Land Office  
Brandon Wheat Market

Subject Access: horses  
wagons  
Transportation  
street scenes  
hotels  
markets  
Grain elevators  
downtown  
Brandon business buildings & facilities before 1940  
store exteriors  
winter  
general stores  
hardware stores  
children

Storage Location: McGuinness oversize storage drawer (1-2015)

Related Material: Lawrence Stuckey collection 1-2002.3.1C3

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## W.F. McGuinness at the Dominion Express Co.

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14019>

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection

Description Level: Item

Series Number: McG 9

Item Number: 1-2015.89

Accession Number: 1-2015

GMD: graphic

Date Range: [1900s]

Physical Description: 2.5" x 3.5" (b/w)

Physical Condition: Photograph is folded and torn

Scope and Content:

Photograph shows a group of four men standing on a platform at the entrance of the Dominion Express Company. William Frederick McGuinness stands on the left.

Name Access: William Frederick McGuinness

W.F. McGuinness

Dominion Express Company

Subject Access: Brandon business buildings & facilities before 1940

building exteriors

Conservation: on matting

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

Arrangement:

BR #3 Family pictures

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## Churches of Brandon postcard

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13871>

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection  
Creator: Published by Christie's Bookstore, Brandon, Man.  
Description Level: Item  
Series Number: McG 9  
Item Number: 20-2009.181  
Accession Number: 20-2009  
GMD: graphic  
Date Range: 1910s  
Physical Description: 3.5" x 5.5" (colour)  
Material Details: postcard

### Scope and Content:

Photograph shows exterior views of five Brandon churches: Baptist Church, Presbyterian Church, St. Matthew's Church, Catholic Church and Monastery, and Methodist Church.

Notes: Part of "Christie's Brandon Series of Six Colored Picture Postcards of Brandon, Manitoba, The Crown Series, Published by Christie's Bookstore, Brandon, Man." [note: missing sixth postcard]. Writing on the front of the photograph reads: Baptist Church, Presbyterian Church Brandon Man., St. Matthew's Church, Catholic Church and Monastery, Methodist Church.

Name Access: St. Matthew's Church  
St. Augustine's Church  
First Baptist Church  
Presbyterian Church  
Methodist Church

Subject Access: churches  
building exteriors  
Brandon business buildings & facilities before 1940

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

### Arrangement:

From 20-2009 File 9

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## Brandon College viewbook postcard

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13882>

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection  
Creator: Printed by Photogelatine Engraving Co. Ltd., Ottawa  
Description Level: Item  
Series Number: McG 9  
Item Number: 20-2009.192  
Accession Number: 20-2009  
GMD: graphic  
Date Range: 1920s  
Physical Description: 3.5" x 5.5" (b/w)  
Material Details: postcard

### Scope and Content:

Photograph shows a southwestern view of Clark Hall and the Brandon College Original Building. The Citizen Science Building is absent from the campus grounds.

Notes: Part of "Souvenir of Brandon, Manitoba, Canada [viewbook], Printed by Photogelatine Engraving Co. Limited, Ottawa." Dates obtained from the Burchill's Music Store Henderson's Brandon City Directory listings (1927-1929). Writing on the front of the photograph reads: Brandon College, Brandon, Man.

Name Access: Brandon General Hospital

Subject Access: Brandon business buildings & facilities before 1940  
hospitals  
building exteriors

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

### Arrangement:

From 20-2009 photos

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## City Hall and YMCA viewbook postcard

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13885>

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection  
Creator: Printed by Photogelatine Engraving Co. Ltd., Ottawa  
Description Level: Item  
Series Number: McG 9  
Item Number: 20-2009.195  
Accession Number: 20-2009  
GMD: graphic  
Date Range: 1920s  
Physical Description: 3.5" x 5.5" (b/w)  
Material Details: postcard

### Scope and Content:

Photograph shows two separate views. One is of the main entrance of (Old) City Hall on Princess Avenue. The other view shows the ediface of the YMCA building as well as the adjacent St. Paul's United and First United Churches on 8th Street.

Notes: Part of "Souvenir of Brandon, Manitoba, Canada [viewbook], Printed by Photogelatine Engraving Co. Limited, Ottawa." Dates obtained from the Burchill's Music Store Henderson's Brandon City Directory listings (1927-1929). Writing on the front of the photograph reads: City Hall - Brandon, Man; YMCA, St. Paul's United & First Church United, Brandon, Man.

Name Access: YMCA  
St. Paul's United Church  
First United Church  
City Hall  
Old City Hall  
8th Street

Subject Access: Brandon business buildings & facilities before 1940  
churches  
building exteriors

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

### Arrangement:

From 20-2009 photos

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## Syndicate Block fire 1916

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13999>

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection  
Description Level: Item  
Series Number: McG 9  
Item Number: 1-2015.69  
Accession Number: 1-2015  
GMD: graphic  
Date Range: 1916  
Physical Description: 4.25" x 2.5" (b/w)  
Physical Condition: Photograph has hole in bottom right corner

### Custodial History:

Photograph was given to Fred McGuinness by Linda Bilkoski (nee Lepard) of Lac du Bonnet, MB.

### Scope and Content:

Photograph shows the remains of the Syndicate Block after the fire in January 1916. The building is situated on the southwest corner of Seventh Street and Rosser Avenue. Ice from the firefighting process covers the building. The tailor shop J.S. Laughton & Son (701 Rosser Avenue) can be seen on the north side of Rosser Avenue.

Name Access: 7th Street  
Syndicate Block  
J.S. Laughton & Son  
Rosser Avenue

Subject Access: fires  
building exteriors  
Brandon business buildings & facilities before 1940

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

Arrangement:  
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## Nation & Shewan store window

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14003>

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection



Description Level: Item  
Series Number: McG 9  
Item Number: 1-2015.73  
Accession Number: 1-2015  
GMD: graphic  
Date Range: 1914  
Physical Description: 6.5" x 4.5" (b/w)  
Physical Condition: Top left corner is bent

History /

Biographical:

Erected in 1889, on the southeast corner of Rosser Avenue and 7th Street at 806 Rosser Avenue, this block was designed by Brandon architect W.H. Shillinglaw. At the time of its construction the structure housed the Nation & Shewan Department Store, one of Brandon's largest and most successful drygoods businesses, owned and operated by Fred Nation and Alexander Shewan.

Major improvements were made to the store and an annex was added in 1910. Some of the renovation additions included, but were not limited to, an updated frontage with new copper sash windows and prismatic glass tops, plate glass windows, new fixtures and carpet. With the renovations the floor space of the business was to be almost doubled. The stock of the business also increased, with the Brandon Weekly Sun reporting that when finished, Nation & Shewan would be a "store of which the citizens of Brandon will be justly proud." The drygoods firm operated until Nation's death 1926, when it became known as A. Shewan Limited. From 1933 to 1944, the business was known as Shewan and Son. Shortly thereafter, the Metropolitan Stores Ltd began operating out of the Nation & Shewan Block.

In 2000, the Town Centre prepared to knock down the Red Apple Building, formerly the Nation & Shewan Block. The demolition was to make way for the new atrium and entrance for the mall, and begin a new period of redevelopment at the downtown shopping centre.

[History/Bio written by Christy Henry (SJ McKee Archives) and Eileen Trott (Daly House Museum), researched by Morganna Maylon, for 2015 photographic exhibition "Gowen's Brandon: Then and Now".]

Custodial History:

Photograph was given to Fred McGuinness by Linda Bilkoski (nee Lepard) of Lac du Bonnet, MB.

Scope and Content:

Photograph shows a display of women's clothing and accessories in the window at Nation & Shewan. A sign reads: 1914 Spring Opening commences on Wednesday March 25th.

Notes: Writing on the back of the photograph reads: Mrs. E. Harden, 33-10th St., City. According to the Henderson's Brandon City Directories, Catharine "Kate" Harden (nee Chalmers) worked as a cashier at Nation & Shewan from 1913 to 1914.

Name Access: Nation & Shewan  
Kate Harden

Subject Access: building exteriors  
advertising  
Brandon business buildings & facilities before 1940

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

Arrangement:

McG 4.1 File 27



## Rosser Avenue viewbook postcard

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13877>

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection  
Creator: Printed by Photogelatine Engraving Co. Ltd., Ottawa  
Description Level: Item  
Series Number: McG 9  
Item Number: 20-2009.187  
Accession Number: 20-2009  
GMD: graphic  
Date Range: 1927-1929  
Physical Description: 3.5" x 5.5" (colour)  
Material Details: postcard

### Scope and Content:

Photograph shows the 700-block of Rosser Avenue facing west. Visible businesses on the north side of Rosser Avenue include: Burchill's Music Store, E.W. Woolworth Co. Ltd. 5-10 and 15 Cent Store in the E.E. Evans Block, Empire Hotel, and W.A. Paterson Drugs. Automobiles are parked on both sides of the avenue and at the time the photograph was taken, Rosser Avenue was a two-way street.

Notes: Part of "Souvenir of Brandon, Manitoba, Canada [viewbook], Printed by Photogelatine Engraving Co. Limited, Ottawa." Dates obtained from the Burchill's Music Store Henderson's Brandon City Directory listings (1927-1929). Writing on the front of the photograph reads: Rosser St. [sic.] - Brandon, Man.

Name Access: Rosser Avenue  
Burchill's Music Store  
Evans Block  
Empire Hotel

Subject Access: downtown  
street scenes  
Transportation  
automobiles  
Brandon business buildings & facilities before 1940  
store exteriors

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

Arrangement:

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### 10th Street viewbook postcard

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#### Scope and Content:

Photograph shows a street view of 10th Street facing north. There are many automobiles parked along the street and several pedestrians in summer dress are on the sidewalks and street. Visible business signs include: Heintzman & Co. Pianos (possibly belonging to J.J.H. McLean Co. Ltd.), the Strand Theatre, T & D Clothes, Campbell & Campbell, the CPR Station, and Bowling Alley and Billiards.

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Name Access: 10th Street  
Heintzman & Co. Pianos  
CPR Station  
Strand Theatre  
Campbell & Campbell  
T & D Clothes



Subject Access:       downtown  
                              street scenes  
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