

# S. J. McKee Archives



## Spafford brothers 1909

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13734>

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection

Description Level: Item

Series Number: McG 9

Item Number: 20-2009.44

Accession Number: 20-2009

GMD: graphic

Date Range: 1909

Physical Description: 3.25" x 5.5" (b/w)

Material Details: postcard

History /

Biographical:

Harry Spafford (b. 22 Oct 1888, d. 10 May 1978) was born in Holmfield, Manitoba. He married Isabella Hawking of Ninga in 1914 and the couple moved to Brandon in 1915 where they continued to reside until 1973. Harry worked as a locomotive fireman and then as an engineer with the Canadian Northern Railway (CN). While with CN, he was an active member of the Brotherhood of Local Engineers and Firemen No. 788 of Brandon. He served as an alderman in Brandon from 1928 to 1945. In 1932, Harry ran in the Manitoba by-election for Brandon as an Independent Labour candidate and lost to the Conservative member George Dinsdale. In 1952, Harry ran as a Co-Operative Commonwealth Federation (CCF) member in the provincial election and lost to Conservative party representative Reg Lissaman. Harry Spafford passed away in Burnaby, BC, and is interred in the Ocean View Cemetery. (Source: see obituary in McG 4.1 File 66)

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Scope and Content:

Postcard is a studio portrait of the Spafford brothers. Alvie is seated, Harry is standing.

Notes: Writing on the front of the postcard reads: out of the past, Harry & Alvie Spafford, 1909 Winnipeg. The back of the postcard reads: Harry on left, Alvie on right, in our early, days, Railway.

Name Access: Harry Spafford

Alvie Spafford

Subject Access: portraits

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

## Images



## Spafford brothers hunting

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13763>

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection

Description Level: Item

Series Number: McG 9

Item Number: 20-2009.74

Accession Number: 20-2009

GMD: graphic

Date Range: 1960

Physical Description: 3.5" x 3.5" (b/w)

## History /

### Biographical:

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### Scope and Content:

Photograph shows Harry Spafford and Ernie Bailey posing with their geese after a successful hunt. The men are standing in a backyard; the geese are hanging from a clothes line.

Notes: Writing on the back of the photograph reads: A Kindersley goose shoot.  
Harry Spafford on left, Alvie Spafford not shown, Ernie Bailey on left [sic.],  
1960. Ernie was a CNR Engineer.

Name Access: Harry Spafford  
Alvie Spafford  
Alva Spafford

Subject Access: hunting  
duck hunting

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

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## Spafford brothers 1909-1910

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13758>

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection  
Description Level: Item  
Series Number: McG 9  
Item Number: 20-2009.69  
Accession Number: 20-2009  
GMD: graphic  
Date Range: 1909-1910  
Physical Description: 3.25" x 5.5" (b/w)  
Material Details: postcard

### History /

#### Biographical:

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#### Scope and Content:

Postcard is a studio portrait of the Spafford brothers. Harry is seated on the left, Alva ("Alvie") is standing with his right arm around his brother.

Notes: Writing on the front of the postcard reads: Harry on left, Harry & Alva Spafford, our early Railroad days in Winnipeg 1909 or 1910.

Name Access: Harry Spafford  
Alvie Spafford  
Alva Spafford

Subject Access: portraits

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

## Images



## Spafford brothers in cowboy costumes

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13759>

Part Of:	Fred McGuinness collection
Description Level:	Item
Series Number:	McG 9
Item Number:	20-2009.70
Accession Number:	20-2009
GMD:	graphic
Date Range:	[19--]
Physical Description:	3.25" x 5.5" (b/w)
Material Details:	postcard

## History /

### Biographical:

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### Scope and Content:

Postcard is a studio portrait of the Spafford brothers dressed as cowboys in chaps, bandanas, and hats. Harry is standing on the left and is reaching for a bottle resting on a stool. Alvie is standing on the right and is pointing a pistol at his brother. Behind the brothers is the back of train car that reads "leaving Winnipeg."

Notes:	Writing on the front of the postcard reads: Early railroad day in wpg, Harry on left, Alvie on right.
Name Access:	Harry Spafford Alvie Spafford Alva Spafford
Subject Access:	portraits cowboys costumes
Storage Location:	RG 5 photograph storage drawer 2 (hanging photos)

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## Spafford brothers hunting trip

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13761>

Part Of:	Fred McGuinness collection
Description Level:	Item
Series Number:	McG 9
Item Number:	20-2009.72
Accession Number:	20-2009
GMD:	graphic
Date Range:	1968
Physical Description:	3.5" x 3.5" (b/w)

## History /

### Biographical:

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### Scope and Content:

Photograph shows the Spafford brothers posing with their mallard ducks after a successful hunt. The brothers are standing next to a residential garage with the ducks strung between them. Their guns are leaning against the garage.

Notes:	Writing on the back of the photograph reads: Alvie & Harry 19 Mallard ducks near Whitewater Lake, October 1968, 1 short of our limit of 20, Harry on right.
Name Access:	Harry Spafford Alvie Spafford Alva Spafford
Subject Access:	hunting duck hunting
Storage Location:	RG 5 photograph storage drawer 2 (hanging photos)

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## Spafford brothers at Oak Lake 1917

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13762>

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection

Description Level: Item

Series Number: McG 9

Item Number: 20-2009.73

Accession Number: 20-2009

GMD: graphic

Date Range: 1917

Physical Description: 4.5" x 2.75" (b/w)

History /

Biographical:

Harry Spafford (b. 22 Oct 1888, d. 10 May 1978) was born in Holmfild, Manitoba. He married Isabella Hawking of Ninga in 1914 and the couple moved to Brandon in 1915 where they continued to reside until 1973. Harry worked as a locomotive fireman and then as an engineer with the Canadian Northern Railway (CN). While with CN, he was an active member of the Brotherhood of Local Engineers and Firemen No. 788 of Brandon. He served as an alderman in Brandon from 1928 to 1945. In 1932, Harry ran in the Manitoba by-election for Brandon as an Independent Labour candidate and lost to the Conservative member George Dinsdale. In 1952, Harry ran as a Co-Operative Commonwealth Federation (CCF) member in the provincial election and lost to Conservative party representative Reg Lissaman. Harry Spafford passed away in Burnaby, BC, and is interred in the Ocean View Cemetery. (Source: see obituary in McG 4.1 File 66)

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Scope and Content:

Photograph shows the Spafford brothers posing with their geese after a successful hunt. The brothers are standing in front of a canvas tent with the birds strung between the tent poles.

Notes: Writing on the back of the photograph reads: Oak Lake 1917, lots of geese and ducks, Harry on right, Alvie on the left.

Name Access: Harry Spafford

Alvie Spafford

Alva Spafford

Oak Lake

Subject Access: hunting

duck hunting

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

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## O-Pee-Chee Chewing Gum truck

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13785>

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection  
 Creator: Photographer: Davidson and Gowen, Brandon  
 Description Level: Item  
 Series Number: McG 9  
 Item Number: 20-2009.96  
 Accession Number: 20-2009  
 GMD: graphic  
 Date Range: 1913  
 Physical Description: 9.5" x 7.5" (b/w)

### 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 (Brandon Sun 14 September 1978).

### Scope and Content:

Photograph shows a truck advertising O-Pee-Chee Chewing Gum parked in front of Brandon College's Clark Hall. The truck has been identified in the Stuckey collection as a Ford "Model T" delivery wagon. Its windshield is covered with a large advertisement that says, "Equipped with Dunlop Traction Tread Tires." Its license plate reads 1913 #2945. The truck is facing south on 18th Street. A middle-aged man is standing in front of the wagon; a box of gum rests on the truck's right fender. The driver, sporting a gadsby cap and tie, is propping up a box of gum on the driver's side door. Three young men, wearing suits, ties, and gadsby caps, are standing behind the wagon while holding open boxes of chewing gum.

Notes: Writing on the back of the photograph reads: Mrs. R. Miles. The photograph is stamped Davidson & Gowen, Photographers, Brandon, Man.

Name Access: Brandon College  
 O-Pee-Chee Chewing Gum  
 Davidson & Gowen Photographers  
 18th Street

Subject Access: universities  
 colleges  
 advertising  
 Trucks  
 Transportation  
 delivery services

Storage Location: RG 5 photograph storage drawer 2 (hanging photos)  
Related Material: Lawrence Stuckey collection 1-2002.3.1L7  
Ruby Miles collection 14-2003, File 2

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### Gilmore Advertising Company wagon

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13787>

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection  
Creator: Photographer: Davidson and Gowen, Brandon  
Description Level: Item  
Series Number: McG 9  
Item Number: 20-2009.98  
Accession Number: 20-2009  
GMD: graphic  
Date Range: 1913  
Physical Description: 9.5" x 7.25" (b/w)

#### 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 (Brandon Sun 14 September 1978).

#### Scope and Content:

Photograph shows a wagon displaying advertisements for Taylor's Infants-Delight Toilet Soap and Dyson's Red Cross Baking Powder. The Gilmore Advertising Company appears to be responsible for the advertising and the wagon is numbered "No.3". The horsedrawn wagon is facing north on 18th Street and is parked in front of Brandon College's Original Building. An elderly man is seated at the reigns of the wagon and another man is seated at the rear. Standing to the left of the wagon is a man holding a can of Dyson's baking powder. Standing to the right of the wagon is a young man holding a cardboard ad of an infant holding a bar of soap in a wash basin.

Notes: Writing on the back of the photograph reads: Mrs. R. Miles. Cover shot. The photograph is stamped Davidson & Gowen, Photographers, Brandon, Man. Note: The two men standing in the photograph appear to be in another photograph where they are advertising O-Pee-Chee gum (see 20-2009.96).

Name Access:           Brandon College  
                              Davidson & Gowen Photographers  
                              18th Street  
                              Gilmore Advertising Company  
                              Taylor's Infants-Delight Toilet Soap  
                              Dyson's Red Cross Baking Powder

Subject Access:       universities  
                              colleges  
                              advertising  
                              Trucks  
                              Transportation  
                              delivery services  
                              wagons

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

Related Material:     Lawrence Stuckey collection 1-2002.3.1L5  
                              Ruby Miles collection 14-2003, File 2

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