

# S. J. McKee Archives



### Martin Johns fonds

http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions5087

Part Of: RG 1 Brandon College fonds

Description Level: Sub-series
Series Number: MG 1 1.11

Accession Number: 17-2007, 8-2009

GMD: multiple media

Date Range: 1939-1944

Physical Description: 0.5 cm textual records

21 b/w photographs

History / Biographical:

Martin Wesley Johns was born to missionary parents Alfred and Myrtle Johns in Chengtu, West China on March 23, 1913. The family returned to Canada in 1925. Johns attended high schools in Tacoma, Washington; Vancouver, BC; Brandon, Manitoba; and Exeter, Ontario. He studied at Brandon College from 1928-1931 before obtaining his B.A. (1932) and M.A. (1934) from McMaster University and his Ph.D. From the University of Toronto (1938). From 1937-1946, he taught physics at Brandon College. In 1972, Brandon University awarded him an honorary Doctor of Science degree.

Johns served in the Canadian Officers Training Corps (C.O.T.C.) in 1940-1941 doing research concerned with neutron physics at Chalk River. In 1947, he joined the Physics Department at McMaster University, where he remained for the remainder of his career.

Johns married Margaret Mary Hilborn on July 15, 1939. Together they have four children: Robert, Elizabeth, Kenneth and Kathryn. Following Margaret's death c. 1979, Johns was married to Elsie North for twenty years. At the age of 90, Johns fell in love with his sweetheart Marian Thompson.

Martin Wesley Johns died on September 18, 2008 at McMaster Hospital.

Custodial History:

The notebooks in accession 17-2007 were in the possession of Wesley Wong, former member of the Physics Department at Brandon College, who mailed them to Martin Johns in 2002. Wong suggested Johns donate them to the McKee Archives, which he did on January 28, 2004. The photographs in accession 8-2009 were sent to Carla Eisler, Alumni Relations Officer, Brandon University by Ken Johns (Martin Johns' son) following Martin's death. Eisler transfered them to the Archives in February 2009.

Scope and Content:

Accession 17-2007 contains two lab record notebooks used by Martin Johns while he was a member of Brandon College's Department of Physics. The notebooks record class lists, grades, absences, and seating charts for courses Johns taught, as well as regulations for lab reports and major assignments.

Accession 8-2009 contains twenty-one black and white photographs dealing with Brandon College students, faculty and buildings. There a a few photographs of Brandon, as well as one of the Queen Mother from her visit to Brandon in 1939.

Notes: History/Bio information taken from the Martin W. Johns bio file in the

Archives reading room.

Subject Access: Brandon College

faculty

freshman initiation

freshies

Assiniboine bridge student elections Second World War

C.O.T.C.

classroom activities

Storage Location: MG 1 Brandon College Teaching and Administration

1.11 Martin Johns

Photographs: MG photograph storage drawer



## Clare Coburn collection

http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions10229

Part Of: RG 1 Brandon College fonds

Description Level: Sub-series

Series Number: MG 2 2.35

Accession Number: 6-2010, 5-2014

GMD: multiple media

Date Range: c. 1953-1958

Physical Description: 1.5 cm

1 scrapbook

8 b/w photographs

Physical Condition: Script/music/lyrics: pages are somewhat foxed and dog-earred.

Scrapbook: some items are fragile, torn or creased. Many items are

loose within the pages of the scrapbook. Photographs: good.

History / Biographical:

Clare Wallace Coburn was born in Winnipeg, MB on January 4, 1937. He attended Brandon College from 1954 to 1959, graduating with a science degree with the Class of 1959. During his years at Brandon College Coburn served as co-convenor of Freshie Week and the Freshie Parade, Manager of the Board of Publications, Class President, and Secretary of the Finance Board.

For the first three years after leaving the College he worked as a chartered accountant. Coburn then went into business with his father and brother manufacturing the Atom-Jet Humidifier; over time the focus of the company shifted to seeding and fertilizing equipment and seeding activity.

Clare Coburn married Dilys Pearce, with whom he had three children. Following his divorce from Pearce, Coburn married Darlene Wallin. Clare Coburn died on October 30, 2013 in Brandon, MB.

#### Custodial History:

Clare Coburn found the materials in accession 6-2010 a storage area in the basement of Clark Hall in 1957. There was some thought of re-staging the production so he took the script. In 2009 he re-discovered the script in a trunk in his house. Coburn gave the materials to Carla Eisler in Alumni Relations in July 2009. Eisler transferred them to the Archives on July 28, 2009.

Accession 5-2014 was donated to the McKee Archives on November 2, 2010.

Scope and Content:

Accession 6-2010 consists of a copy of the script, music and lyrics for Mr. College Spirit.

Accession 5-2014 consists of a scapbook made by Coburn to document his years at Brandon College. Scrapbooks includes: freshie week (1954), athletic (Hockey team 1954-1955, Cheerleaders 1954-1955) and graduation (1956 class portrait in the Prince Edward Hotel; 1956 graduates portrait; 1958 class portrait in the Prince Edward Hotel; 1958 graduates portait; 1958 Senior Stick Jack Jubenvill and Lady Stick Elaine Fraser at graduation banquet; 1958 Shirley Young and Clare Coburn at graduation banquet; 1958 faculty group portrait at graduation banquet) photographs; various programmes (Homecoming football game - Notre Dame Hounds vs. Brandon College Caps; 1955-1957 Annual Commencement; 1956-1959 Graduating Banquet; 1957 and 1959 Brandon College Teacher Training Course Graduating Banquet; 1956 Brandon College Graduation Exercises Normal School Teacher Training Course; Brandon College Literary Board - "Time Out for Ginger" (1955), "Life with Mother" (1956); dance cards (1957 and 1958 Graduating Banquet, 1957 Teacher Training Graduating Banquet); tickets (1957 and 1958 Graduation Banquet; 1957 Teacher Training Course Banquet; 1957 Valentine Valse at the Agricultural School); 1956-1957 Student Handbook; 1955-1956 student election ephemera; the original Class of 1958 yell composed by Dick Tingley and Keith Haskins; examination timetables (1955, 1956); "The Feather" newsletter (february 1959; 1955-1956 Color Night shield decoration; Coburn's 1954-1955 Athletic Board pass; Coburn's 1955-1956 class timetable; a sheet of Brandon College cheers; a copy of the Graduation Hymn (George Willis); a sheet of Brandon 75th Anniversary stationary; newspaper clipping re Graduation Banquet (1957); a letter to students written by Coburn as Manager of the Board of Publications re purchasing the annual yearbook (from 1957); three copies of the 1956 Sickle.

Notes: History/Bio information provided by Clare Coburn via the Alumni Office

and his obituary. Description by Christy Henry.

Name Access: Mr. College Spirit

Clare Coburn George Willis

Storage Location: Textual records: 6-2010

Photographs: RG 5 photograph storage drawer (5-2014)



## Olive Wilkins collection

## http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions4305

Part Of: RG 1 Brandon College fonds

Description Level: Sub-series
Series Number: MG 1 1.3
Accession Number: 2-2016

GMD: multiple media
Date Range: 1912-1925

Physical Description: 6 cm textual records

photographs

History / Biographical:

A biography of Olive Agnes Cross Wilkins can be found under the RG 1 Brandon College fonds, BC 9 Clark Hall women's residence.

Custodial History:

Records were accessioned by the McKee Archives in 1998. Prior custodial history is unknown.

Scope and Content:

Collection consists of records collected by Olive Wilkins during her tenure at Brandon College. The ephemra in the collection includes: play programmes; recital programmes; two photo postcards; invitations; dance cards; place cards; and a necklace. Collection also contains the Treasurer's Book for the Patriotic Committee (Clark Hall Literary Society 1917-1918) and departmental reports for Clark Hall, the Resident Master, the Music, Business, Academic, and Commercial departments.

Name Access: Olive Wilkins

Thomas Wilkins
T. Russell Wilkins
Patriotic Fund

Clark Hall Literary Society Memorial Gymnasium

Spanish flu

Subject Access: recitals

plays

department heads

dance cards

Finding Aid: Item level inventory available

Storage Location: 2015 accessions



## Stanley Knowles collection

### http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions4395

Part Of: RG 6 Brandon University fonds

Description Level: Sub-series

Series Number: 1.1

Accession Number: 61-1997

GMD: multiple media

Date Range: ca. 1954 - ca. 1997

Physical Description: 30 photographs -- 25 at 3.5" x 8" (color and b/w); 5 at 8" x 10" (b/w); 3

magnets; 1 plaque (8 x 3 cm)

History / Biographical:

See RG 6, series 1 (Office of the Chancellor) for biographical information on Stanley Knowles.

Custodial History:

This collection was accessioned by the McKee Archives in 1997. Prior custodial history is unknown.

Scope and Content:

Collection contains photographs and memorabilia from Stanley Knowles' political career, and his time at Brandon University. Included are pictures of Knowles with Pierre Trudeau, Queen Elizebeth, Ed Broadbent, and other national political figures. However, the majority of the pictures have to do with the time Knowles spent at Brandon University later in his life, serving as Chancellor. These pictures depict Knowles addressing crowds and attending conferences. Of the three magnets included, two are pictures of Knowles late in life, while the third is a cartoonish representation of him. The plaque is a recreation of a campaign slogan from very early in Knowles' political career.

Notes: Description written by Mike White or Robyn Mitchell (2002).

Name Access: Stanley Knowles

Pierre Trudeau

Queen Elizabeth II

Ed Broadbent

Subject Access: politics

convocation

**Brandon University** 

chancellor

Repro Restriction: Researchers are responsible for observing Canadian copyright

restrictions.

Storage Location: RG 6 Brandon University fonds

Series 1: Office of the Chancellor



## **Barbara Cooper collection**

## http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions4729

Part Of: RG 1 Brandon College fonds

Description Level: Sub-series
Series Number: MG 2 2.9
Accession Number: 32-1999

GMD: multiple media

Date Range: ca. 1916-1967; predominant 1916-1921

Physical Description: 0.5 cm textual records

5 photographs

Physical Condition: Excellent

Custodial History:

These items were received from Ms. Cooper's father C.G. "Kelly" Stone, Class of 1921 and her mother Tena Turnbull, Class of 1921 and her aunts Jane Turnbull, Class of 1916 who later taught at the College and Bessie Turnbull, Class of 1918.

#### Scope and Content:

Collection consists of 5 photographs; an article Campus News 1967 on "In memorium Dr. Jane"; and a photocopy of a letter from the Governor General Lord Tweedsmuir (John Buchan) regarding Jane Turnbull's book "Essential Traits of French Canadian Literature". A note and xerox copy of a photograph of Ernestine Whiteside March 1914 to Jennie Turnbull.

#### The photographs include:

1. one b/w photo 8 cm x 6 cm Initiation Brandon College 1916

2. one b/w photo 8 cm x 13.5 cm class of 1921

3. one b/w photo 5 cm x 8 cm Class of '21

4. one b/w photo 17 cm x 26 cm the College Band 1915-1916

5. one sepia photo 15 cm x 23 cm Class of 1919

Notes: Description available on CAIN under Charles G. Stone fonds.

Storage Location: MG 2 Brandon College Students

2.9 Barbara Cooper



## Lawrence Skeoch collection

### http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions4896

Part Of: RG 1 Brandon College fonds

Description Level: Sub-series
Series Number: MG 2 2.19
Accession Number: 2-1999

GMD: multiple media
Date Range: 1931-1932

Physical Description: 3 cm textual records

1 drawing

History / Biographical:

Lawrence Alexander Skeoch was born in 1910. After two years of teaching, he joined the Class of 1932 at Brandon College in 1929. While at Brandon College, Skeoch performed in "Disraeli" and was elected Senior Stick.

Skeoch taught Economics at Queen's University.

Lawrence Skeoch died on April 22, 2001.

Scope and Content:

Collection consists of the Brandon College Annual Commencement program 1931, the Brandon College Annual Graduating Banquet program 1931, the Brandon College Annual Graduating Banquet program 1932, the Brandon College Annual Commencement program 1932, Skeoch's placecards from the 1931 and 1932 Graduating Banquets, an invitation to a tea put on by Mrs. Hurd and Mrs. Westcott, Class of 1932 past history booklet (produced by the Brandon University Alumni Association in 1992), The Quill Vol. XXII, Nos. 1-8 and a drawing by Laurie Smith of Lawrence Skeoch in the role of "Disraeli."

Notes: Some editions of the Quill have been moved to RG 6, 14.5.3.1 (BUSU,

Publications, The Quill, Editions). Description by Christy Henry.

Storage Location: MG 2 Brandon College Students

2.19 Lawrence Skeoch



## Donald Freeman collection

### http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions4923

Part Of: RG 1 Brandon College fonds

Description Level: Sub-series
Series Number: MG 2 2.25
Accession Number: 5-2016

GMD: multiple media

Date Range: 1921, 1926-1927

Physical Description: 1.5 cm textual records; 5 photographs (b/w)
Physical Condition: The banquet programs are a little worn.

Custodial History:

Accessioned in 2007 by the McKee Archives. Prior custodial history unknown.

Scope and Content:

Collection consists of the Brandon College Annual Graduating Banquet programs for 1926 and 1927. The 1926 program contains the autographs of the graduating class members. The 1927 program contains a letter to Freeman from Gertrude Godley (Class of 1927).

The collection also includes a Souvenir Class of 1926 book made by Freeman. It contains the College yell; a drawing of the Class of 1926 badge; the Class of 1926 colours, motto and yell; the Class song; Brandon College student and faculty autographs (including Annie Wright, Harris MacNeill and J.R.C. Evans); the Class lit programme; and a list of winter parties. The sourvenir book also contains five black and white photographs: one of Clark Hall and the Original Building, and four of what is probably various Class of 1926 members (one is labelled "Roland Christian"). Finally the book contains Donald Freeman's examination marks in Part 2 Matriculation for Arts from the University of Manitoba (1921).

Notes: Description by Christy Henry.

Storage Location: 2016 accessions



### Errol Black collection

http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions3992

Part Of: RG 6 Brandon University fonds

Description Level: Sub-series

Series Number: MG 3 1.1

GMD: multiple media

Date Range: 1909-2010

Physical Description: 4.2 m textual records; 5 cassette tapes; 2 cd roms, 110 photographs

(colour and b/w) various sizes

History / Biographical:

Errol Black was born on September 8, 1939 in Brandon, Manitoba. He was the son of Thomas Alexander Black, who immigrated to Canada from Limerick, Ireland in 1929, and Roberta Jean (nee Groat) Black, a native of Chatham, New Brunswick. Black attended King George Elementary, Earl Haig Junior High, Brandon Collegiate Institute for Grade 10, and completed high school through correspondence courses for Grandes 11 and 12. He left school in 1956 to work a variety of jobs in Brandon, Calgary and on the west coast. He spent a short time in the Royal Canadian Navy. Errol Black undertook post-secondary education at Brandon College (1963-1965, graduated with a B.A.), the University of Alberta (1965-1967, graduated 1973 with an M.A. in economics) and Warwick University (1975-1977). Black taught economics at Brandon University from 1970 until his retirement in 2002. Following retirement he was granted Professor Emeritus status in 2003.

Errol Black has published three books, as well as many articles and reports in leading academic journals. He has a longstanding interest in the history of organized labour and working-class politics in Brandon. These remain important themes in his research and writing. He served on the Executive of the Brandon University Faculty Association for many years, and was President of the Manitoba Organization of Faculty Associations for two years. Black is also a member of the Brandon District Labour Council, a founding member of the Manitoba branch of the Canadian centre for Policy Alternatives, and a board member of the Brandon Regional Health Authority (2000-2006). He was elected to Brandon City Council in 1998, and for a second term in 2001. In 1999 he was the federal NDP candidate for Brandon-Souris.

Black married Margaret Millard from Waskada, MB in 1961, with whom he had three sons: Sean, Dennis and Tom.

#### Custodial History:

Accession 17-1997 was originally owned by Jim Davis, brother to Communist activist Stanley Forkin. Taimi Davis, Jim Davis' wife, mailed the collection from her residence in Ontario to Errol Black in 1994. Professor Black donated the collection to the McKee Archives. Accession 02-2003 was donated to the Archives in November 2002 by Errol Black. Accession 15-2003 was donated to the Archives on April 30, 2003 by Errol Black. Accession 17-2003 was donated to the Archives on July 15, 2003 by Errol Black.

#### Scope and Content:

The collection consists of a number of accessions. Accession 17-1997, dating from 1935-1936, consists of twelve of the thirteen issues of the "Unemployed Worker," published in Brandon in the 1930s. The "Unemployed Worker" was the organ of the Brandon Unemployed Workers' Council. This Council, like its counterparts in other communities, was created by Canadian Communist Party militants. The "Unemployed Worker" covered the activities of the Unemployed Workers' Council, the plight of Brandon's unemployed, efforts by the city's unemployed to improve their lives, and City Council decisions, specifically those regarding relief policy.

Accession 02-2003, dating 1917, 1936-1939, 1970-2002 (predominant 1970-2002), contains extensive correspondence from former Brandon University Economic Professor Don Wheeler to Errol Black. In addition, the accession contains an important body of correspondence received by Professor Black from Taimi Davis written by Pat Forkin and his wife Pheobe Forkin to family members in Canada during the years 1936-1939, while Pat was a Moscow based corespondent for the Canadian Communist Party Clarion. The accession also contains personal correspondence of Errol Black dating from ca. 1970, drafts of papers, newspaper clippings, pamphlets related to labour and labour political matters. Two publications of note include: "Labour in Brandon" published by the Brandon and District Labour Council and a student guide to labour law written by George MacDowell. The accession also contains several documents related to Black's involvement in the provincial Industrial Adjustment Committee.

Accession 15-2003, dating 1930-2002 (predominant 1930-1939; 1971-2002), contains extensive clippings from the Canadian Communist Party publications "The Worker" and the "Daily Clarion" from the years 1930-1939; twenty-one personal and family photographs (b/w 3x5) of the Forkin family of Brandon, many of whom were active in the Canadian Communist Party; various historical photographs (b/w 8x10) related to the history of labour in Brandon, Manitoba; personal files containing correspondence, letters and opinion pieces to various newspapers, course outlines, research materials and draft publications, arbitration awards and documents related to Black's involvement with the Manitoba Organization of Faculty Associations (MOFA).

Accession 17-2003, dating 1970-2002, contains correspondence, a manuscript of an autobiography written by Black's father Tom Black, research files, letters to the editor and draft publications by Errol Black.

Accession 3-2011, dating 1909-2010, contains an extensive record of newspaper clippings often of Professor Black's correspondence with the Brandon Sun from the early 1970s through to 2011. Clippings relate to civic issues, labour relations, social justice, economic questions. Documents (membership cards, cards of thanks, stamps) of various kinds, and photographs of Professor Black, family members, and various labour related events including parades and rallies, appear throughout these clippings. Collection includes miscellaneous files relating to the 75th Anniversary of the Winnipeg General Strike including the Brandon Sympathetic Strike of 1919, the Brandon Greys Baseball team, the Assiniboine College BMHC lobby campaign, Brandon and Area Environmental Council, the Brandon East NDP Contituency Association. Editions (1925-31) of the Sons of England - Official Organ of the Sons of England Benefit Society - published in Oshawa, Ontario, and copies of documents related to the Commission of Inquiry (1928) into labour issues at the Brandon Mental Hospital are included. Collection also contains extensive correspondence associated with Professor Black's activities as a department member, scholar, and activist in the Department of Economics at Brandon University. Collection contains as well research materials related to the Brandon labour movement, strikes at A.E. Mckenzie Seed Company 1940s, cd roms containg research materials - clippings and images - for Labour Council Anniversary book (2006), and civic politics in Brandon. Records also contain research materials on various members of the Forkin family - in particular the Pat Forkin, Tom Forkin, and Stephen Forkin (aka Jim Davis) who were active members of the Canadian Communist Party during their adult lives. A collection of family photographs and six tape cassettes containing accounts of the experiences of single unemployed men during the Great Depression and the funeral of Stephen Forkin ( Jim Davis) and correspondence from Taimi Davis the widow of Stephen Forkin (Jim Davis) supplement the sources on the Forkin family.

Notes:

Photographs of Joe Forkin, Pat Forkin, Stan Forkin, Jim Davis and other members of the Forkin family are contained in Box 3 (15-2003) and Box 10 (3-2011).

Name Access: Errol Black

Stanley Forkin

Stephem Forkin (a.k.a Jim Davies)
Assiniboine Community College
Brandon Greys Baseball Team

Brandon Mental Hospital

Brandon Unemployed Workers' Council

Canadian Communist Party

Brandon

Don Wheeler Phoebe Forkin

Pat Forkin
Daily Clarion
A. E. Mckenzie

The Worker

Industrial Adjustment Committee (Manitoba)

Manitoba Organization of Faculty Associations

Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives

Sons of England

Subject Access: The Great Depression

unemployment radical press Brandon labour

Communism

industrial relations collective bargaining

Accruals: Further accruals are expected.

Access Restriction: Some restrictions. Consult the University Archivist for access.

Repro Restriction: Researchers are responsible for observing Canadian copyright

restrictions.

Storage Location: MG 3 Brandon University Teaching and Administration

1.1 Errol Black

Related Material: MG 3 1.12 contains additional records related to George MacDowell; RG

6, Series 15 (BUFA) contains additional records on the Brandon University Faculty Association; RG 6, Series 7, Sub sub series 7.1.5 (Department of Economics) contains additional records related to the Department of Economics at Brandon University; RG 6, Series 7, Subseries 7.1 (Dean of Arts) contains files on Don Wheeler and George

MacDowell.



## Margaret Hawley Speers collection

http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions9831

Part Of: RG 1 Brandon College fonds

Description Level: Sub-series
Series Number: MG 2 2.32
Accession Number: 19-2009

GMD: multiple media
Date Range: 1925, 1928
Physical Description: 1 photograph

1mm texutal records

History / Biographical:

Margaret Hawley Speers was born on February 18, 1908 in Alexander, MB. She attended Alexander School, Brandon College (Class of 1928), the University of Saskatchewan and the University of Manitoba receiving Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Educaton degrees.

Speers had a lengthy teaching career, first as Principal of schools in Saskatchewan at Ravenscrag and Scotsguard, then in Manitoba at Basswood, Newdale and Miniota. In Winnipeg, she taught at Rupertsland Girls' School, and then in Winnipeg School Distric No. 1 at Cecil Rhodes, River Heights and Kelvin High School.

Following her retirement Speers enjoyed travelling and various forms of volunteer work, including that at the Manitoba Museum of Man and Nature and the Winnipeg Art Gallery. She was also a member of St. Andrew's River Heights United Church.

Margaret Hawley Speers died September 26, 2008 at St. Boniface Hosptial.

Custodial History:

Items came from the estate of Margaret Hawley Speers. They were donated to the McKee Archives by her cousin David Speers in July 2009.

Scope and Content:

Collection consists of a copy of the 1927-1928 Sickle and a photograph of the Brandon College Arts Class of 1928 taken in 1925.

Notes: Description by Christy Henry. History/Bio information taken from Speers'

obituary which appeared in the September 29, 2008 edition of the

Winnipeg Free Press.

Storage Location: Photograph: Oversize drawer 5

BUPC 9.102

Sickle: RG 6 Brandon University fonds

Series 14: BUSU 14.5 BUSU publications 14.5.1 The Sickle

14.5.1.2 The Sickle - archival copies



## Margaret Doran Roberts collection

http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions4876

Part Of: RG 1 Brandon College fonds

Description Level: Sub-series
Series Number: MG 2 2.22

Accession Number: 18-2003, 27-2003
GMD: multiple media

Date Range: 1901, 1915, 1924, 1932-1997; predominant 1936-1960

Physical Description: 24 cm textual records

ca. 95 photographs memorabilia

History /
Biographical:

Margaret (Peggy) Doran was born on May 27, 1919 in Brandon, Manitoba to parents Sol and Margaret (Honan) Roberts. Doran grew up in Brandon and was very active in theatre during her high school and college years. Her first theatrical success came at age 20, when she directed Brandon Little Theatre's production of "Send Her Victorious," which received top honours in the Manitoba Drama Festival.

Following her graduation from Brandon College in 1941, she trained as a nurse at Montreal's Royal Victoria Hospital during the Second World War and worked at Vancouver General Hospital for almost a year.

On August 25, 1945, Peg married Dennis Roberts, whom she had met in high school. Dennis, a music graduate from the University of Manitoba in Winnipeg, became interested in psychology after serving overseas with the Royal Canadian Air Force, so the couple moved to Toronto so that he could pursue a psychology degree at the University of Toronto. After Dennis graduated in 1950, the family moved to Sudbury, where Dennis and Peg became actively involved with the education and cultural life of the city. Peg was especially involved with the Sudbury Little Theatre Guild (SLTG), which was founded in 1948.

Between 1950 and 1956, Peg directed or acted in five plays. Her directorial works included: Blithe Spirit, The Importance of Being Earnest, The Glass Menagerie and Antigone. Peg was recognized for her directing of Antigone when she won the Edgar Stone Trophy for Directing in the Dominion Drama Festival in 1955. For the 1956-1957 season, Peg assumed the role of President of the SLTG. During this time, she successfully petitioned the Dominion Drama Festival to create a new region and thus in 1957, the Quebec-Ontario Theatre Association (QUONTA) was founded and Peg acted as its first regional chairperson. Peg's further accomplishments included co-founding and serving on the board of directors of the Sudbury Theatre Centre, as well as acting as drama consultant for the Sudbury Secondary School Board.

Peg was diagnosed with breast cancer in 1997 and, shortly after, in 1998, she moved back to Toronto. She died there on April 2, 2003. Peg and Dennis had three children: Judith Marion (b. June 23, 1946), Steven John (b. September 8, 1950), and Patricia May (b. April 5, 1955).

Custodial History:

After Peg's death in April 2003, materials in the collection were gathered and donated to the S.J. Mckee Archives by her children Judith, Steven and Patricia Roberts on July 19, 2003.

#### Scope and Content:

Collection consists of textual records, photographs and other material that belonged to Margaret Doran Roberts. The textual materials include various personal letters, yearbooks, newspaper articles, journals, graduation diplomas, playbills and other miscellaneous records. The collection also includes approximately 95 photographs, mostly personal photographs of weddings and family, but also professionally taken group photos of the play casts. Other materials in the collection include various artefacts kept by Peg throughout her life.

Notes: Description and inventory by Ayn Lewandoski (2003).

Storage Location: MG 2 Brandon College students

2.22 Margaret Doran Roberts

Related Material: Additional archival material pertaining to Peg and Dennis Roberts is

located in the archives at Laurentian University in Sudbury, Ontario.

#### Arrangement:

Inventory of the collection:

Pack of matches from Mona's Dress Shop

Cigar that belonged to Sol Doran

Water colour picture, in frame, of St. Paul's Cathedral by Ev Lindsay Hunt from Brandon (1930s)

Earl Haig Graduation bracelet and Grade IX notebook belonging to Peg Doran

Nursing diploma and various other memorabilia from Royal Victoria Hospital, Montreal

Unidentified pictures of war squadron, World War II

RCAF Christmas card from Sergeant William S. Day

Possible home economic project of Peg Doran filled with cake recipes

Photograph: Gordon Savage and Edith Laycock, plus Royal Winnipeg Rifles locket given by

Gordon Savage to Peg Doran (with pictures of Gordon and Peg inside)

Francis Bernard Roberts' (Dennis' father) materials: correspondence with Mayo Clinic, photographs and negatives of Indian Chief etc.

Shares belonging to F.B. Roberts

Unidentified photos of children from Brandon (2)

"Willa Cather and the West," essay by Dennis Roberts

Various letters and memborabilia in letter case including:

- personal letters
- Brandon College Annual Arts Banquet programme 1941
- Brandon College Annual Commencement programme 1941
- Brandon College Alumni Dinner program 1941
- Season ticket Manitoba Drama League Provincial Finals Festival 1939
- Manitoba Medical College 4th Annual Ball dance card 1902
- Postcard to Peggy University of Manitoba Arts Building 1939
- Various report cards from Brandon Collegiate
- Brandon Little Theatre 1936 production "Hay Fever" programme
- Shares from the Brandon Golf and Country Club 1968
- Margaret Doran's United Church of Canada Member's certificate 1933

Blue scribbler from Expression class, filled with various poems, stories, plays etc. belonging to Peg Doran

Miscellaneous newspaper clippings ranging from 1940-1979 (when dated)

Brandon Sun 75th Anniversary edition Saturday January 19, 1957

Sol Doran's daily journal - 1963 (the year of his death)

Picture of Bessie Scott, housekeeper to Sol and Margaret Doran

Wedding photographs, Peg Doran and Dennis Roberts - one in glass frame

"Through the Gateway to Yesteryear" written by Eric Wells and Gordon Tucker and Friends, with inside inscription from Una Johnston

Sheet music (11) of F.B. Roberts, father-in-law of Peg Doran

Sheet music (8) of May Roberts, mother-in-law of Peg Doran

Sheet music (4) of Peg (Doran) Roberts

Unidentified school project, possibly a rough copy of a play, maybe Peg Doran's handwriting Photo of cast of play "Out to Sea" 1940

Tube containing various graduation diplomas of Dennis Francis Roberts

Peg Doran's graduation diploma, Brandon College 1941; letter and certificate recognizing the change from Brandon College to Brandon University; recognition certificate of attendance to 50th Reunion (1991) as well as photographs from the event attended by Peg and one of her Brandon friends, Jean Downing

Identification bracelet, probably belonging to May Roberts from hospital in London when Dennis Roberts was born

Small glass from Smith Drug Store

Two teaspoons, with initials G.E.B.- George Edward Bennest - uncle of Doh (Doran) Bennest Hammond, lawyer in Winnipeg (Doh's mother, Nell Doran, married Fred Bennest)
Sterling silver child's cup (Peggy) and baby spoon, both belonging to Peg Doran Various photographs

Dennis Roberts RCAF memorabilia including a hat, epaulettes, brass buttons etc.

Dennis Roberts' Men's Handicap Singles tennis trophy 1932

L.W.G.A. trophy 1933-34, believed to be awarded to Margaret [Mrs. Sol] Doran, an avid golfer Several pages of photographs of family holidays

- 1958 to Cornwall, Ontario to look for Doran relatives before St. Lawrence Seaway flooded low-lying graveyards
- 1959 when family rented a cottage in Clear Lake

Two framed photos of Peg Roberts: as a baby and as a toddler Wedding announcement of Peg Doran and Dennis Roberts

Dauphin Musical Society photograph 1924

Playbills: Othello (1943); Wonderful Town; and The King & I

Winnipeg Blue Bombers Annual Blue & Gold Football Game program 1959

Play scripts: "Symphony in Illusion;" "Buddy Speaks a Piece;" "At the Photographer's;" and "At the Matinee"

YMCA Winnipeg song sheet The New Era: 1937 & 1938 The Sickle: 1939, 1940 & 1941

The Quill: Vol. XXIX No. 4 (Oct. 26/38); Vol. XXIX No. 5 (Nov. 4/38); Vol. XXIX No. 6 (Nov.

9/38); Vol. XXXI Nox. 8 (Dec. 12/40)



## Georgina Matiation (Hill) collection

http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions4887

Part Of: RG 1 Brandon College fonds

Description Level: Sub-series

Series Number: MG 2 2.23

Accession Number: 29-1998

GMD: multiple media

Date Range: 1954-1956

Physical Description: 1 cm textual records

3 photographs

History / Biographical:

Georgina Bernice Matiation (Hill) was born in Virden, Manitoba on February 19, 1936, daughter of Gordon and Florence Hill. She received her education at Brandon College (1954-1956). Originally a student in Arts, she graduated from the Teacher Training program in 1956. During her time at Brandon College, Matiation participated in the College Glee Club as well as college track and field meets. She also acted as Junior Ladies Athletic Representative in 1955. In addition, Matiation was was the President of her Normal School class.

Matiation began her teaching career in Hargrave and Melita, before taking a position at Prince Charles School in Portage la Prairie in 1960. She remained at that institution until her retirement in 1991. In addition to her teaching career, Matiation was a past president of the Portage Evening Ladies Curling Club, a past president of the La Prairie Lioness and a leader of CGIT. She was a lifelong member of the Lenore Presbyterian Church.

Georgina Hill married Zane Matiation in 1970. They had no children. Georgina Matiation died on October 28, 1995 in Portage la Prairie at the age of 59 years.

Custodial History:

This collection was donated to the McKee Archives by Bessie Marie Hill of Winnipeg on May 1, 1998.

Scope and Content:

The collection consists of items collected by Mrs. Matiation (Hill) during her years as a student at Brandon College. The collection contains a scrapbook of photos of students and activities at the College taken from 1954-1956. Fonds includes copies of speeches made by her at various school events, such as her validictorian speech at the Normal School Graduation in 1956. There is also an autograph book with messages to her from friends and classmates. Finally, the collection includes two photographs of students in the 1924-25 Brandon Normal School, and one photograph of the Westminister Presbyterian Church in Brandon.

Notes: CAIN No. 202616. Description by Christy Henry.

Subject Access: Georgina Matiation (Hill)

**Brandon College** 

Brandon Manitoba

Westminister Presbyterian Church of Brandon

MB

college life student life scrapbooks

Storage Location: MG 2 Brandon College Students

2.23 Georgina Matiation (Hill)

The collection is located with MG 2 2.2 Gerald Brown. It was placed there

as a result of space issues.

Related Material: Bessie Marie Hill (33-1999, 12-2001, 6-2003)



### John Weldon Grant collection

http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions8219

Part Of: RG 6 Brandon University fonds

Description Level: Sub-series
Series Number: MG 3 1.21
Accession Number: 3-2008

GMD: multiple media

Date Range: 1910; predominant 1961-1977.

Physical Description: 40 cm text; prints and art work.

History / Biographical:

Professor John Weldon Grant was born 12 March 1919 in Sunnybrae, Nova Scotia, son of Alec and Linda Grant. He was raised in Sunnybrae and graduated from Pictou Academy in 1937. Prof. Grant entered Pine Hill Divinity School to study Theology. During his ministerial internship, he taught and preached in Rabbit Lake and Biggar, Saskatchewan. He graduated from Pine Hill in 1943 and entered the mission field with the United Church.

Professor Grant moved to Trinidad & Tobago in the 1940s. There he taught in both San Fernando and Siparia, towns located in the southwest tip of the island. Weldon Grant was the first head master off the lere High School School in Siparia when it opened in 1955. Professor Grant is recalled by Kenneth Ramchand in his \_The West Indian Novel And Its Background\_ as "his beloved English teacher" reading from an early Sam Selvon novel in a "Saskatchewan version of Trinidad dialect." That he was teaching Selvon — a West Indian writer - testifies to Grant's cultural pluralism. See Kenneth Ramchaud, \_The West Indian Novel and its bachground\_ (London: Faber and Faber, 2001 edition).

Professor Grant and Bernice Emma Moats were married in Gray, Saskatchewan 30 June 1954. They adopted three children in Nova Scotia and returned to Trinidad.

In 1961, the Grants returned to Canada. Weldon taught for one year at Vincent Massey High School and then joined the English Department at Brandon University where he taught in the English department until his retirement on August 31, 1984.

During a sabbatical he spent six months exploring Ireland and the poets that had been inspired by its countryside. He also loved stories of the sea and read many varied authors, both factual and fiction.

#### Custodial History:

Records were collected by Weldon Grant during his teaching career in Trinidad and Canada.

Scope and Content:

In the course of his teaching career in Trinidad & Tobego and at Brandon University Professor Grant acquired and retained a number of items with cultural, scholarly and sentimental value. These incude The First Folio of Shakespeare, prepared by Charlton Himan, [Academic ed.]. Imprint New York: W.W. Norton, 1968. xxvii, 928 p.: port.; 37 cm. Mr. William Shakespeares comedies, histories, & tragedies. Published according to the true original copies. London, Printed by Isaac laggard, and Ed. Blount, 1623.

The facsimile is described as "an ideal copy in which each page represents the best page selected from one of the 29 most satisfactory copies of the 80 copies in the Folger Shakespeare Library."

1 Self prononcing Holy Bible, Oxford 1910.

1 print 22.4" x 17," "Baking in a Clay Oven," by Trinidad artist David Moore, June 1977 printed in Trinidad by the College Press.

2 water colour paintings 17.5" x 12" by artist "AM." One titled San Fernando (1961) one titled Royal Palm, Trinidad (1960).

1 black and white portrait 10" x 13" of Governor general Roland Michener and his wife (No: A-2) copyright Karsh dated 1970.

1 Asian art work, 12.5" x 18" embroidery on silk.

Notes: Weldon Grant history/bio from Weldon Grant obituary Brandon Daily Sun

c. April 14, 1999.

Name Access: Weldon Grant

Subject Access: English Department

Storage Location: MG 3 Brandon University Teaching and Administration

MG 3 1.21 John Weldon Grant



### Carole Paintin-Dence collection

## http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions4068

Part Of: RG 1 Brandon College fonds

Description Level: Sub-series
Series Number: MG 2 2.12
Accession Number: 8-1997

GMD: multiple media

Date Range: 1900-1964; predominant 1948-1964

Physical Description: 85 cm textual records

21 color slides

History / Biographical:

Carole Paintin-Dence was raised in Souris, Manitoba and attended Brandon College in the early 1960s. While at Brandon College she was active in the Glee Club, I.R.C. and French Clubs. She was also Quill reporter for the Music Department.

Scope and Content:

Collection consists of a small collection of Brandon College memorabilia and slides. The memorabilia includes programs from various Brandon College Student Association events, Alumni News, and a copy of "The New Brandon College School of Music" by Peggy Sharpe. The slide images include: the opening of the Music Building 1963 (3) - Sir Ernest MacMillan, Lady MacMillan and Lorne Watson; raising the class flag 1964 (2); the JRC Evans Lecture Theatre 1964 (1); Brandon College Original Building 1964 (1); Freshie Parade 1962 (1) - glee club float and 1963 (3) - "wedding of Jack & Jill"; French Immersion class Summer 1964 (4) - Mme Ragot, Neil Forsyth, Henri Francq; party for John 1963 (2) - Ken May, Morlene Sparrow, John Sushelnitsky, Norma Walmsley, Poppy Cumming, Chris Cassels, Pat Brake, Eleanor Riesberry; W.U.S. parties (4) - Joan Garnett, Norma Walmsley, Claude Paintin, Brian Foster, Rae Westcott, Clark Brownlee, Nina Kosakawiecz, Berth Paintin

Collection also includes school texts and pedagogical guides - forty-seven in total - dealing with reading, spelling, social studies and particularly music.

Notes: Description by Christy Henry.

Name Access: World University Service

Subject Access: freshie week

building openings

class flags convocations

Storage Location: MG 2 Brandon College Students

2.12 Carole Paintin-Dence

Related Material: Paul Panton fonds



## **Edith Laycock fonds**

http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions4886

Part Of: RG 1 Brandon College fonds

Description Level: Sub-series
Series Number: MG 2 2.20

Accession Number: 12-1998

GMD: multiple media
Date Range: 1934-1973

Physical Description: 24 cm textual records

12 photographs

History / Biographical:

Edith Mary Laycock was born on June 25, 1913. She attended Brandon Collegiate from 1929 until her graduation in 1931. Ms. Laycock attended Brandon College from 1931-1934, graduating with a Bachelor of Arts degree. In 1935, she attended the Wheat City Business College and graduated from the Stenographic Course. Ms. Laycock was employed by the Canadian Pacific Railway as a stenographer for many years and belonged to the Canadian Pacific Expressmen's Mutual Benefit Society from 1939.

Edith Laycock was very interested in drama. While attending Brandon Collegiate and Brandon College she participated in school and college plays. She was involved in drama and theatre throughout her aadult life. Edith Laycock directed many of Brandon College's major productions beginning in 1950. She was also the director of many of the plays put on by the Brandon Little Theatre from 1950. Ms. Laycock also performed in the Little Theatre productions when she was not directing.

Ms. Laycock was also involved in many other elements of Brandon life. She served alternatively as the vice-president, secretary, treasurer, and production manager of the Little Theatre throughout the 1940's and 1950's. She was the Social Manager for the Brandon Festival Committee in 1948, the Publicity Chairperson for the Brandon Music Festival Association in the 1950's, and the Secretary of the Brandon Overture Concert Association. Laycock also wrote play reviews for the Brandon Sun in the 1950's. She was the director of the Manitoba Delta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi. In the 1960's Laycock was a member of the Brandon Council of Women and Chairperson of its Arts and Letters Committee. She was also the Vice-President of the Brandon Art Club in 1960. Edith Laycock also held a 12-week class in creative dramatics for children at the Allied Arts Centre in the early 1960's.

Edith Laycock died in Brandon on December 17, 1987.

Custodial History:

This fonds was accessioned by the McKee Archives in 1998. Prior custodial history is unknown.

Scope and Content:

This fonds consists of memorabilia kept by Edith Laycock. A large part of the collection consists of programs from plays that Laycock performed in or directed during the 1950's and 1960's. There are also numerous newspaper clippings about Laycock's plays including reviews, pictures, and advertisements. This collection also includes a folder of programs from the Brandon Little Theatre productions in the 1950's, as well as clippings about the Little Theatre. There are also numerous articles about miscellaneous drama and art events throughout Brandon, Manitoba, and Canada. The fonds also includes Laycock's daybook from 1962, and travel notes from Laycock's 1952 trip to Great Britain and Europe. The latter contains a passenger list for the Empress of Scotland, August 5, 1952. The collection further includes Canadian Pacific Railway passes dating from 1947-1963 and a copy of the Canadian Pacific Pension Plan. Fonds also contains material from the various organizations that Laycock was involved with including the Brandon Council of Women and Beta Sigma Phi. Fonds includes 12 photos that appear to be family photos from Laycock's childhood. Finally, the fonds contains various copies of plays that Laycock performed in or directed.

Notes: CAIN No. 202585

Subject Access: Edith Laycock

Kaye Rowe

Brian MacDonald

J.R.C. Evans

**Brandon College** 

Brandon College Literary Board

Brandon Collegiate Dramatic Society
Brandon College Students' Association

Brandon Council of Women Brandon Little Theatre

Canadian Pacific Railway

Beta Sigma Phi

drama plays travel

playscripts

Storage Location: MG 2 Brandon College Students

2.20 Edith Laycock



## Ruth and Archie MacLachlan fonds

http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions10093

Part Of: RG 1 Brandon College fonds

Description Level: Sub-series
Series Number: MG 2 2.33
Accession Number: 23-2009
GMD: multiple media

Date Range: 1930-1934

Physical Description: 27 cm textual records

13 b/w photographs

Physical Condition: Very good. Some of the letters written in pencil are a little faded.

History / Biographical:

Ruth Alverda Wade was born born July 11, 1912 in Brandon, MB to James and Etta Alverda. She had two younger siblings: sister Gwen and brother Sherry. The Wade family resided at 1837 Princess Avenue, Brandon, MB. Ruth graduated from Brandon College with the Class of 1933.

During her time at Brandon College Ruth met Archie MacLachlan. Archibald James MacLachlan was born in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan in 1907. He had four brothers: Howard, Edgar, Bruce, Curly and Stirling. When Archie was quite young the MacLachlan family moved to Alberta. Archie came to Brandon c. 1930 to attend Brandon College. During the summers of his years at Brandon College Archie held pastoral charges in Alberta. The first two summers were spent in the Peace River Country and the second two in Etzikom in Southern Alberta. This is the period during which the letters in the fonds were written.

Ruth Wade married Archie MacLachlan on September 19, 1934 in Brandon, MB. Following the wedding the couple moved to Hamilton, ON. Archie graduated from McMaster University with his Bachelor of Divinity degree in 1937. During this period their daughter Joann Ruth was born. After his ordination as a Baptist Minister the family moved to North Bay where Archie was minister for four years. The next six years were spent in Vancouver as Archie worked as minister at Fairview Baptist Church in Vancouver. The couple's sons Archibald James and Lachlan Wade were also born during this period.

At the end of the Second World War Archie decided to go back to school. The family travelled to Brandon, where Ruth and the children remained for part of a year while Archie went ahead to Andover Newton to enroll and find a parish that would support him while he went to school. The family was reunited in Penacook, New Hampshire; they lived there for two years while Archie completed his Masters in Sacred Theology. After a brief additional period of study at Harvard University, the MacLachlan family returned to Canada, settling in Toronto while Archie finished his second Masters degree (Psychology) and held positions as interim minister and then assistant minister at York Minster Church. Following the two years in Toronto they moved to Winnipeg.

Eventually Archie left the church ministry and became Chaplain at the Hamilton Psychiatric Hospital. He also continuted to train students in Pastoral Education through the courses he had begun at the Divinity College of McMaster University. He remained at the Hospital until his retirement.

During their married life Ruth was kept busy raising the couple's children and with her work as a minister's wife, particularly her work in the community. She sat on a number of community boards, including positions as President of the Baptist Convention of Ontario and Quebec and a member of the Board of Governors for McMaster University's Divinity School.

Ruth MacLachlan died on October 29, 1983 in Missassauga, ON.

Archie married Kathleen Marie (Green) French (b. January 22, 1908, d. June 1, 1998) on June 20, 1987. Archie MacLachlan died in December 1997.

Custodial History:

Records were in the possession of Ruth and Archie MacLachlan until their deaths. At that time the records were inherited by their daughter Joann. Joann MacLachlan donated the records to the McKee Archives on October 24, 2009 at a donation event held as part of Homecoming 2009.

#### Scope and Content:

Fonds consists of approximately 197 letters written by Ruth and Archie to each other during the spring and summers of 1932, 1933 and 1934. The letters were written during the courtship of the couple and contain details not only on about their lives in Brandon and Alberta but also more personal information about their relationship, families and future plans. Because Ruth and Archie were students at Brandon College during this period the letters also often reflect on events and personalities related to the College, as well as their own personal studies.

Fonds also contains a scrapbook compiled by Ruth during her Brandon College years. It includes photographs, newspaper clippings, graduation cards, event programs, place cards and other ephemera. There are also a few miscellaneous documents - McMaster University examination papers, handwritten sheet music, postcards - that appear to have belonged to Archie. Fonds also contains a graduation photograph of Ruth.

Notes: Description by Christy Henry. History/Bio information taken from Joann

MacLachlan's book Ruth and Archie: Brandon and Brandon College

1932-1934.

Name Access: Ruth Wade

Ruth MacLachlan

Archie MacLachlan

Addrene Edwards

Dorreene McGuinness

Brandon

**Brandon College** 

Trochu, Alberta

Etzikom, Alberta

First Baptist Church

Subject Access: land vehicles

Christianity

city life

rural life

convocations

Correspondence

crime

post-secondary education

mountains

pastoral activities

postal service

parsons

religious officials

Radio Broadcasts

tennis

rail transportation

weather

social events

music

clothing

theology

hobbies

liberal arts

horses

road transportation

travels

touring

depression era

Language Note: Some of the letters contain German phrases.

Storage Location: Textual records: 23-2009

Photographs: RG 5 photograph storage drawer

Related Material: Ruth and Archie's daughter Joann edited the letters into a book entitled

Ruth and Archie: Brandon and Brandon College 1932-1934. A copy of the book is located in the Rare Book collection of the John E. Robbins

Library, Brandon University.

William Ridley Sheridan Wade collection (28-2007)

## Arrangement:

The letters are arranged in chronological order with all of Archie's letters to Ruth for a particular year grouped together, followed by Ruth's letters to Archie for that same year. For preservation purposes photographs in the scrapbook have been removed and placed in photograph storage, with their corresponding scrapbook page number noted on the back. Because of the fragile condition of the scrapbook a note has been made concerning the original location of many items that have become detached from their original location in the scrapbook. These items remain with the remnants of the scrapbook in one archival housing. Note that Ruth did not place items on every page so the numbering is not sequential for scrapbook items. Some items were loose at the back of the scrapbook and therefore have no corresponding page number.