

S. J. McKee Archives



Bell Lumber (Neepawa)

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions11419>

Part Of: CKX fonds
Creator: CKX
Description Level: Item
Item Number: 11-2010.B28
Accession Number: 11-2010
GMD: graphic
Date Range: after 1954
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 the exterior of Bell Lumber (Neepawa).

Name Access: CKX
Neepawa, Manitoba
Subject Access: Buildings
commercial buildings
Storage Location: CKX fonds - 2010 accessions

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Birtle Garage - exterior

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions11424>

Part Of: CKX fonds
Creator: CKX
Description Level: Item
Item Number: 11-2010.B31a
Accession Number: 11-2010
GMD: graphic
Date Range: September 1963
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 the exterior of Birtle Garage.

Name Access: CKX
Birtle Garage
Subject Access: Buildings
commercial buildings
Storage Location: CKX fonds - 2010 accessions

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Birtle Garage

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions11426>

Part Of: CKX fonds
Creator: CKX
Description Level: Item
Item Number: 11-2010.B31c
Accession Number: 11-2010
GMD: graphic
Date Range: September 1963
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 a Birtle Garage employee pumping gas.

Name Access: CKX
Birtle Garage
Subject Access: Buildings
commercial buildings
Storage Location: CKX fonds - 2010 accessions

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Birtle Garage

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions11427>

Part Of: CKX fonds
Creator: CKX
Description Level: Item
Item Number: 11-2010.B31d
Accession Number: 11-2010
GMD: graphic
Date Range: September 1963
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 a Birtle Garage employee working on a car.

Name Access: CKX
Birtle Garage
Subject Access: Buildings
commercial buildings
Storage Location: CKX fonds - 2010 accessions

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Big Four Sales - exterior

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions11420>

Part Of: CKX fonds
Creator: CKX
Description Level: Item
Item Number: 11-2010.B29a
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 the window display at Big Four Sales.

Name Access: CKX
Big Four Sales
Subject Access: Buildings
commercial buildings
stores
Storage Location: CKX fonds - 2010 accessions



Birtle Garage

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions11425>

Part Of: CKX fonds
Creator: CKX
Description Level: Item
Item Number: 11-2010.B31b
Accession Number: 11-2010
GMD: graphic
Date Range: September 1963
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 vehicles adjacent to Birtle Garage.

Name Access: CKX
Birtle Garage

Subject Access: Buildings
commercial buildings
automobiles

Storage Location: CKX fonds - 2010 accessions

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Big Four Sales - furniture

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions11421>

Part Of: CKX fonds
Creator: CKX
Description Level: Item
Item Number: 11-2010.B29b
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 show furniture for sale at Big Four Sales.

Name Access: CKX
Big Four Sales
Subject Access: Buildings
commercial buildings
stores
store interiors
Storage Location: CKX fonds - 2010 accessions

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Barr-Repka Ltd.

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions11569>

Part Of: CKX fonds
 Creator: CKX
 Description Level: Item
 Item Number: 11-2010.B108a
 Accession Number: 11-2010
 GMD: graphic
 Date Range: 1969
 Physical Description: 1.5" x 1" (b/w)
 Material Details: Negative

Custodial History:

See fonds level of the CKX records for custodial history.

Scope and Content:

Image of the exterior of Barr-Repka Ltd.

Name Access: CKX
 Barr-Repka Ltd.
 Subject Access: contractors
 trades
 Buildings
 Storage Location: CKX fonds - 2010 accessions

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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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