

# S. J. McKee Archives



## William Muir General Grocer building

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13757>

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection

Description Level: Item

Series Number: McG 9

Item Number: 20-2009.68

Accession Number: 20-2009

GMD: graphic

Date Range: post-1888

Physical Description: 4.5" x 7.5" (b/w)

Material Details: on matting

Physical Condition: Matting is bent and has a thumbtack hole.

### History /

#### Biographical:

According to G.F. Barker (Brandon: A City, 1977, 291), William (Billy) Muir worked at Coombs & Stewart's on Pacific Avenue until he opened his own grocery store in 1888. The shop was located at 143-6th Street, Brandon, and was demolished for a parking lot in 1952.

#### Custodial History:

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

#### Scope and Content:

Photograph shows the "Wm. Muir General Grocer" building on 6th Street. Two men pose in the doorway of the store. The man on the left is likely William Muir. Barrels are lined on the boardwalk in front of the store. Apples and mason jars can be seen in the shop's windows.

Notes: Front of photograph reads: Sixth Street between Rosser - Princess. Back of photograph reads: Billy Muir's Store, 143 6th Street Brandon - 57 years in business in this location. An address label affixed to the back of the mat reads: Mrs. James Strath, Box 421, Souris, Man.

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

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

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

Related Material: Lawrence Stuckey collection 1-2002.3.1E18



### 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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## Royal George Hotel

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13712>

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection

Description Level: Item

Series Number: McG 9

Item Number: 20-2009.22

Accession Number: 20-2009

GMD: graphic

Date Range: 1912

Physical Description: 9.75" x 7.5" (b/w)

Physical Condition: photograph is torn and has scotch tape residue

### Scope and Content:

Photograph shows the exterior of the Royal George Hotel located at 142-6th Street, Brandon. Striped awnings cover the second and third storey windows of the hotel. Dogs roam the sidewalk in front of the hotel. Advertisements cover the fence adjacent to the hotel and include: Fort McMurray town site settlement; Mortgage sale for city property; Starland Theatre featuring Miss Amy Lawrence, Soprano; Sherman Theatre; 15th Annual Horticultural Exhibition

Notes: Date ascertained from 15th Annual Horticultural Exhibition advertisement posted on fence adjacent to hotel. Address obtained from Henderson's Brandon City Directory for 1913.

Name Access: Royal George Hotel

Starland Theatre

Sherman Theatre

Horticultural Exhibition

6th Street

Subject Access: hotels

building exteriors

advertising

dogs

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

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## Brandon train station

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14273>

Part Of: Joseph H. Hughes collection  
Creator: Photographer: Frank Gowen  
Description Level: Item  
Series Number: 3-1997.1  
Item Number: 3-1997.1.75  
Accession Number: 3-1997  
Other Numbers: Hughes #71  
GMD: graphic  
Date Range: [1905-1911]  
Physical Description: 9.5" x 7.5" (b/w)  
Material Details: on matting  
Physical Condition: Photograph is stained

### Scope and Content:

Photograph shows a CPR passenger trains at the old Brandon train station. Carts/trolleys appear to be loaded with wooden crates and metal milk containers. Photograph was likely taken from the 8th Street Bridge. The ramp to the 8th Street Bridge can be seen on the ride of the photograph, where residences line Assiniboine Avenue.

Name Access: Assiniboine Avenue - Early Scene  
8th Street Bridge

Subject Access: residences  
building exteriors  
residential streets  
railway stations  
railroads

Storage Location: Hughes oversize drawer

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## Street scene 8th Street in winter

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13703>



Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection

Description Level: Item

Series Number: McG 9

Item Number: 20-2009.13

Accession Number: 20-2009

GMD: graphic

Date Range: 1906

Physical Description: 4.25" x 3.25" (b/w)

Material Details: on matting

Physical Condition: Photograph has been glued to a backing board that has warped over time

#### History /

#### Biographical:

On 16 November 1906, Manitoba was hit by a severe winter storm that began that Thursday evening and extended through the weekend. The Brandon Daily Sun ("Storm Extends Over a Large Territory," 17 Nov. 1906, 1) reported that rail and telegraph services had been disrupted, country roads were impassable, and business in town was at a stand still. Following the weekend, the daily reported the blizzard was one of the greatest in recent memory. CPR trains had been caught in drifts by Carberry and an express car had caught fire and was destroyed ("Worst Storm in Many Years," Brandon Daily Sun, 19 Nov. 1906, 1).

#### Scope and Content:

Photograph shows street view of intersection of the 000 block of 8th Street and Rosser Avenue in the winter. Businesses on the east side of 8th Street from Pacific to Rosser Avenues are clearly visible and include: a Lunch Room (likely Aagaard's Lunch Counter), the Hotel Imperial Annex, Liverpool House (a boarding house), R.S. Thompson and Company Real Estate Office (Land Office), a barber shop (likely J. Coulter's), Frank Gowen photography studio. Fleming's Drug Store on the corner of 8th Street and Rosser Avenue has been replaced by the Bank of Hamilton. The Imperial Hotel is visible on the west side of 8th Street. The 8th Street Bridge is visible in the background.

Notes: Writing on the front of the photograph matting reads: 338, November 1906. Page appears to be from a photo album. The photograph appears to be taken from the interior of a building on the southwest corner of 8th Street and Rosser Avenue.

Name Access: Fleming Block

Frank Gowen Photographer

Liverpool House

Hotel Imperial Annex

8th Street

Rosser Avenue

Aagaard's

R.S. Thompson

8th Street Bridge

Bank of Hamilton

Imperial Hotel

Subject Access:       Street scene  
                              downtown  
                              storefronts  
                              store exteriors  
                              hotels  
                              boarding houses  
                              barber shops  
                              restaurants  
                              druggists  
                              photographers  
                              bridge  
                              banks  
                              winter  
                              land agents

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

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### 8th Street and Rosser Avenue intersection

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13768>

Part Of:               Fred McGuinness collection

Description Level:   Item

Series Number:       McG 9

Item Number:         20-2009.79

Accession Number:   20-2009

GMD:                 graphic

Date Range:           [1906]

Physical Description: 4.25" x 3.25" (b/w)

Material Details:     on matting

Physical Condition:   Photograph is scratched and has been glued to a backing board that has warped over time

#### Scope and Content:

Photograph shows street view of the northeast intersection of the 000 block of 8th Street and Rosser Avenue. Horse and buggies are parked along the east side of 8th Street. Businesses on the east side of 8th Street from Pacific to Rosser Avenues are clearly visible and include: a Lunch Room (likely Aagaard's Lunch Counter), the Hotel Imperial Annex, Liverpool House (a boarding house), R.S. Thompson and Company Real Estate Office (Land Office), a barber shop (likely J. Coulter's), Frank Gowen photography studio, and Fleming's Drug Store. A possible street fair is in progress on Rosser Avenue. One man is standing on a soap box and is surrounded by a crowd in the middle of 8th Street. Another man can be seen standing behind a booth on the northwest street corner. Building construction appears to be happening on the west corner of 8th Street and Rosser Avenue.

Notes: Writing on the front of the photograph matting reads: 297. One photograph (20-2009.80) is glued below the photograph. Another photograph is glued on the reverse side. Page appears to be from a photo album.

Name Access: Fleming Block  
Fleming's Drug Store  
Frank Gowen Photographer  
Liverpool House  
Hotel Imperial Annex  
8th Street  
Rosser Avenue  
Aagaard's  
R.S. Thompson  
8th Street Bridge

Subject Access: Street scene  
Transportation  
downtown  
storefronts  
store exteriors  
hotels  
boarding houses  
barber shops  
restaurants  
druggists  
photographers  
bridge  
horses  
dogs  
buggies

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

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## 8th Street and Rosser Avenue intersection

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13701>

Part Of:	Fred McGuinness collection
Description Level:	Item
Series Number:	McG 9
Item Number:	20-2009.11
Accession Number:	20-2009
GMD:	graphic
Date Range:	[1906]
Physical Description:	6.5" x 4.25" (b/w)
Material Details:	on matting
Physical Condition:	Photograph is scratched and has been glued to a backing board that has warped over time

### Scope and Content:

Photograph shows street view of intersection of the 000 block of 8th Street and Rosser Avenue. Horse and buggies are travelling on both roads. Businesses on the east side of 8th Street from Pacific to Rosser Avenues are clearly visible and include: a Lunch Room (likely Aagaard's Lunch Counter), the Hotel Imperial Annex, Liverpool House (a boarding house), R.S. Thompson and Company Real Estate Office (Land Office), a barber shop (likely J. Coulter's), Frank Gowen photography studio, and Fleming's Drug Store. A possible street fair is in progress on Rosser Avenue. One man is surrounded by a crowd adjacent to the Fleming Block, another man stands on a soap box in the middle of the intersection, while a third man is standing behind a booth. Building construction appears to be happening on the west corner of 7th Street and Rosser Avenue.

Notes:	Writing on the front of the photograph matting reads: 296. One photograph (20-2009.12) is glued above and two others are glued on the reverse side. Page appears to be from a photo album.
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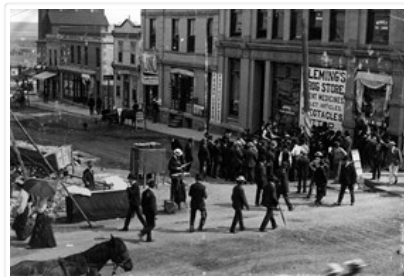
Name Access: Fleming Block  
 Fleming's Drug Store  
 Frank Gowen Photographer  
 Liverpool House  
 Hotel Imperial Annex  
 8th Street  
 Rosser Avenue  
 Aagaard's  
 R.S. Thompson  
 8th Street Bridge

Subject Access: Street scene  
 Transportation  
 downtown  
 storefronts  
 store exteriors  
 hotels  
 boarding houses  
 barber shops  
 restaurants  
 druggists  
 photographers  
 bridge  
 horses  
 dogs  
 land agents

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

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### Street scene 8th Street in winter

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13704>

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection  
 Description Level: Item  
 Series Number: McG 9

Item Number: 20-2009.14  
Accession Number: 20-2009  
GMD: graphic  
Date Range: 1906  
Physical Description: 4.25" x 3.25" (b/w)  
Material Details: on matting  
Physical Condition: Photograph has been glued to a backing board that has warped over time

History /

Biographical:

On 16 November 1906, Manitoba was hit by a severe winter storm that began that Thursday evening and extended through the weekend. The Brandon Daily Sun ("Storm Extends Over a Large Territory," 17 Nov. 1906, 1) reported that rail and telegraph services had been disrupted, country roads were impassable, and business in town was at a stand still. Following the weekend, the daily reported the blizzard was one of the greatest in recent memory. CPR trains had been caught in drifts by Carberry and an express car had caught fire and was destroyed ("Worst Storm in Many Years," Brandon Daily Sun, 19 Nov. 1906, 1).

Scope and Content:

Photograph shows street view of intersection of the 000 block of 8th Street and Rosser Avenue in the winter. Businesses on the east side of 8th Street from Pacific to Rosser Avenues are clearly visible and include: a Lunch Room (likely Aagaard's Lunch Counter), the Hotel Imperial Annex, Liverpool House (a boarding house), R.S. Thompson and Company Real Estate Office (Land Office), a barber shop (likely J. Coulter's), Frank Gowen photography studio. Fleming's Drug Store on the corner of 8th Street and Rosser Avenue has been replaced by the Bank of Hamilton. The Imperial Hotel is visible on the west side of 8th Street. The 8th Street Bridge is visible in the background. Men in winter coats and hats are crossing the street at the intersection. A horse-drawn sleigh is parked on 8th Street.

Notes: Writing on the front of the photograph matting reads: 340, after the storm November 1906. Page appears to be from a photo album. The photograph appears to be taken from the interior of a building on the southwest corner of 8th Street and Rosser Avenue.

Name Access: Fleming Block  
Frank Gowen Photographer  
Liverpool House  
Hotel Imperial Annex  
8th Street  
Rosser Avenue  
Aagaard's  
R.S. Thompson  
8th Street Bridge  
Bank of Hamilton  
Imperial Hotel

Subject Access:       Street scene  
                              downtown  
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                              photographers  
                              bridges  
                              banks  
                              winter  
                              Transportation  
                              sleighs  
                              storms  
                              land agents

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

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