

# S. J. McKee Archives



## Billy Muir's car c.1910

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13754>

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection

Description Level: Item

Series Number: McG 9

Item Number: 20-2009.65

Accession Number: 20-2009

GMD: graphic

Date Range: c.1910

Physical Description: 5.5" x 3.5" (b/w)

Material Details: postcard

History /

Biographical:

William "Billy" Muir came to Brandon in 1881 where he worked at the Coombs & Stewart general store. He became the proprietor of Brandon's first grocery store located on 138-6th Street. The building was demolished in 1952 (see Brandon Daily Sun 04 September 1952). According to correspondence in the McGuinness collection (see McG 1.2 File 22), Dr. Matheson brought the first car to Brandon, which he later sold to Muir. A note in McGuinness' papers (see McG 1.2 File 53) identifies the first motor car as a Hupmobile, which was purported to have arrived in Brandon in 1905. The Hupp Motor Car Company, however, is reported to have manufactured Hupmobiles between 1909 and 1940. Mrs. (Jessie) R.M. Coombs was Allena Strath's (nee Coombs) mother.

Custodial History:

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

Scope and Content:

Postcard shows a woman, identified as Mrs. (Jessie) Robert M. Coombs, seated behind the wheel of a motor car.

Notes: Back of postcard reads: Mother Mrs. R. [Robert] M. Coombs in Billy Muir's car, Brandon around 1908

Name Access: Billy Muir

William Muir

Mrs. Robert M. Coombs

Jessie Coombs

Wm. Muir General Grocer

Subject Access: Transportation

cars

automobiles

motor cars

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

## Images





## F. Barker's automobile

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13840>

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection

Description Level: Item

Series Number: McG 9

Item Number: 20-2009.151

Accession Number: 20-2009

GMD: graphic

Date Range: 1924

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 sedan parked along a residential street. Two two-storey homes with verandas and balconies are visible in the background.

Notes: Writing on back of photograph reads: F. Barker 307-14th Street, Brandon, 1924

Name Access: F. Barker

14th Street

Subject Access: automobiles

cars

motor cars

residential streets

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

Arrangement:

From 2009 loose photos, from File 13

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## W.A. Elliott and early auto in front of the Prince Edward Hotel

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13788>

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection

Creator: Photographer: Brandon Sun



Description Level: Item  
Series Number: McG 9  
Item Number: 20-2009.99  
Accession Number: 20-2009  
GMD: graphic  
Date Range: 1912  
Physical Description: 9.5" x 7.75" (b/w)  
Physical Condition: Photograph exfoliated on edges where masking tape has been removed.

History /

Biographical:

In 1912, the Brandon Daily Sun (30 September 1912) published an article about the 7th Annual Meeting of the Manitoba Association of Architects that was held at the Prince Edward Hotel on September 28. It was the first time that the association held an annual meeting outside of Winnipeg. Local architect W.A. Elliott was elected first vice president of the association. As part of the meeting's entertainment, the Brandon Automobile Club provided excursions around the city, making special stops at the fair grounds, industrial school, new asylum buildings, and the experimental farm.

Scope and Content:

Photograph shows a group of gentlemen wearing overcoats and hats posing with a motor car parked in front of the Prince Edward Hotel. A Brandon pennant is attached to the windshield of the vehicle. The large man standing second from the right wearing a light top hat and coat is architect W.A. Elliott.

Notes: Writing on the back of the photograph reads: Return to Brandon Sun, F.V. Haney and T.W. Willey, September 14, 1912.

Name Access: W.A. Elliott  
Prince Edward Hotel

Subject Access: Transportation  
automobiles  
motor cars  
architects  
hotels

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

Related Material: Lawrence Stuckey collection 1-2002.3.1L5

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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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