

S. J. McKee Archives



Coombs & Stewart general store c. 1881

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13756>

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection

Description Level: Item

Series Number: McG 9

Item Number: 20-2009.67

Accession Number: 20-2009

GMD: graphic

Date Range: c.1881

Physical Description: 6.5" x 5" (b/w)

Material Details: on matting

Physical Condition: Photograph is stained and water damaged. A newspaper clipping about William (Billy) Muir is glued to the top left hand corner of the mat. The image is exfoliated in the right hand corner. The negative has been reverse printed.

History /

Biographical:

Coombs & Stewart opened the first general store in Brandon in 1881, which was located on 6th Street and Pacific Avenue. According to G.F. Barker (Brandon: A City, 1977, 291), William (Billy) Muir worked at the store until he opened his own grocery store in 1888.

Custodial History:

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

Scope and Content:

Photograph shows the Coombs & Stewart general store located on the corner of Pacific Avenue and 6th Street. A group of men pose in front of the wood-framed store.

Notes: Back of photograph reads: One of first stores in Brandon, Coombs...[?]

Name Access: Coombs & Stewart
Pacific Avenue
6th Street
Wm. Muir General Grocer

Subject Access: Pioneers
general stores
building exteriors
store exteriors
horses
grocery stores
Brandon business buildings & facilities before 1940

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

Related Material: Lawrence Stuckey collection 1-2002.3.1E13



William Muir General Grocer building

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13757>

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection
Description Level: Item
Series Number: McG 9
Item Number: 20-2009.68
Accession Number: 20-2009
GMD: graphic
Date Range: post-1888
Physical Description: 4.5" x 7.5" (b/w)
Material Details: on matting
Physical Condition: Matting is bent and has a thumbtack hole.

History /

Biographical:

According to G.F. Barker (Brandon: A City, 1977, 291), William (Billy) Muir worked at Coombs & Stewart's on Pacific Avenue until he opened his own grocery store in 1888. The shop was located at 143-6th Street, Brandon, and was demolished for a parking lot in 1952.

Custodial History:

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

Scope and Content:

Photograph shows the "Wm. Muir General Grocer" building on 6th Street. Two men pose in the doorway of the store. The man on the left is likely William Muir. Barrels are lined on the boardwalk in front of the store. Apples and mason jars can be seen in the shop's windows.

Notes:

Front of photograph reads: Sixth Street between Rosser - Princess. Back of photograph reads: Billy Muir's Store, 143 6th Street Brandon - 57 years in business in this location. An address label affixed to the back of the mat reads: Mrs. James Strath, Box 421, Souris, Man.

Name Access:

Coombs & Stewart
Pacific Avenue
6th Street
Wm. Muir General Grocer

Subject Access: Pioneers
general stores
building exteriors
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grocery stores
Brandon business buildings & facilities before 1940
Storage Location: RG 5 photograph storage drawer 2 (hanging photos)
Related Material: Lawrence Stuckey collection 1-2002.3.1E18

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Western Motors Ltd., Brandon, Manitoba

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions8411>

Part Of: Joseph H. Hughes collection

Description Level: Item

Series Number: 3-1997.1

Item Number: 3-1997.1.33

Accession Number: 3-1997

GMD: graphic

Date Range: c. 1950

Physical Description: 10" x 8" (b/w)

Physical Condition: good

Scope and Content:

Photograph shows Western Motors Ltd. on the southwest corner of 10th Street and Princess Avenue. Anglo gas station is part of the car shop, which sells GM, Chevrolet, and Oldsmobiles.

Hutchings' Drugs is on the ground floor of the Hughes Building on the northwest corner of 10th Street and Princess. Manufacturers Life occupies the second storey.

Name Access: Western Motors Ltd.

Hutchings Drugs

Hughes Building

10th Street

Princess Avenue

Subject Access: downtowns

street scenes

Brandon business buildings & facilities after 1940

building exteriors

car lots

drug stores

garages

Storage Location: RG 5 photograph storage drawer

Images



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)

Images





10th Street viewbook postcard

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13876>

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection
Creator: Printed by Photogelatine Engraving Co. Ltd., Ottawa
Description Level: Item
Series Number: McG 9
Item Number: 20-2009.186
Accession Number: 20-2009
GMD: graphic
Date Range: 1927-1929
Physical Description: 3.5" x 5.5" (colour)
Material Details: postcard

Scope and Content:

Photograph shows a street view of 10th Street facing north. There are many automobiles parked along the street and several pedestrians in summer dress are on the sidewalks and street. Visible business signs include: Hentzman & Co. Pianos (possibly belonging to J.J.H. McLean Co. Ltd.), the Strand Theatre, T & D Clothes, Campbell & Campbell, the CPR Station, and Bowling Alley and Billiards.

Notes: Part of "Souvenir of Brandon, Manitoba, Canada [viewbook], Printed by Photogelatine Engraving Co. Limited, Ottawa." Dates obtained from the Burchill's Music Store Henderson's Brandon City Directory listings (1927-1929). Writing on the front of the photograph reads: 10th St., looking north (C.P.R. Station at end of Street) Brandon, Man.

Name Access: 10th Street
Heintzman & Co. Pianos
CPR Station
Strand Theatre
Campbell & Campbell
T & D Clothes

Subject Access: downtown
street scenes
Transportation
automobiles
Brandon business buildings & facilities before 1940
store exteriors
theatres

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

Arrangement:
From 20-2009 photos

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