

# S. J. McKee Archives



## Graduating class Wheat City Business College

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13792>

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection

Description Level: Item

Series Number: McG 9

Item Number: 20-2009.101

Accession Number: 20-2009

GMD: graphic

Date Range: 1909

Physical Description: 9.75" x 3.5" (b/w)

Material Details: On matting

### 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 allegedly shows the Wheat City Business College graduating class standing outside a woodframed building in the winter. Affixed to the building are posters/advertisements that read: Happyland, Monday July 30 [1906?]. A banner spelling Happyland in large block letters hangs above the building's door that is numbered 209. Surrounding the banner are the red ensign/Dominion of Canada flags.

The students are wearing long wintercoats with fur collars, some are wearing fur hats. The men appear to have ribbons pinned to their lapels. On the left of the photograph, a group of three female students are sitting in a horse-drawn sleigh and have fur robes on their laps. On the right, a number of students are standing on a horse-drawn sled. Two individuals can be seen holding megaphones, another student is holding a basketball.

Notes: Writing on the back of the photograph reads: 1909, Tenth Street and Princess. Two yellow labels are affixed to the back of the photograph. one reads: graduating class, Wheat City Business College. The other reads Mrs. K.L. McGregor, 157-4th St.

Name Access: Wheat City Business College

Subject Access: winter

horses

Transportation

class portraits

Storage Location: McGuinness oversize storage drawer (1-2015)

Related Material: Ruby Miles collection 14-2003

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## City of Brandon's parade float, 1927, Canada's Diamond anniversary

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13741>

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection

Description Level: Item

Series Number: McG 9

Item Number: 20-2009.52

Accession Number: 20-2009

GMD: graphic

Date Range: 1927

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

### Scope and Content:

Photograph shows the City of Brandon parade float pulled by two clydesdale horses. The parade is in honour of the diamond anniversary of Canada's Confederation. The float is decorated with wheat sheaves, the city's coat of arms, and the words "education" and "health" adorn a pergola or arbour in the centre of the float. Seven people are on the float and appear to be in costume. An Aboriginal man is dressed in full regalia, one man appears to be in academic robes, another dressed as a farmer. One woman appears to be dressed like a nurse while another may be wearing a pioneer costume.

Notes: Writing on the back of the photograph reads: Brandon City's foat in 1927, Celebrating 60 years of Confederation, The lady in white is Miss Ann Carnahan who was on the city staff for a number of years and now resides in Victoria. She is my husbands [sic.] sister.

Subject Access: **parades**  
**Transportation**  
**parade floats**  
**horses**  
**Confederation**  
**anniversaries**  
**Diamond anniversary**

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

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## Tenth Street looking towards CPR Station, Brandon, Man.

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13780>



Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection

Description Level: Item

Series Number: McG 9

Item Number: 20-2009.91

Accession Number: 20-2009

GMD: graphic

Date Range: [1917-1919]

Physical Description: 5.5" x 3.5" (colour)

Material Details: postcard

History /

Biographical:

According to Russ Gourluck (Silver Screens on the Prairie, Winnipeg: Great Plains Publications, 2012, 26), the Orpheum Theatre was in operation from 1917 to 1920 when it then became the Willis Theatre.

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: Postcard was manufactured by T.B. [Tichnor Brothers, Inc., 1908-1987] Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Name Access: 10th Street  
CPR Station  
Orpheum Theatre  
Rex Cafe  
Campbell & Campbell  
Brandon Municipal Railway

Subject Access: street scenes  
building exteriors  
store exteriors  
automobiles  
Transportation  
street cars  
bicycles

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

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## George and Mary Porterfield

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14008>

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection

Description Level: Item

Series Number: McG 9

Item Number: 1-2015.78

Accession Number: 1-2015

GMD: graphic

Date Range: [1920s]

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

Custodial History:

Photograph given to Fred McGuinness by Helen Turner

Scope and Content:

Photograph shows a man - George Porterfield - and woman - Mary Porterfield - posing with a vehicle on a farm property.

Notes: Writing on the back of the photograph reads: Taken in the Summer at one of the neighbour homes George & myself. Note attached to the back of the photograph reads: George & Mary got married on June 6th 1923 and lived on the farm. This is their first car.

Name Access: George Porterfield

Subject Access: Transportation

automobiles

motor cars

farms

rural life

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

Arrangement:

McG 1.2 file 20

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## Manitoba Hardware and Lumber Company, Hamiota

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13908>

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection

Description Level: Item

Series Number: McG 9

Item Number: 20-2009.218

Accession Number: 20-2009

GMD: graphic

Date Range: 1900s

Physical Description: 7" x 5" (b/w)

Material Details: reproduction

### Custodial History:

Given to Fred McGuinness by George Creighton, 1980?

### Scope and Content:

Photograph shows two men seated in a sleigh pulled by two oxen. Behind the men is a wooden building with a M.H. & L Co. Ltd. sign on its side.

Notes: Writing on the front of the photograph reads: 7.3.80. file family letters. picture of dad's store at Hamiota. M.H. & L. > Manitoba Hardware & Lumber Co. George Creighton gave me this. McG.

Name Access: Manitoba Hardware and Lumber Company

Hamiota, Manitoba

Subject Access: hardware stores

lumber manufacturing

winter

Transportation

early transportation

Rural Manitoba

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

### Arrangement:

From 20-2009 #4 plastic envelope #2

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## Christmas Tree Farm negative set 2, frames 1A to 8A

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14181>

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection

Description Level: Item

Series Number: McG 9

Item Number: 1-2015.250

Accession Number: 1-2015

GMD: graphic

Date Range: [1980s-1990s]

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 8 negatives showing a delivery of saplings to the McGuinness property, Christmas Tree Farm, Section 17

Name Access: Christmas Tree Farm  
Section 17  
Brandon Building Movers Ltd

Subject Access: residences  
farms  
trees  
Transportation

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

Arrangement:

RR #8 photos