

S. J. McKee Archives



Christmas Tree Farm negative set 3, frames 1A to 13A

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Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection

Description Level: Item

Series Number: McG 9

Item Number: 1-2015.259

Accession Number: 1-2015

GMD: graphic

Date Range: [1980s]

Physical Description: 1.5 " x 1.5" (b/w)

Material Details: negatives

History /

Biographical:

Fred McGuinness is popularly known for his work as the prairie essayist for CBC Radio's Morningside with Peter Gzowski, a position he held for 17 years. Many of McGuinness' Morningside essays were autobiographical in nature. He often reported about life on Christmas Tree Farm, a section of land where he and his wife, Christine, built their dream home in the late 1970s. The couple planted a Christmas tree farm on the property and Christine maintained an extensive kitchen garden, while Fred tended honey bees. Life on the farm made its way into radiobroadcasts, Neighborly News columns, and the book "Letters from Section 17: A Collection of Morningside Essays" (Winnipeg: Great Plains Publishing, 1999).

Scope and Content:

Set consists of 13 negatives showing work being conducted on the McGuinness property, Christmas Tree Farm, Section 17. The first 12 negatives show the McGuinness family planting with their tractor and the last negative shows a woman working on a swimming pool liner.

Notes: McGuinness drafted a manuscript, titled "Hole in the Ground," about the family pool on Section 17. It was one manuscript McGuinness was re-tooling before he passed away in 2011.

Name Access: Section 17

Christmas Tree Farm

Subject Access: Horticulture

farming

Tractors

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

Arrangement:

Cigar boxes

Images



Ab Gowanlock of Dauphin

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14170>

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection

Description Level: Item

Series Number: McG 9

Item Number: 1-2015.239

Accession Number: 1-2015

GMD: graphic

Date Range: [c.1984]

Physical Description: 8" x 10" (b/w)

Physical Condition: A typed label has been taped to the back of the photograph. Back of photograph has yellowed. No other degradation observed. ST/2016

Custodial History:

Photograph sent to Fred McGuinness from the Winnipeg Free Press Photo Department

Scope and Content:

Photograph shows a platform party in front of the Westman Centennial Auditorium. At the microphone is Mayor Ken Burgess. Seated on the mayor's left is Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, to his right Lorne Watson. The party may have been assembled for the founding of the Brandon University School of Music's Queen Elizabeth II building.

Notes:

Photograph was collected during the research phase of the monograph "Manitoba: The Province & The People" (1987) written by Fred McGuinness and Ken Coates.

Writing on the back of the photograph reads: Ab Gowanlock 85 years old of Dauphin, two-time winner of the Brier (once in 1938 at Toronto and once in Sudbury in 1953) at the wheel of a Rumley Oil Pull tractor during the Thursday afternoon parade of steam and oil and gas tractors. Mr. Gowanlock is not a newcomer to threshing as he was involved with it on a regular basis from 1916 to 1947. dirk...shot directly into sun and was hard to print...

Name Access: Ab Gowanlock

Subject Access: Tractors
parades
Repro Restriction: Photograph may be subject to Canadian Copy Right Laws.
Storage Location: RG 5 photograph storage drawer 2 (hanging photos)
Arrangement:
McG 5.4 File 2

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