

# S. J. McKee Archives



## John E. Robbins

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions4244>

Part Of: RG 1 Brandon College fonds

Description Level: Sub-series

Series Number: 2.6

GMD: textual records

Date Range: 1960-1967

History /

Biographical:

Dr. John Everett Robbins was born 9 October 1903 in Hampton, Ontario the son of John and Gertrude (Brown) Robbins. He married Catherine St. Denis on 11 June 1934 in Ogdens, New York. John Robbins was raised in Darlingford, Manitoba. He attended the University of Manitoba graduating with a B.A. Hon 1928 and M.A. in 1929. Dr. Robbins completed a Ph.D at the University of Ottawa in 1935. From 1936-1951 he was Director of the Education Division, Dominion Bureau of Statistics.

Dr. Robbins helped to found the Canadian Association for Adult Education, the Social Science Research Council of Canada, the Humanities Research Council of Canada, the United Nations Association in Canada, and the Canadian Citizenship Council. In 1942 he became a member of the Board of Directors of Carlton University. Dr. Robbins was active in UNESCO work: he was a member of Canadian Government delegations to foreign conferences, and, in 1951-52, he spent a year as Director of an educational project for Palestinian Refugees in the Middle East.

In 1960, while editor-in-chief of the newly compiled "Encyclopedia Canadiana," Dr. Robbins was asked to become President of Brandon College. From 1960 to 1967, he oversaw construction of the Arts and Library Building and Lecture Theatre, a Men's Residence, a Dining Hall, a Heating Plant, a Ladies' Residence, a Music Building, a Physical Education Building and an Education Building. After the university charter was granted in 1967, Dr. Robbins was installed as the first President of Brandon University.

After his retirement from Brandon University Dr. Robbins was appointed Canadian Ambassador to the Vatican 1970-73. In the years after his departure from Brandon, he held many positions including President of World Federalists of Canada 1977-79 and President of the Canadian Writers Foundation 1976-78. Dr. Robbins served as Executive Chairman and Treasurer of Amnesty International in Canada 1973-75.

He was the recipient of an honorary LLD from the University of Manitoba (1967), Carleton University (1969) and Brandon University (1974). In 1994, the title President Emeritus of Brandon University was conferred on John Robbins by the Board of Governors of the University. Dr. Robbins died in 1995, at the age of 91.

Scope and Content:

Dr. Robbins' administrative records are located in the Brandon University fonds.

Notes: Dr. John E. Robbins archival papers are held at the Library and Archives Canada.

Name Access: John E. Robbins

Storage Location: RG 1 Brandon College fonds  
Series 2: Office of the Principal/President

Related Material: See RG 6, series 3 (Office of the President) for additional records regarding John E. Robbins.



## Record of social events

<http://archives.bradonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions4266>

Part Of: RG 1 Brandon College fonds

Description Level: Sub-series

Series Number: 8.16

GMD: textual records

Date Range: 1916-1930

Physical Description: 2 cm

### Scope and Content:

Consists of a record of social affairs to be kept for reference listing various social events along with the preparations for and activities at each event.

Storage Location: RG 1 Brandon College fonds  
Series 8: Brandon College Students Association



## Brandon College Student Association records

<http://archives.bradonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions4262>

Part Of: RG 1 Brandon College fonds

Description Level: Sub-series

Series Number: 8.12

GMD: textual records

Date Range: 1948-1957

Physical Description: 1.5 cm

### Scope and Content:

Consists of the BCSA constitution, electoral procedure documents, nomination forms, the Brandon College Crests and Awards Board constitution, the Brandon College Finance Board constitution, the Brandon College Athletic Board/Athletic Council constitution, the Brandon College Board of Publications constitution, the Brandon College Literary Board constitution, the Sigma Mu constitution, and BCSA statistical summary of Committee meetings.

Subject Access: club constitutions

Storage Location: RG 1 Brandon College fonds  
Series 8: Brandon College Students Association



## Brandon College library - accession records

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions4294>

Part Of: RG 1 Brandon College fonds

Description Level: Sub-series

Series Number: 15.3

GMD: textual records

Date Range: 1899-1965

### Scope and Content:

Sub-series consists of accession records listing the accession number, author, title, publisher, cost and "source" for each book accessioned into the Brandon College Library. It includes a total of 10 accession catalogues covering the period December 1899 - June 1965: 2 accession catalogues (12x18x5) and 8 accession catalogues (9x12x .75 cm)

Storage Location: RG 1 Brandon College fonds  
Series 15: Brandon College Library