

# S. J. McKee Archives



## Murray's Garage (Neepawa) - exterior

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14337>

Part Of: CKX fonds

Creator: CKX

Description Level: Item

Series Number: M

Item Number: 11-2010.M7a

Accession Number: 11-2010

GMD: graphic

Date Range: 1954

Material Details: Negative

History /

Biographical:

Murray's Garage opened in 1932 by Melvin Earl Murray. The business was later renamed Murray's of Neepawa in 1964.

Custodial History:

See Fonds level description for custodial history

## Scope and Content:

Murray's Garage opened in 1932 by Melvin Earl Murray. Before it's opening in 1932 the building was used as a truck and storage facility, the business opened for automotive sales after Earl Murray had recieved a contract by General Motors in 1932. The first sale of a vehicle occurred in 1933 when a customer from Winnipeg bought a Pontiac vehicle. During the first few years of operation Earl Murray served as the Office Manager, Parts Manager, and Salesman. In 1934 an additional contract with the International Harvester Co. giving license to the additional sale of farm equipment. This new expansion resulted in the hiring of other staff to handle Parts and Service while the sales of the farm machinery remained Earl's responsibility.

The business aquired many contracts over the course of its existence as such new propoerties were aquired to allow for this expansions and new additions were added to the original building. When the new addition was near completion an explosion occured which resulted in 100% loss of the original building as well as all the contents it enclosed. Luckily, the fire department was able to save most of the new addition. A sizable loan was required for the buisness to rebuild after this disaster. Once the business was open again, car sales, need for parts, and service volume increased resulting in the complete recovery of the buisness.

In 1940 due to the war the purchase of new vehicles was limited to emergency service, it was at this time that General Motors added the Cheverolet-Oldsmobile to their contracts. Shortly after this a tornado hit the building causing substantial damage however it was soon repaired and business resumed.

Earl's son, Gerald, had worked in the business since his return from the war in 1945. He schooled in in Flint Michigan at a General Motors Business Institute to assist his father with the business. In 1960 Gerald took a course in Detroit Michigan in a Post Graduate School of Modern Merchandising and Management. After his completion of this course Gerald moved back to Neepawa and took of the position of Sales Manager at his fathers garage. The business was later renamed Murray's of Neepawa in 1964 when Earl handed the keys to the business over to his son Gerald.

Notes:	Description by Jillian Combs. Information from Manitoba Hisotrical Society,
Name Access:	D.R. MacKay
Subject Access:	building exteriors downtown Neepawa
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Storage Location:	CKX fonds - 2010 accessions
Related Material:	D.R. MacKay fonds, Brandon College fonds, Brandon University fonds
Arrangement:	

Original order maintained. Series arranged alphabetically by letter (A-Z) but negatives not alphabetical within each series.

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## Shrine Circus

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13024>

Part Of: CKX fonds  
Creator: CKX  
Description Level: Item  
Series Number: S  
Item Number: 11-2010.S150c  
Accession Number: 11-2010  
GMD: graphic  
Date Range: June 11, 1965  
Physical Description: 2.5" x 2.5" (b/w)  
Material Details: Negative  
Custodial History:

See fonds level of the CKX records for custodial history.

### Scope and Content:

Image of circus performers doing their act.

Name Access: CKX  
Shrine Circus  
Subject Access: building interiors  
Arenas  
persons  
performers  
Animals  
entertainment  
Storage Location: CKX fonds - 2010 accessions

## Images

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## Sandran elephant display

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13169>

Part Of: CKX fonds  
Creator: CKX  
Description Level: Item  
Series Number: S  
Item Number: 11-2010.S80a  
Accession Number: 11-2010  
GMD: graphic  
Date Range: after 1954  
Physical Description: 5" x 4" (b/w)  
Material Details: Negative

### Custodial History:

See fonds level of the CKX records for custodial history.

### Scope and Content:

Image of a crowd and an elephant.

Name Access: CKX  
Safeway  
New System Store  
White Rose  
Subject Access: building exteriors  
signs and signboards  
persons  
children  
Animals

Storage Location: CKX fonds - 2010 accessions

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## Shrine Circus

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13023>

Part Of: CKX fonds  
Creator: CKX  
Description Level: Item  
Series Number: S  
Item Number: 11-2010.S150d  
Accession Number: 11-2010  
GMD: graphic  
Date Range: June 11, 1965  
Physical Description: 2.5" x 2.5" (b/w)  
Material Details: Negative

### Custodial History:

See fonds level of the CKX records for custodial history.

### Scope and Content:

Image of circus performers doing their act.

Name Access: CKX  
Shrine Circus  
Subject Access: building interiors  
Arenas  
persons  
performers  
horses  
Animals  
entertainment

Storage Location: CKX fonds - 2010 accessions

## Images

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## Shrine Circus

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13026>

Part Of: CKX fonds  
Creator: CKX  
Description Level: Item  
Series Number: S  
Item Number: 11-2010.S150a  
Accession Number: 11-2010  
GMD: graphic  
Date Range: June 11, 1965  
Physical Description: 2.5" x 2.5" (b/w)  
Material Details: Negative

### Custodial History:

See fonds level of the CKX records for custodial history.

### Scope and Content:

Image of circus performers doing their act.

Name Access: CKX  
Shrine Circus

Subject Access: building interiors  
Arenas  
persons  
performers  
entertainment  
Animals  
signs and signboards

Storage Location: CKX fonds - 2010 accessions

## Images

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