

# S. J. McKee Archives



# Mrs. McVicar, Brandon's first postmistress

http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13733

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection

Description Level: Item

Series Number: McG 9

Item Number: 20-2009.43

Accession Number: 20-2009

GMD: graphic

Date Range: [1920-1930s]
Physical Description: 3" x 4.75" (b/w)

History / Biographical:

Mrs. McVicar was Brandon's/Grand Valley's first postmistress. Biographical details about Mrs. McVicar can be found in a newspaper clipping [F.A. ROSSER, "Sunbeams – The Birds Dived Down Like Fighters on Gopher," Brandon Sun, September 16, 1978, 3] in McG 4.1 File 67.

Custodial History:

Photograph was brought to Fred McGuinness by Owen Anderson of Cypress River, Manitoba.

Scope and Content:

Photograph is a portrait of Mrs. McVicar sitting outside of her home in Texas.

Notes: Writing on the back of the photograph consists of greetings and

salutations to the unknown recipients. Photograph "finished by

Edrington's Studio, Weslaco, Texas."

Name Access: Mrs. McVicar

Subject Access: portraits

postmasters
postmistresses
post offices
Pioneers

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

**Images** 





# 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 lsabella 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)

Alva/Alvery/"Alvie" Reddell/Riddell/Ridall Spafford (b. 15 Mar 1891, d. 23 Aug 1985) was born in Enterprise, Manitoba, in the R.M. of Turtle Mountain. In 1911, he married Francis Ethel Harrison (d. 1979) in Killarney and had three children. Alvie farmed in Bannerman from 1902 to 1936, after which he moved to Boissevain to work as a Rawleigh salesman. In 1942, the family moved to Brandon where Alvie worked as a conductor with the CNR until his retirement. Alva Spafford passed away at the age of 94 at the Brandon General Hospital. His funeral was held in Killarney, Manitoba. (Source: Obituary, Brandon Sun, 23 Aug 1985)

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 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:20-2009.70Accession Number:20-2009GMD:graphicDate 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)

**Images** 





# Spafford family 1912

http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13760

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection

Description Level: Item
Series Number: McG 9
Item Number: 20-2009.71
Accession Number: 20-2009
GMD: graphic

Date Range: 1912

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

Material Details: postcard

Physical Condition: Postcard is stained and ripped in the right hand corner. A label is taped

to the front of the postcard. The postcard has been issued.

History / Biographical:

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Scope and Content:

Postcard is a group photograph of some of the members of the Spafford family standing on the front steps of a residence. The four women and four men are dressed in heavy coats and iackets.

Notes: Writing on the front of the postcard reads: Harry Spafford on left, Alvie

Spafford in centre, Alf Spafford on extreme right, about 1910; The back of the postcard is addressed to Mrs. Alva (Francis) Spafford of Bannerman, Manitoba. Alvie Spafford has written at brief note to his wife, Francis. The postmark reads November 23, 1912, Winnipeg, Manitoba. The names Aunt Ida, -- --, Uncle Harry, Alf, and Alva are written in pen at the top of the

postcard.

Name Access: Harry Spafford

Alvie Spafford
Alva Spafford
Alfred Spafford

Subject Access: portraits

cowboys costumes

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

**Images** 





## Portrait of two women in winter dress c.1910

http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13790

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection

Description Level: Item
Series Number: McG 9
Item Number: 20-2009.25
Accession Number: 20-2009
GMD: graphic

Date Range: 1910

Physical Description: 3" x 4.75" (b/w)

Material Details: postcard

Physical Condition: Postcard is ripped and worn.

Scope and Content:

Postcard is a studio portait of two women dressed for winter. The woman on the left is standing and is wearing a long winter coat, a while fur stole muffler. The woman on the right is seated in a wicker chair. She is wearing a three-quarter length winter coat with a black fur collar and trim and muffler.

Notes: Back of postcard reads: Harry Finnegan Nov. 16 1910, Zella Russel...,

Nov. 27 19...

Subject Access: portraits

winter women

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

#### **Images**





### Flora Cowan

### http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13861

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection

Description Level: Item
Series Number: McG 9

 Item Number:
 20-2009.172

 Accession Number:
 20-2009

 GMD:
 graphic

 Date Range:
 [19--]

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

Material Details: reproduction

History / Biographical:

Mrs. Flora Cowan (1902-1986) was born on July 15, 1902 in Edinburgh, Scotland. She was the daughter of Adam and Helen Cruickshank and immigrated to Brandon with her parents in 1927. She married E.C. Cowan, and they had two children, Franklin and Ruth. From 1953 until Brandon College became Brandon University, she served as the Dean of Women. In 1966 she received the Good Citizenship Award of the Golden Boys of Manitoba. She was a member of the I.O.D.E. and a life-member of the International Peace Garden, and the Provincial Council of Women. From 1954 to 1970 Mrs. Cowan served as a member of the Brandon City Council and was the first woman to be appointed acting mayor. She was also the Chairman of the Board for Fairview Home, Inc. In 1967, Mrs. Cowan received the Trillium Business and Professional Club Woman of the Year Award. She was also a member of several other community committees. The women's residence at Brandon University, Flora Cowan, is named in her honour. In December 1980, Mrs. Cowan finally retired from her many positions. She died in Brandon on September 25, 1986 at the age of 84.

Scope and Content:

Photograph is a portrait of Flora Cowan

Name Access: Flora Cowan
Subject Access: portraits

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

Related Material: Trillium Business and Professional Women's Club records

Arrangement:

From 2009 loose photos, from File 13

#### **Images**





# Fred McGuinness childhood triptych

http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13886

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection

Description Level: Item
Series Number: McG 9

Item Number:20-2009.196Accession Number:20-2009GMD:graphicDate Range:1930s

Physical Description: 8" x 5" (colour)

Material Details: mixed media

Scope and Content:

Triptych shows three separate photographs of Fred McGuinness as a young boy. One photograph shows Fred standing in the snow wearing miniature buckskins and feather headdress another shows Fred in the same costume on the family's front porch. The third picture shows Fred in a quarter-length peacoat and winter cap with flaps standing on the front porch of the family home.

Notes: Photographs are colourized b/w photographs.

Name Access: Fred McGuinness

Subject Access: winter

portraits

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

Arrangement:

From 20-2009 #4 plastic envelope #1

#### **Images**





# Fred McGuinness with Neighborly News

http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13888

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection
Creator: Photographer: Sandy Black

Description Level: Item
Series Number: McG 9

Item Number: 20-2009.198 Accession Number: 20-2009

GMD: graphic Date Range: 1990s

Physical Description: 4" x 6" (b/w)

Material Details: Printed from colour negative

Scope and Content:

Photograph shows Fred McGuinness sitting at a table in the John E. Robbins Library. Spread before him are a variety of weeklies containing his Neighborly News column.

Name Access: Fred McGuinness

Subject Access: portraits

newspapers

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

Arrangement:

From 20-2009 #4 plastic envelope #1

#### **Images**





# Fred McGuinness 1970s headshot

http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13889

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection

Description Level: Item
Series Number: McG 9

Item Number:20-2009.199Accession Number:20-2009GMD:graphicDate Range:1970s

Physical Description: 4.5" x 7.25" (b/w)

Scope and Content:

Photograph is a Fred McGuinness headshot

Name Access: Fred McGuinness

Subject Access: portraits

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

Arrangement:

From 20-2009 #4 plastic envelope #1

### **Images**





### Fred McGuinness and the Canadian Centennial Commission

http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13890

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection

Description Level: Item
Series Number: McG 9

Item Number:20-2009.200Accession Number:20-2009GMD:graphicDate Range:1965

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

Scope and Content:

Photograph shows Fred McGuinness standing with Newfoundland Premier Joey Smallwood (centre) and the Centennial Commissioner John Fisher (right). The men are standing before an architectural model.

Notes: Writing on the back of the photograph reads: On tour of Newfoundland as

member, board of directors Canadian Centennial Commission, McG, Premier Smallwood, & John Fisher, Centennial Commissioner, 1965

Name Access: Fred McGuinness

Canadian Centennial Commission

Joey Smallwood John Fisher

Subject Access: portraits

anniversaries centennials

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

Arrangement:

From 20-2009 #4 plastic envelope #1

### **Images**





### Fred McGuinness headshot

### http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13893

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection
Creator: Photographer: Sandy Black

Description Level: Item

Series Number: McG 9

Item Number:20-2009.204Accession Number:20-2009GMD:graphicDate Range:1980s

Physical Description: 5" x 3.5" (b/w)

Physical Condition: Photograph is stamped stamped on back

Scope and Content:

Photograph shows Fred McGuinness standing in the stacks at Brandon University's John E.

Robbins Library

Notes: Writing on back of photograph reads: Photography by Sandy Black

Name Access: Fred McGuinness

Subject Access: portraits

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

Arrangement:

From 20-2009 #4 plastic envelope #1

#### **Images**





### Fred McGuinness headshot

### http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13894

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection

Description Level: Item
Series Number: McG 9

Item Number:20-2009.204Accession Number:20-2009GMD:graphicDate Range:1952

Physical Description: 2.25" x 3.25" (b/w)

Scope and Content:

Photograph is a headshot of Fred McGuinness. Image was taken for the Saskatchewan Golden Jubilee Committee.

Notes: Writing on back of photograph reads: Reporting for Duty, Executive

Director, Saskatchewan Golden Jubilee Committee, 1952

Name Access: Fred McGuinness

Saskatchewan Golden Jubilee

Subject Access: portraits

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

Arrangement:

From 20-2009 #4 plastic envelope #1

### **Images**





## Fred McGuinness with Queen Elizabeth II

http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13899

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection
Creator: Photographer: Towne Studios

Description Level: Item

Series Number: McG 9

Item Number:20-2009.210Accession Number:20-2009GMD:graphicDate Range:1984

Physical Description: 3" x 4" (colour)

Scope and Content:

Photograph shows a group of individuals posing with Queen Elizabeth II. Fred McGuinness is standing behind the Queen.

Notes: Behind the photograph is a letter dated 15 November 1984 to Fred

McGuinness, Brandon, Manitoba, from Michael B. Decter, Clerk of the Executive Council, Cabinet Secretary, re: Her Majesty's Visit to Manitoba

Name Access: Fred McGuinness

Queen Elizabeth II

Subject Access: portraits

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

Arrangement:

From 20-2009 #4 plastic envelope #1

#### **Images**





### Pencil sketch of Fred McGuinness

http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13900

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection

Creator: Artist: Dacquiso

Description Level: Item
Series Number: McG 9

Item Number:20-2009.211Accession Number:20-2009GMD:graphicDate Range:1990s

Physical Description: 8.5" x 9.5" (b/w)

Scope and Content:

Scan is a pencil sketch of Fred McGuinness

Name Access: Fred McGuinness

Subject Access: portraits

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

Arrangement:

From 20-2009 #4 plastic envelope #1

### **Images**





# Fred McGuinness headshot for MFBA

http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13901

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection

Description Level: Item
Series Number: McG 9

Item Number:20-2009.212Accession Number:20-2009GMD:graphicDate Range:1990s

Physical Description: 3" x 4" (b/w)

Scope and Content:

Photograph is a portrait of Fred McGuinness. Fred's left arm is resting on a table on which a notepad and pen rest.

Name Access: Fred McGuinness

Subject Access: portraits

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

Arrangement:

From 20-2009 #4 plastic envelope #1

### **Images**





### Fred McGuinness radio headshot

http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13902

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection

Description Level: Item
Series Number: McG 9

Item Number: 20-2009.201
Accession Number: 20-2009
GMD: graphic
Date Range: 1978

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

Scope and Content:

Photograph shows a portrait of Fred McGuinness in a radio booth. Before him is a microphone on which there is a CBC logo.

Name Access: Fred McGuinness

Subject Access: portraits

Radio

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

Arrangement:

From 20-2009 #4 plastic envelope #1

### **Images**





# Fred McGuinness in navy uniform with mother

http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13903

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection

Description Level: Item
Series Number: McG 9

Item Number:20-2009.213Accession Number:20-2009GMD:graphicDate Range:1940s

Physical Description: 2.5" x 3.5" (b/w)

Scope and Content:

Photograph is a portrait of Fred McGuinness in his Canadian navy uniform posing in front of his family home with his mother, Isabella.

Name Access: Fred McGuinness

Isabella Louisa Pope

Isabella Louisa McGuinness

Royal Canadian Navy

Subject Access: portraits

uniforms

World War II

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

Arrangement:

From 20-2009 #4 plastic envelope #2

#### **Images**





### Mr. James Darroch

http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13906

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection

Description Level: Item
Series Number: McG 9

Item Number:20-2009.216Accession Number:20-2009GMD:graphicDate Range:c.1900

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

Material Details: on matting

Custodial History:

Photograph sent to Fred McGuinness from Mrs. D. Lee Irvine of Estevan, Saskatchewan.

Scope and Content:

Photograph shows James Darroch seated in a wicker chair, posing for a formal studio portrait.

Notes: Writing on the back of the photograph reads: Mr. Darroch. 190?

Name Access: James Darroch

Subject Access: portraits

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

Arrangement:

From 20-2009 #4 plastic envelope #2

### **Images**





## Homestead of James Darroch in 1883

http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13907

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection

Description Level: Item
Series Number: McG 9

Item Number:20-2009.217Accession Number:20-2009GMD:graphicDate Range:c.1883

Physical Description: 5.25" x 4.5" (b/w)

Material Details: reproduction

Custodial History:

Photograph sent to Fred McGuinness from Mrs. D. Lee Irvine of Estevan, Saskatchewan.

Scope and Content:

Photograph shows James Darroch seated in front of a sod home near Sherwood, North Dakota.

Notes: Writing on the front of the photograph reads: Home of James Darroch in

1883. (Seven Miles From Sherwood N. Dak.)

Name Access: James Darroch

Subject Access: portraits

Pioneers

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

Arrangement:

From 20-2009 #4 plastic envelope #2

#### **Images**

