

# S. J. McKee Archives

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## 10 Mile Dam

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13716>

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection

Description Level: Item

Series Number: McG 9

Item Number: 20-2009.26

GMD: graphic

Date Range: 1900-1924

Physical Description: 4.25" x 2.5" (b/w)

History /

Biographical:

Situated in the R.M. of Whitehead on the Little Saskatchewan River, the 10 Mile Dam was a 14 kilometer transmission line that supplied the city of Brandon with power. The Brandon Electric Light Company built the dam in 1900 and it is considered Manitoba's first hydroelectric power generating station. The dam spanned approximately 80 meters and was constructed from timber and reinforced with clay and stone. The station was decommissioned in 1924.

Scope and Content:

Photograph shows 10 Mile Dam, also known as the Brandon Dam or Minnedosa River Hydro Plant.

Notes: Writing on the back of the photograph reads: "10 mile dam". Biographical information obtained from Manitoba Historical Society.

Name Access: 10 Mile Dam  
Ten Mile Dam  
Brandon Dam  
Minnedosa River Hydro Plant  
Brandon Electric Light Company  
Little Saskatchewan River

Subject Access: dams  
Rivers  
hydroelectric dams  
hydroelectric generation

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

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## Fishing at 10 Mile Dam



<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13731>

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection

Description Level: Item

Series Number: McG 9

Item Number: 20-2009.41

Accession Number: 20-2009

GMD: graphic

Date Range: 1906?

Physical Description: 6.5" x 4.75" (b/w)

Material Details: reproduction

History /

Biographical:

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Alonzo Archibald Rowe (b. 1862, London, ON; d. 22 Oct 1951, Brandon). The Rowes were considered Brandon area pioneers. Alonzo's father, Alonzo L. Rowe, came to Brandon with his family in 1881, where the family had a furniture and undertaker business on the west side of 10th Street between Rosser and Princess Avenues. In 1885, the family began farming west of Brandon and Alonzo Archibald served as a councilor and then a reeve in the R.M. of Whitehead. He returned to Brandon in 1907 and served with the Brandon Police Department until 1910, when he returned to farming, this time in Arrow River. A.A. Rowe returned to Brandon in 1915 to work as a Provincial Licenses Inspector, a position he held until 1938. (Source: Obituary, Brandon Daily Sun 22 Oct 1951)

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 four fishermen at 10 Mile Dam, also known as the Brandon Dam or Minnedosa River Hydro Plant. The fishermen in the photo are identified as George H. Rowe and his father A.A. Rowe, Dr. Wilfred Bigelow, and Al Collins.

Notes: Writing on the back of the photograph reads: at Brandon Dam, [right to left] son and father - George H. ROWE, Mr. A.A. ROWE, Dr. BIGELOW, Al COLLINS (dam?, 1906?, George born March 1897); Jerrett's Photo-Services, May 7 1938.

Name Access: 10 Mile Dam  
Ten Mile Dam  
Brandon Dam  
Minnedosa River Hydro Plant  
Brandon Electric Light Company  
Little Saskatchewan River  
George H. Rowe  
A.A. Rowe  
Dr. Bigelow  
Al Collins

Subject Access: dams  
Rivers  
fishing

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

Related Material: Ruby Miles collection 14-2003

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## Morning reflection of Brandon's skyline on the Assiniboine River

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13781>

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection

Creator: Photographer: Sandy Black

Description Level: Item

Series Number: McG 9

Item Number: 20-2009.92

Accession Number: 20-2009

GMD: graphic

Date Range: [1980s]

Physical Description: 5.5" x 3.5" (colour)

Material Details: postcard

### Scope and Content:

Postcard shows the 100 block of 10th Street facing north. The CPR train station can be seen at the end of 10th Street. The sign for the Rex Cafe is visible on the west side of 10th Street. On the east side of 10th Street, billboards for Campbell & Campbell furniture are visible as well as signs for Pianos and the Orpheum Theatre. Motorists and cyclists share the road. Street car tracks run the length of 10th Street.

Notes: Back of postcard reads: Morning reflection of Brandon's skyline on the Assiniboine River, photo by Sandy Black, printed in Brandon, Manitoba, Canada by Leech Printing Ltd.

Name Access: Assiniboine River  
McKenzie Seeds  
Scotia Towers

Subject Access: Rivers  
downtown

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

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## Kirkham's Bridge

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13789>

Other Title Info: Formerly called "bridge over Souris River?"

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection

Description Level: Item

Series Number: McG 9

Item Number: 20-2009.100

Accession Number: 20-2009

GMD: graphic

Date Range: [19--]

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

History /

Biographical:

Kirkham's Bridge was built in 1906, to replace an earlier wooden bridge. The bridge was used until 1981, when it was purchased by the Town of Birtle and moved to a newsite. A former railway bridge was installed in its place.

Scope and Content:

Photograph shows Kirkham's Bridge, a steel truss bridge that spanned the Little Saskatchewan River in the Municipality of Riverdale.

Notes: Identification of the bridge provided by Ken Storie (2023). Additional information taken from the Manitoba Historical Society website.

Subject Access: bridges

Rivers

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

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## Medicine Hat Exhibition and Stampede - Parade Day 10

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14151>

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection

Creator: Photographer: Howard Heid, Medicine Hat News

Description Level: Item

Series Number: McG 9

Item Number: 1-2015.220  
Accession Number: 1-2015  
GMD: graphic  
Date Range: 1962  
Physical Description: 10" x 8" (b/w)

History /

Biographical:

The Medicine Hat Exhibition and Stampede Parade Day was held on Thursday, July 19, 1962, at 9:30 a.m. The local newspaper reported that approximately 24,000 people were in attendance to see parade marshal Rod Ashburner leading 175 entries consisting of 90 floats, 75 horses, and 10 bands. There were 19 parade categories eligible for \$12,000 in prize money and included: junior and senior cowboys and cowgirls; fancy and Shetland ponies; sulky class open; comic, commercial, industrial and organizational floats; decorated cars; special ranch class; 4-H Clubs; and a non-competitive class.

The parade route started at Second St. and Allowance Ave., from Second St. to Ash Ave., north on Ash to First St. SE., from First St. S.E. to Fourth Ave., south to Second St. to South Railway St., south on South Railway St. to Third St., with a finish at McLeod Trail. A route map was published in the Medicine Hat News the day before the parade.

Aerial photographs of the parade were taken by Medicine Hat News photographer Howard Heid (1930-2005) from the private helicopter of John Bourn. Bourn was a pilot from Woodville, Wisconsin, who chartered his four-seater helicopter for sight-seers at exhibitions and stampedes across the county.

(Sources: Pat Currie, "Let 'Er Go!," Medicine Hat News, 19 July 1962,1; Harald Gunderson, "'Eye in the Sky' Best Parade View," Medicine Hat News, 19 July 1962,1; "Parade Starts at 9:30 Sharp," 18 July 1962)

Scope and Content:

Photograph shows an aerial view of the Medicine Hat Exhibition and Stampede Parade route with a focus west of the railway allowance, showing First Street SE, Second Street SE, and Third Street SE.

Notes: This photograph shows the neighbourhood before rezoning and commercial development.

Name Access: Medicine Hat  
South Saskatchewan River

Subject Access: parades  
floats  
aerial photography  
aerial views  
street scenes  
gardens

Repro Restriction: Subject to Canadian Copyright Law

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

Arrangement:

BR #3 Family photos

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## 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

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### 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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## 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 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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### 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)
Related Material:	Lawrence Stuckey collection 1-2002.3.1C18

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