

# S. J. McKee Archives



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

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14190>

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





## Threshing at Blight's Farm

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13842>

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection

Description Level: Item

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

### Images

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## Threshing at Blight's Farm

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

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection

Description Level: Item

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

### Images

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## Threshing at Blight's Farm

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

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection

Description Level: Item

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 McGuinness by G. Baldock in 1971

Scope and Content:

Photograph shows two women at a tractor. One is cranking the engine, the other is seated at the wheel.

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 photos, from File 13

### Images

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## Threshing at Blight's Farm

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13844>

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection

Description Level: Item

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 threshing 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

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## Mrs. Osmond on her tractor



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

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection  
Creator: Photographer: Burton Strange  
Description Level: Item  
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 Basingstoke, 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



**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:	Item
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

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## 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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## Austin Threshermen's Reunion

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14172>

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 degradation observed. ST/2016

### Custodial History:

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

### Scope and Content:

Photograph shows a steam tractor on display at the Austin, Manitoba's Threshermen's Reunion.

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

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## Austin Threshermen's Reunion

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14173>

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection  
 Description Level: Item  
 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: Item  
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

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