



## United Commercial Travelers Ladies Auxiliary #112 collection

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Part Of:	RG 5 Western Manitoba Manuscript Collection
Description Level:	Collection
Accession Number:	1-2013
GMD:	multiple media
Date Range:	October 30, 1937 – October 2006
Physical Description:	51cm of textual records 141 photographs 6 artifacts

### History /

#### Biographical:

The Brandon Ladies Auxiliary #112 of the United Commercial Travelers of America received its charter on October 30, 1937 at their first meeting, which took place in the Rose Room of the Prince Edward Hotel in Brandon, Manitoba. At this time the membership of the Ladies Auxiliary #112 consisted of 27 Sisters. Brother Ernie Tatton, Grand Counselor at the time, presented the Ladies Auxiliary with their Bible in May 1938. Winnipeg Auxiliary #48 gave the Brandon Auxiliary their Bible Book Mark and Saskatoon Auxiliary #23 gave them their gavel.

Initial meetings were held in the Rose Room of the Prince Edward Hotel on Saturday evenings, when the Brothers would meet after their weekly travels. Meetings were then moved to the Kelly Block on 8th Street. Here the Sisters would meet downstairs and the Brothers upstairs. Meetings were usually followed by dancing, singing, and lunch downstairs. Meetings were held in the Masonic Temple, the Knights of Columbus Hall, the Orange Hall, the Oddfellows Hall, and eventually in the UCT Hall. Throughout all the location changes, a social hour was still held with the Brothers.

The Brandon Auxiliary always performed the ritualistic and floor drill work. Originally, patrols only joined the Officers when Brandon Auxiliary was hosting a Grand Session. Patrols, with matching outfits, soon became a part of the floor work at every meeting. Officers were required to wear the proper attire. Capes were introduced in 1940 and white shoes, stockings, and dresses in 1941. Membership swelled over the years and 50 years after being inaugurated the Brandon Auxiliary could claim 136 Sisters.

The Brandon Ladies Auxiliary #112 was always very active within the larger community, especially with fundraising and charitable donation. Initially the Brandon Auxiliary supported the Red Cross by sewing and knitting. The Brandon Auxiliary also supported the Canadian Cancer Society at this time by making dressings. Rummage sales and teas were used to fundraise at the time. Teas were used in conjunction with the wives of the Steam Plant to purchase equipment for the first school in Brandon that taught developmentally delayed children. The Brandon Auxiliary also did fundraising teas, Walk-a-thons, bazaars, and raffles for the Camroc workshop, which was built for older handicapped students.

Bingo games were used to raise funds as well. Other projects of the Brandon Ladies Auxiliary include:

1. Builders of Women – provides help to needy girls and women and gives a scholarship out at the Festival of the Arts. In 1969 the Ladies Auxiliary refurnished the third floor of the YWCA.
2. Cancer – assistance with the annual canvas, ride and run events, putting on an event with a speaker and film, and a survey of sisters who had their annual pap test.
3. Handicapped Children – purchase of equipment for the handicapped classes at George Fitton School and the COR Enterprises (formerly Camroc) workshop. One sister was a volunteer for their swimming and bowling classes, among other things.
4. The Three Benevolent Funds
5. May E. Tisdale Educational Fund – donated to this fund every year, usually in memory of deceased sisters.
6. Brandon General Hospital Special Equipment Fund – every year a sum was included in the Ladies Auxiliary budget to purchase special equipment for the Brandon Hospital.

All members on the membership roll were contacted and asked if they wished to remain members. Several decided not to but 50 members remained. Each member under 80 paid a \$5 membership fee in April or October. Beginning in 2004, \$1 was collected from every member that attended a luncheon to pay for stamps and cards sent to those who were ill, lost a loved one, turned 80, etc. Fundraising is limited to selling Riverview Curling Club Lottery Calendars for which the Ladies Auxiliary #112 received \$4. In 2005 \$128 was collected and \$25 donated to five different charities.

In 2006, sisters of the Auxiliary still worked at the Fairview Daffodil Tea for Cancer, put on the January birthday party at Hillcrest Place, worked the Big Craft Sale at the Keystone Centre in October, worked with the Salvation Army Kettles at Christmas, and sold carnations for multiple sclerosis and daffodils for the Cancer Society. Luncheons held averaged about 20 members and 25 at Christmas.

#### Custodial History:

Records were created and collected by the members of the Brandon United Commercial Travelers Ladies Auxiliary #112. The collection was donated to the S.J. McKee Archives in March 2007.

#### Scope and Content:

Collection consists of records that document the origin, activities, and ultimately the disbandment of the Brandon Ladies Auxiliary #112 of the Order of the United Commercial Travelers of America. These records were created and accumulated during the nearly 70 year existence of the UCT Ladies Auxiliary #112.

The collection consists of the minutes of their meetings from November 1939 to November 1991, photographs of the members, and sign-in books from October 1937 to March 1991. It also contains the account ledger from April 1972 to March 1997. Several scrapbooks containing photographs and newspaper clippings related to the activities and members of the Ladies Auxiliary and the United Commercial Travelers, spanning the nearly 70 lifespan of the organization, are also included in the collection.

Both the United Commercial Travelers Council #448 and the United Commercial Travelers Ladies Auxiliary #112 were very active in raising funds for various charitable organizations. Money was raised for the Brandon General Hospital, as well as for George Fitton School to assist with their special education program. Organizations such as the Red Cross, the Canadian Cancer Society, special needs organizations, United Way, the Multiple Sclerosis Society, and several other organizations all received the benefits of UCT fundraising. Scholarships were also given out. Teas, dessert and bake sales, sewing and knitting, rummage sales, Walk-a-thons, bazaars, and raffles were all used to raise money for charitable donations.

Collection also contains various artifacts including a gavel, the original charter of the Ladies Auxiliary #112, nomination balls, officer's badges, a Bible, and the cloth used for the draping of a deceased member's charter. Also included is a handbook detailing the rituals carried out by the United Commercial Travelers of America.

Notes:	History/biographical information provided by Sister Bernice Nerbas of the UCT Ladies Auxiliary #112. Copies of their history are found in the collection. Description by Joseph Dauphinais (October 2013).
Name Access:	The Order of the United Commercial Travelers of America (UCT) The Order of the United Commercial Travelers of America (UCT) Ladies Auxiliary The Order of the United Commercial Travelers of America #448 The Order of the United Commercial Travelers of America Ladies Auxiliary #112 UCT

UCT Ladies Auxiliary #112

Jessie Tatton  
Florence Offer  
Bertha Baker  
Wilma Martin  
Hattie Moffat  
Isabelle Driver  
Belle Driver  
Rose Woodlock  
Kay Quinn  
Blanche Macleay  
Diane Finch  
Jean Williamson  
Anne Larkins  
Doris Gromb  
Helen Cook  
Mae MacEdwards  
Heidi Cleuett  
Flora Francis  
Gladys Quinn  
Janet MacLeod  
Myrtle Cook  
Lillian Hare  
Margaret Geiler  
Alice Cosgrove  
Phyllis Clark  
Charlotte Kellie  
Dot MacKay  
Audrey Campbell  
Jean Chrisp  
Patricia Brooking  
Pat Brooking  
Patricia Scott  
Jaye Little  
Iva Brynelson  
Marilyn Johnston  
Doris Stanzeleit  
Mildred Darvill  
Bernice Keown  
Myrtle Kardash  
Linda Koshowski  
Vonnie Coates  
Carole Mann  
Anne Dunwald  
Brenda Loll

Aileen Smalley  
Phyllis Elliott  
Donna Thompson  
Elfriede Verstock  
Freddie Verstock  
Heather Bernhardt  
Linda Garson  
Kathleen Heppner  
Lois Osudar  
Ricki Woods  
Bernice Nerbas

Subject Access: ~~Cancer Society~~  
women's organizations  
charitable organizations

Storage Location: 2013 accessions

Related Material: The Order of the United Commercial Travelers of America (UCT) fonds (5-2008), 4 photographs in the CKX fonds (11-2010.U5, 11-2010.U6a, 11-2010.U6b, 11-2010.U6c), Jack Stothard collection (4-2013)



## Street scene 8th Street in winter

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13703>

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection

Description Level: Item

Series Number: McG 9

Item Number: 20-2009.13

Accession Number: 20-2009

GMD: graphic

Date Range: 1906

Physical Description: 4.25" x 3.25" (b/w)

Material Details: on matting

Physical Condition: Photograph has been glued to a backing board that has warped over time

### History /

#### Biographical:

On 16 November 1906, Manitoba was hit by a severe winter storm that began that Thursday evening and extended through the weekend. The Brandon Daily Sun ("Storm Extends Over a Large Territory," 17 Nov. 1906, 1) reported that rail and telegraph services had been disrupted, country roads were impassable, and business in town was at a stand still. Following the weekend, the daily reported the blizzard was one of the greatest in recent memory. CPR trains had been caught in drifts by Carberry and an express car had caught fire and was destroyed ("Worst Storm in Many Years," Brandon Daily Sun, 19 Nov. 1906, 1).

#### Scope and Content:

Photograph shows street view of intersection of the 000 block of 8th Street and Rosser Avenue in the winter. Businesses on the east side of 8th Street from Pacific to Rosser Avenues are clearly visible and include: a Lunch Room (likely Aagaard's Lunch Counter), the Hotel Imperial Annex, Liverpool House (a boarding house), R.S. Thompson and Company Real Estate Office (Land Office), a barber shop (likely J. Coulter's), Frank Gowen photography studio. Fleming's Drug Store on the corner of 8th Street and Rosser Avenue has been replaced by the Bank of Hamilton. The Imperial Hotel is visible on the west side of 8th Street. The 8th Street Bridge is visible in the background.

Notes: Writing on the front of the photograph matting reads: 338, November 1906. Page appears to be from a photo album. The photograph appears to be taken from the interior of a building on the southwest corner of 8th Street and Rosser Avenue.

Name Access: Fleming Block  
Frank Gowen Photographer  
Liverpool House  
Hotel Imperial Annex  
8th Street  
Rosser Avenue  
Aagaard's  
R.S. Thompson  
8th Street Bridge  
Bank of Hamilton  
Imperial Hotel

Subject Access: Street scene  
downtown  
storefronts  
store exteriors  
hotels  
boarding houses  
barber shops  
restaurants  
druggists  
photographers  
bridge  
banks  
winter  
land agents

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

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## 8th Street and Rosser Avenue intersection

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13768>

Part Of:	Fred McGuinness collection
Description Level:	Item
Series Number:	McG 9
Item Number:	20-2009.79
Accession Number:	20-2009
GMD:	graphic
Date Range:	[1906]
Physical Description:	4.25" x 3.25" (b/w)
Material Details:	on matting
Physical Condition:	Photograph is scratched and has been glued to a backing board that has warped over time

### Scope and Content:

Photograph shows street view of the northeast intersection of the 000 block of 8th Street and Rosser Avenue. Horse and buggies are parked along the east side of 8th Street. Businesses on the east side of 8th Street from Pacific to Rosser Avenues are clearly visible and include: a Lunch Room (likely Aagaard's Lunch Counter), the Hotel Imperial Annex, Liverpool House (a boarding house), R.S. Thompson and Company Real Estate Office (Land Office), a barber shop (likely J. Coulter's), Frank Gowen photography studio, and Fleming's Drug Store. A possible street fair is in progress on Rosser Avenue. One man is standing on a soap box and is surrounded by a crowd in the middle of 8th Street. Another man can be seen standing behind a booth on the northwest street corner. Building construction appears to be happening on the west corner of 8th Street and Rosser Avenue.

Notes:	Writing on the front of the photograph matting reads: 297. One photograph (20-2009.80) is glued below the photograph. Another photograph is glued on the reverse side. Page appears to be from a photo album.
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Name Access: Fleming Block  
Fleming's Drug Store  
Frank Gowen Photographer  
Liverpool House  
Hotel Imperial Annex  
8th Street  
Rosser Avenue  
Aagaard's  
R.S. Thompson  
8th Street Bridge

Subject Access: Street scene  
Transportation  
downtown  
storefronts  
store exteriors  
hotels  
boarding houses  
barber shops  
restaurants  
druggists  
photographers  
bridge  
horses  
dogs  
buggies

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

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### 8th Street and Rosser Avenue intersection

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13701>

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection  
Description Level: Item  
Series Number: McG 9



Item Number: 20-2009.11  
Accession Number: 20-2009  
GMD: graphic  
Date Range: [1906]  
Physical Description: 6.5" x 4.25" (b/w)  
Material Details: on matting  
Physical Condition: Photograph is scratched and has been glued to a backing board that has warped over time

Scope and Content:

Photograph shows street view of intersection of the 000 block of 8th Street and Rosser Avenue. Horse and buggies are travelling on both roads. Businesses on the east side of 8th Street from Pacific to Rosser Avenues are clearly visible and include: a Lunch Room (likely Aagaard's Lunch Counter), the Hotel Imperial Annex, Liverpool House (a boarding house), R.S. Thompson and Company Real Estate Office (Land Office), a barber shop (likely J. Coulter's), Frank Gowen photography studio, and Fleming's Drug Store. A possible street fair is in progress on Rosser Avenue. One man is surrounded by a crowd adjacent to the Fleming Block, another man stands on a soap box in the middle of the intersection, while a third man is standing behind a booth. Building construction appears to be happening on the west corner of 7th Street and Rosser Avenue.

Notes: Writing on the front of the photograph matting reads: 296. One photograph (20-2009.12) is glued above and two others are glued on the reverse side. Page appears to be from a photo album.

Name Access: Fleming Block  
Fleming's Drug Store  
Frank Gowen Photographer  
Liverpool House  
Hotel Imperial Annex  
8th Street  
Rosser Avenue  
Aagaard's  
R.S. Thompson  
8th Street Bridge

Subject Access: Street scene  
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dogs  
land agents

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

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### Street scene 8th Street in winter

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13704>

Part Of:	Fred McGuinness collection
Description Level:	Item
Series Number:	McG 9
Item Number:	20-2009.14
Accession Number:	20-2009
GMD:	graphic
Date Range:	1906
Physical Description:	4.25" x 3.25" (b/w)
Material Details:	on matting
Physical Condition:	Photograph has been glued to a backing board that has warped over time

#### History /

#### Biographical:

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Notes: Writing on the front of the photograph matting reads: 340, after the storm November 1906. Page appears to be from a photo album. The photograph appears to be taken from the interior of a building on the southwest corner of 8th Street and Rosser Avenue.

Name Access: Fleming Block  
Frank Gowen Photographer  
Liverpool House  
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Aagaard's  
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store exteriors  
hotels  
boarding houses  
barber shops  
restaurants  
druggists  
photographers  
bridges  
banks  
winter  
Transportation  
sleighs  
storms  
land agents

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

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