# S. J. McKee Archives



### Mrs. Osmond on her tractor

http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14167

Part Of:	Fred McGuinness collection
Creator:	Photographer: Burton Strange
Description Level:	ltem
Series Number:	McG 9
Item Number:	1-2015.236
Accession Number:	1-2015
GMD:	graphic
Date Range:	1974
Physical Description:	4.5" x 6.5" (b/w)
Physical Condition:	Photograph is stained
History /	
Biographical:	

Mrs. Hilda Rosa Osmond (nee Bridgeman) was born in Hampshire, England in 1888 to parents Edwin Samuel Bridgeman (b.16 Jul 1852; d. 19 June 1922, Brandon) and Rosa Holkham (b. 26 Mar 1859; d. 27 May 1927, Brandon). Edwin was a sailor and Rosa was a dressmaker.

Following the death of her brother Edwin Frederick Bridgeman (1886-1890), the family immigrated to Canada in 1891. The Bridgeman's took the train to Griswold, Manitoba, and settled near Edwin's brother, Albert Bridgeman, and together they farmed the N 1/2 of 36-12-23. The Bridgeman's had three more children, Ellen Grace (b. 27 Jan 1893; d. 22 Feb 1893), Harry Volantine/Valentine (b. 14 Feb 1894), and Charlie Cuthbert (b. 03 Aug 1896; d. 25 Aug 1901). Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Bridgeman retired in 1913 and moved to Brandon where they lived until their respective deaths. The couple are interred in the Brandon Municipal Cemetery.

Hilda married William Arthur Osmond (b. 1867; d. 26 Oct 1943) of Baisingstoke, England, on 31 Jan 1913. They had a daughter Nellie who later married Glen Mossey. The family continued to farm the property on section 36.

Hilda Rosa Osmond passed away in 1980 at the age of 91. She is interred in the Greenwood Cemetery near Harding, Manitoba, where her husband and siblings also rest.

(Sources: England, Births and Christenings, 1538-1975. Salt Lake City, Utah: FamilySearch, 2013 [online]; Findagrave.com; Harding History Committee, Home to Harding 1879-1981 (Brandon: Leech Printing, 1981; Manitoba Vital Statistics Database)

Custodial History:

Photograph given to Fred McGuinness by Burton Strange of Kenton, 25 Nov 1974

Scope and Content:

Photograph shows Mrs. Osmond and her dog in front of her tractor that she purchased in 1947.

Notes:

Label accompanying photograph reads: Mrs. Osmond tractor & her 26 year old tractor

Name Access:	Hilda Rosa Osmond
	Hilda Osmond
	Harding, Manitoba
Subject Access:	Tractors
	farming
Storage Location:	RG 5 photograph storage drawer 2 (hanging photos)
Arrangement:	
McG 4.1 File 49	

#### Images





## Mrs. Osmond (of Harding, MB) with dog and tractor

http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14165

Part Of:	Fred McGuinness collection
Creator:	Photographer: Burton Strange
Description Level:	ltem
Series Number:	McG 9
Item Number:	1-2015.234
Accession Number:	1-2015
GMD:	graphic
Date Range:	1974
Physical Description:	3.25" x 4.5" (b/w)
Physical Condition:	Photograph is stained

#### History / Biographical:

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Custodial History:

Photograph given to Fred McGuinness by Burton Strange of Kenton, 25 Nov 1974

Scope and Content:

Photograph shows Mrs. Osmond and her dog in front of her tractor that she purchased in 1947.

Notes:	Label accompanying photograph reads: Mrs. Osmond tractor & dog
Name Access:	Hilda Rosa Osmond
	Hilda Osmond
	Harding, Manitoba
Subject Access:	dogs
	Tractors
	farming
	Pioneers
Storage Location:	RG 5 photograph storage drawer 2 (hanging photos)
Arrangement:	
McG 4.1 File 49	





## Brandon, the Wheat City postcard

#### http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13864

Part Of:	Fred McGuinness collection
Creator:	Photographer: Sandy Black
Description Level:	ltem
Series Number:	McG 9
Item Number:	20-2009.174
Accession Number:	20-2009
GMD:	graphic
Date Range:	1980-1990s
Physical Description:	5.75" x 3.75" (colour)
Material Details:	postcard

Scope and Content:

Postcard is of a combine bailing hay in the north end of Brandon at the junction of First Street and Veterans' Way. The Brandon city skyline is in the background and the orange Pioneer Grain elevator can be seen on the left side of the postcard.

Notes:	Writing on the front of the postcard reads: Brandon, The Wheat City.
	Back of the postcard reads: Brandon the Agricultural and Industrial center
	for southwestern Manitoba; Photo by Sandy Black; Printed in Brandon,
	Manitoba, Canada, by Leech Printing Ltd.
Name Access:	City of Brandon
Subject Access:	downtown
	Agriculture
	harvesting
	farm implements
Repro Restriction:	Canadian Copyright restrictions apply. Consult the Archivist.
Storage Location:	RG 5 photograph storage drawer 2 (hanging photos)
Arrangement:	
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From 20-2009 #1 File 13 Sunbeams





## Farm tractor production costs : a study in economies of scale

#### http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/specialcollections70

RG 4 Manitoba Pool Elevator fonds
Manitoba Pool Elevator Library Collection
Canada. Royal Commission on Farm Machinery
MacDonald, Neil B
ltem
S 760.C2R6 no.2
S 760.C2R6 no.2
System Control Number 87104952
Neil B. MacDonald [ et al.]
1969
1969
Ottawa : Royal Commission on Farm Machinery
xxx, 286 p. : ill. ; 25 cm
Agricultural machinery industry Canada
Tractors
Box 18 - Royal Commissions & Manitoba II
Box 18 - Royal Commissions & Manitoba II

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

collection

## http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14190

Part Of:	Fred McGuinness
Description Level:	ltem
Series Number:	McG 9
Item Number:	1-2015.259
Accession Number:	1-2015
GMD:	graphic
GMD: Date Range:	graphic [1980s]
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Date Range:	[1980s]
Date Range: Physical Description:	[1980s] 1.5 " x 1.5" (b/w)

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).

#### Image Not Available

(Copyright Restrictions) 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





## http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13842

Part Of:	Fred McGuinness collection
Description Level:	ltem
Series Number:	McG 9
Item Number:	20-2009.153
Accession Number:	20-2009
GMD:	graphic
Date Range:	1925
Physical Description:	5" x 7" (b/w)
Material Details:	reproduction
Custodial History:	

Donated to Fred McGuinness by G. Baldock in 1971

Scope and Content:

Photograph shows threshing equipment and wagon carts filled with hay.

Notes:	Writing on back of photograph reads: At Willow Creek and Assiniboine River, 1925.
Name Access:	Blight's Farm
Subject Access:	farming
	threshing crews
	Tractors
	vehicles
Storage Location:	RG 5 photograph storage drawer 2 (hanging photos)
Arrangement:	

From 2009 loose photos, from File 13





http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13843

Part Of:	Fred McGuinness collection
Description Level:	ltem
Series Number:	McG 9
Item Number:	20-2009.154
Accession Number:	20-2009
GMD:	graphic
Date Range:	1925
Physical Description:	5" x 7" (b/w)
Material Details:	reproduction

Custodial History:

Donated to Fred McGuinness by G. Baldock in 1971

Scope and Content:

Photograph shows Mr. Blight standing on a hay wagon while he feeds the threshing machine. Lance Blight is standing in the foreground.

Notes:	Writing on back of photograph reads: 3 prints [20-2009.153 to 20-2009.155]. Threshing at Blight's farm Willow Creek at Chater. Lance Blight of [sic] front his father on the rack. 1925.
Name Access:	Blight's Farm
Subject Access:	farming
	threshing crews
	Tractors
	vehicles
Storage Location:	RG 5 photograph storage drawer 2 (hanging photos)
Arrangement:	

From 2009 loose photos, from File 13





http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13841

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Part Of:	Fred McGuinness collection
Description Level:	ltem
Series Number:	McG 9
Item Number:	20-2009.152
Accession Number:	20-2009
GMD:	graphic
Date Range:	1925
Physical Description:	5" x 7" (b/w)
Material Details:	reproduction
Custodial History:	
Donated to Fred Mc	Guinness by G. Baldock in 1971
Scope and Content:	
Photograph shows to the wheel.	wo women at a tractor. One is cranking the engine, the other is seated at
Notes:	Writing on back of photograph reads: "Threshing. Blights Farm Willow Creek at Chater. My mother at crank. Now over 90 living at 403-12th Street. G. Baldock 1971. 1925."
Name Access:	Blight's Farm
Subject Access:	farming
	women
	threshing crews
	Tractors
	vehicles
Storage Location:	RG 5 photograph storage drawer 2 (hanging photos)
Arrangement:	
From 2009 loose ph	otos, from File 13





## Special report on prices of tractors and combines in Canada and other countries

#### http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/specialcollections72

Part Of:	RG 4 Manitoba Pool Elevator fonds
Collection:	Manitoba Pool Elevator Library Collection
Creator:	Canada. Royal Commission on Farm Machinery
	Barber, Clarence L., 1917
Description Level:	ltem
Item Number:	S 760.C2R61
	Archives 14-18-8
Item Number Range:	S 760.C2R61
	Archives 14-18-8
Standard number:	System Control Number 87104954
Start Date:	1969
Date Range:	1969
Publication:	Ottawa : Royal Commission on Farm Machinery
Physical Description:	viii, 239 p. ; 25 cm
Notes:	Clarence L. Barber, commissioner
Subject Access:	Agricultural machinery industry Canada
	Tractors Prices
	Agricultural machinery Prices
	Combines (Agricultural machinery) Prices
Storage Location:	Box 18- Royal Commissions I and Manitoba II
Storage Range:	Box 18- Royal Commissions I and Manitoba II



#### http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13844

Part Of:	Fred McGuinness collection
Description Level:	ltem
Series Number:	McG 9
Item Number:	20-2009.155
Accession Number:	20-2009
GMD:	graphic
Date Range:	1925
Physical Description:	5" x 7" (b/w)
Material Details:	reproduction

Custodial History:

Donated to Fred McGuinness by G. Baldock in 1971

Scope and Content:

Photograph shows a harvest scene in the Assiniboine Valley. Stacks of wheat are in the process of being loaded into horse-drawn wagon carts. A threashing machine is set-up in the field next to an empty wagon. A woman in 1920s-era clothing is walking in the field.

Notes:	Writing on back of photograph reads: 3 prints [20-2009.153 to 20-2009.155]. Threshing at Blight's farm Willow Creek at Chater. Lance Blight of front his father on the rack. 1925.
Name Access:	Blight's Farm
Subject Access:	farming
	threshing crews
	Tractors
	vehicles
	wagons
	horses
Storage Location:	RG 5 photograph storage drawer 2 (hanging photos)
Arrangement:	

From 2009 loose photos, from File 13



## A.W. Evans & Company Hardware & Implements



http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14052

Part Of:	Fred McGuinness collection
Description Level:	ltem
Series Number:	McG 9
Item Number:	1-2015.122
Accession Number:	1-2015
GMD:	graphic
Date Range:	[19]
Physical Description:	3" x 2" (b/w)
Scope and Content:	

Photograph shows the storefront of A.W. Evans & Co. Hardware & Implements. A hitching post with an advertisement for Milton Wagons is in front of the store.

Name Access:	A.W. Evans & Co.
Subject Access:	building exteriors
	hardware stores
Storage Location:	RG 5 photograph storage drawer 2 (hanging photos)
Arrangement:	

BR #3 Family pictures



## A.W. Evans & Company Hardware & Implements

http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14053

Image Not Available

(Copyright Restrictions)

Part Of:	Fred McGuinness collection
Description Level:	ltem
Series Number:	McG 9
Item Number:	1-2015.123
Accession Number:	1-2015
GMD:	graphic
Date Range:	[19]
Physical Description:	3" x 2" (colour)
Scope and Content:	

Photograph shows the storefront of A.W. Evans & Co. Hardware & Implements. A horse is next to the hitching post that has an advertisement for Hamilton Wagons in front of the store.

Name Access:	A.W. Evans & Co.
Subject Access:	building exteriors
	hardware stores
Storage Location:	RG 5 photograph storage drawer 2 (hanging photos)
Arrangement:	
BR #3 Family pictures	

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## Ab Gowanlock of Dauphin

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

Part Of:	Fred McGuinness collection
Description Level:	ltem
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 degredation 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.
	<ul> <li>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. dirkshot directly into sun and was hard to print</li> </ul>
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	





## Austin Threshermen's Reunion

## http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14172

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Part Of:	Fred McGuinness collection
Description Level:	Item
Series Number:	McG 9
Item Number:	1-2015.241
Accession Number:	1-2015
GMD:	graphic
Date Range:	1985
Physical Description:	10" x 8" (b/w)
Physical Condition:	Emulsive side of image has residue and mock-up lines. A typed label has been taped to the back of the photograph. Back of photograph has yellowed. No other degredation observed. ST/2016
Custodial History:	
Photograph sent to F	Fred McGuinness from the Winnipeg Free Press Photo Department
Scope and Content:	
Photograph shows a Reunion.	a steam tractor on display at the Austin, Manitoba's Threshermen's
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: Kevin Milne and Makinak and Gordon Down of Winnipeg chugging up a storm at Austin Thursday. Dirk Aberson for Greg McComb. 1985
Name Access:	Manitoba Threshermen's Reunion & Stampede
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	





## Austin Threshermen's Reunion

#### http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14173

Part Of:	Fred McGuinness collection
Description Level:	ltem
Series Number:	McG 9
Item Number:	1-2015.242
Accession Number:	1-2015
GMD:	graphic
Date Range:	1979
Physical Description:	10" x 8" (b/w)
Physical Condition:	Emulsive side of image has mock-up lines.

Custodial History:

Photograph sent to Fred McGuinness from the Winnipeg Free Press Photo Department Scope and Content:

Photograph shows historic tractors on display at the Austin, Manitoba's Threshermen's Reunion. The tractors are parading on an outdoor track before a packed grandstand.

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 front of the photograph reads: Austin Parade Thursday, July 27/79
Name Access:	Manitoba Threshermen's Reunion & Stampede
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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## Austin Threshermen's Reunion http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14174



Part Of:	Fred McGuinness collection
Description Level:	ltem
Series Number:	McG 9
Item Number:	1-2015.243
Accession Number:	1-2015
GMD:	graphic
Date Range:	1982
Physical Description:	8" x 10" (b/w)
Physical Condition:	Emulsive side of image has mock-up lines.

Custodial History:

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

Scope and Content:

Photograph shows a small steam engine to which a tug of rope is affixed. Seven young boys are pulling counter to the engine as an engine operator makes adjustment. Bemused spectators look on.

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 label filed with the photograph reads: A miniature case steam engine gets an unexpected load as a group of boys try to haul it to
	a stop during the Thursday afternoon parade. dirk. 19/82
Name Access:	Manitoba Threshermen's Reunion & Stampede
Subject Access:	Tractors
	parades
	entertainment
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	





## Experimental Farm, Brandon postcard

## http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13874

Part Of:	Fred McGuinness collection
Creator:	Published by Christie's Bookstore, Brandon, Man.
Description Level:	ltem
Series Number:	McG 9
Item Number:	20-2009.184
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 superintendant and barns of the Brandon Experimental Farm (now Brandon Rearch Station)

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: Experimental Farm, Brandon. Man.
Name Access:	Experimental Farm
	Brandon Research Station
Subject Access:	farms
	Agriculture
Storage Location:	RG 5 photograph storage drawer 2 (hanging photos)
Arrangement:	

From 20-2009 File 9





## 10th Street hydro station stack under repairs

http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13913

Part Of:	Fred McGuinness collection
Description Level:	ltem
Series Number:	McG 9
Item Number:	20-2009.223
Accession Number:	20-2009
GMD:	graphic
Date Range:	c.1951
Physical Description:	2.75" x 3.75" (b/w)
Scope and Content:	

Photograph shows the smoke stack of the 10th Street hydro station under scaffolding, possibly under repair after the 1951 fire/explosion.

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

Arrangement:

From 20-2009 #4 plastic envelope #2





## Marketing of agricultural products

## http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/specialcollections276

Part Of:	RG 4 Manitoba Pool Elevator fonds
Collection:	Manitoba Pool Elevator Library Collection
Creator:	Boyle, James Ernest, 1873
Description Level:	Item
Item Number:	Archives 14-12-9
Item Number Range:	Archives 14-12-9
Responsibility:	by James E. Boyle
Start Date:	1925
Date Range:	1925
Publication:	New York : McGraw-Hill
Publisher Series:	McGraw-Hill Publications in Agricultural and Botanical sciences
Physical Description:	viii, 479 p. : ill. ; 24 cm
Subject Access:	Farm produce Marketing
Storage Location:	Box 12 - Agriculture III
Storage Range:	Box 12 - Agriculture III



## Proceedings of the Conference on Markets for Western Farm Products

#### http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/specialcollections228

Part Of:	RG 4 Manitoba Pool Elevator fonds
Collection:	Manitoba Pool Elevator Library Collection
Description Level:	ltem
Item Number:	Archives 14-7.2-8
Item Number Range:	Archives 14-7.2-8
Responsibility:	as arranged by the government of Manitoba, and held in Winnipeg, December 12th to 15th inclusive, 1938
Start Date:	1939]
Date Range:	1939]
Publication:	[Winnipeg : Government of Manitoba
Physical Description:	333 p. : ill. ; 26 cm
Subject Access:	Farm produce Marketing Congresses
	Farm produce Manitoba
	Wheat trade Canada
Storage Location:	Box 7.2 - Manitoba I
Storage Range:	Box 7.2 - Manitoba I