

# S. J. McKee Archives



## Billy Muir's car c.1910

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13754>

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection

Description Level: Item

Series Number: McG 9

Item Number: 20-2009.65

Accession Number: 20-2009

GMD: graphic

Date Range: c.1910

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

Material Details: postcard

History /

Biographical:

William "Billy" Muir came to Brandon in 1881 where he worked at the Coombs & Stewart general store. He became the proprietor of Brandon's first grocery store located on 138-6th Street. The building was demolished in 1952 (see Brandon Daily Sun 04 September 1952). According to correspondence in the McGuinness collection (see McG 1.2 File 22), Dr. Matheson brought the first car to Brandon, which he later sold to Muir. A note in McGuinness' papers (see McG 1.2 File 53) identifies the first motor car as a Hupmobile, which was purported to have arrived in Brandon in 1905. The Hupp Motor Car Company, however, is reported to have manufactured Hupmobiles between 1909 and 1940. Mrs. (Jessie) R.M. Coombs was Allena Strath's (nee Coombs) mother.

Custodial History:

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

Scope and Content:

Postcard shows a woman, identified as Mrs. (Jessie) Robert M. Coombs, seated behind the wheel of a motor car.

Notes: Back of postcard reads: Mother Mrs. R. [Robert] M. Coombs in Billy Muir's car, Brandon around 1908

Name Access: Billy Muir

William Muir

Mrs. Robert M. Coombs

Jessie Coombs

Wm. Muir General Grocer

Subject Access: Transportation

cars

automobiles

motor cars

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

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## 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

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## 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 portrait of two women dressed for winter. The woman on the left is standing and is wearing a long winter coat, a white 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)

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## Syndicate Block fire 1916

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13999>

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection  
Description Level: Item  
Series Number: McG 9  
Item Number: 1-2015.69  
Accession Number: 1-2015  
GMD: graphic  
Date Range: 1916  
Physical Description: 4.25" x 2.5" (b/w)  
Physical Condition: Photograph has hole in bottom right corner  
Custodial History:

Photograph was given to Fred McGuinness by Linda Bilkoski (nee Lepard) of Lac du Bonnet, MB.

### Scope and Content:

Photograph shows the remains of the Syndicate Block after the fire in January 1916. The building is situated on the southwest corner of Seventh Street and Rosser Avenue. Ice from the firefighting process covers the building. The tailor shop J.S. Laughton & Son (701 Rosser Avenue) can be seen on the north side of Rosser Avenue.

Name Access: 7th Street  
Syndicate Block  
J.S. Laughton & Son  
Rosser Avenue  
Subject Access: fires  
building exteriors  
Brandon business buildings & facilities before 1940  
Storage Location: RG 5 photograph storage drawer 2 (hanging photos)  
Arrangement:  
McG 4.1 File 27

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## Rosser Avenue, north side 900 block

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13799>

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection



Description Level: Item  
Series Number: McG 9  
Item Number: 20-2009.108  
Accession Number: 20-2009  
GMD: graphic  
Date Range: 1882  
Physical Description: 7.25" x 4.25" (b/w)  
Material Details: On matting  
Physical Condition: Photograph has pen markings and publishing mark-up notes on front and back of matting

Scope and Content:

Photograph shows the north side of the 900-block of Rosser Avenue, facing west from 9th Street. All the shops appear to be woodframed buildings; the sidewalk has yet to be installed and wooden planks have been laid down in front of the shops. Visible storefronts include: (left to right): Leask & Rose, general merchants (at the 11th Street intersect); Fortier & Bucke - Manufacturers' Agents and CPR Express Co.; The New Era - real estate office; Imperial Bank of Canada; Durand & Macdonald Law Office, T.D. McLean - jeweller; Deacon & Hooper - grocers; and J. Barker Vosburgh - Surgeon & Dentist. The building in the foreground has Rosser Avenue and 9th Street street signs affixed above the entrance to the building. A chuckwagon is parked in front of Fortier & Bucke.

Notes: Writing on the front of the photograph reads: Brandon.

Name Access: Rosser Avenue  
Leask & Rose  
Fortier & Bucke Commision Agents  
The New Era  
Imperial Bank of Canada  
T.D. McLean  
W.A. McDonald soliciter  
J. Barker Vosburgh  
Deacon & Hooper  
9th Street

Subject Access: Brandon business buildings & facilities before 1940  
store exteriors  
street scenes  
jewellers  
jewelry stores  
jewelry stores  
signs and signboards  
grocery stores  
general stores  
banks  
surgeons  
dentists  
lawyers  
grocery trade  
hardware stores  
wagons

Storage Location: McGuinness oversize storage drawer (1-2015)  
Related Material: Lawrence Stuckey collection 1-2002.3.1C18

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### Sewer pipe installation along 700 block of Rosser Avenue

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13736>

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection  
Description Level: Item  
Series Number: McG 9  
Item Number: 20-2009.46  
Accession Number: 20-2009  
GMD: graphic  
Date Range: ca. 1906  
Physical Description: 6.5" x 4.25" (b/w)  
Material Details: on matting  
Physical Condition: Photographs have been glued to a backing board that has warped over time

#### Scope and Content:

Photograph shows street view of north side of Rosser Avenue, primarily the 700 block, along which sewer pipe is being laid. Visible buildings and businesses include: The Fleming Block with Lowes Brothers Clothing and Manitoba Farmers Hedge and Wire Fence Company, the Beaubier Block and its Empire Hotel, A.M. Percival (a grocer), the Brandon Hardware Company (600 block), and the Arlington Hotel (500 block) are visible along the north side of the avenue. The Bank of Hamilton Building is on the southeast corner of 8th Street and Rosser Avenue.

Notes: Writing on the front of the photograph matting reads: 290. Page appears to be from a photo album.

Name Access: Fleming Block  
Empire Hotel  
D.W. Beaubier Block  
A.M. Percival  
Brandon Hardware Company  
Arlington Hotel  
Lowes Brothers Clothing

Subject Access:       Street scene  
                              downtown  
                              grocers  
                              storefronts  
                              building exteriors  
                              sewage  
                              construction

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

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