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Brandon Hardware Company Ltd.

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13695>

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection

Description Level: Item

Series Number: McG 9

Item Number: 20-2009.5

Accession Number: 20-2009

GMD: graphic

Date Range: [191-]

Physical Description: 8.5" x 6.5" (b/w)

Material Details: Reproduction

Scope and Content:

Photograph shows the Brandon Hardware Company Ltd. storefront at 641 Rosser Avenue on the corner of 7th Street. A billboard advertisement for Stephen's Pure Paints is on the 7th Street side of the building. A company delivery truck is parked on the street. Two men appear to be window shopping on the avenue side of the store.

Name Access: Brandon Hardware Company

Rosser Avenue

7th Street

Subject Access: storefront

store exteriors

hardware

Trucks

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

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McDiarmid & Clark Lumber

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13988>

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection

Description Level: Item

Series Number: McG 9

Item Number: 1-2015.59

Accession Number: 1-2015

GMD: graphic

Date Range: [c.1905]

Physical Description: 4" x 5.5" (b/w)

Material Details: on matting

Physical Condition: Matting has been cut to size and the back is water-stained

Custodial History:

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

Scope and Content:

Photograph shows a group of 14 men outside a wood-framed building. The men are likely employees of McDiarmid Lumber.

Notes: Date range based on establishment of McDiarmid & Clark and employment periods for members of the Chalmers family based on Henderson's Brandon City Directory.

Name Access: McDiarmid & Clark

Subject Access: lumber

Brandon business buildings & facilities before 1940

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

Arrangement:

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McDiarmid & Clark Lumber

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13989>

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection

Description Level: Item

Series Number: McG 9

Item Number: 1-2015.60

Accession Number: 1-2015

GMD: graphic

Date Range: [c.1905]

Physical Description: 4.75" x 3.75" (b/w)

Material Details: on matting

Custodial History:

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

Scope and Content:

Photograph shows a group of 24 males alongside a wood-framed building. The individuals are likely employees of McDiarmid Lumber. The ages of employees range from children to middle-age. The men appear to be wearing their "Sunday-best." Some men have smoking pipes, another man is holding a dog.

Notes: Date range based on establishment of McDiarmid & Clark and employment periods for members of the Chalmers family based on Henderson's Brandon City Directory.

Name Access: McDiarmid & Clark

Subject Access: lumber

Brandon business buildings & facilities before 1940
dogs

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

Arrangement:

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E.E. Lehigh Ltd.

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13796>



Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection
Creator: Photograph: C.J. Smith
Description Level: Item
Series Number: McG 9
Item Number: 20-2009.105
Accession Number: 20-2009
GMD: graphic
Date Range: [1929-1931]
Physical Description: 9.5" x 7.5" (b/w)
Material Details: On matting

History /

Biographical:

The 1901 Canadian Census places the Lehigh family near Brockville, Ontario, where Everett E. Lehigh (b. 19 May 1881) was farming with his widowed father Solon (b. 20 Aug 1849) and younger sister, Edna (b. 08 Feb 1884). The findagrave.com genealogical website identifies a Mary Wickware as marrying Everett E. Lehigh in Algonquin, Ontario, on 04 April 1905.

E.E. Lehigh appears in the Henderson's Brandon City Directories in 1919. By 1923, he was Vice-President of Motors Ltd., which had its shop on 151-7th Street. By 1925, Lehigh had taken over the garage, renaming it Lehigh Motors, which became the sole agent for McLaughlin Motor Cars. By 1927, Lehigh Motors had opened a second branch on 12th Street and Princess Avenue, which was formerly the Brandon Auto Garage. Lehigh had become the exclusive dealer for McLaughlin-Buick, Pontiac, and Oldsmobile motor cars.

It appears Lehigh moved his business, E.E. Lehigh Ltd., to 799 Pacific Avenue by 1929. By then, Lehigh had a head office in Winnipeg at 640 Portage Avenue where he served as president and was the provincial distributor for Rugby trucks and Durant cars. Although E.E. Lehigh had a residence in Brandon (325 - 14th Street), Mr. S.G. Cunningham was listed as the Brandon representative for Lehigh Motors Ltd. in the Henderson Directories. By 1931, E.E. Lehigh Ltd. had moved once again, this time to 151-153 - 9th Street.

E.E. Lehigh disappears from the Henderson's Brandon City Directory by 1933 and a Mrs. E.E. Lehigh (possibly Mary (Wickware) Lehigh, d.21 July 1943) is listed under the 14th Street residence. The 9th Street garage address is divided between Munns Taxi (151-9th Street) and Wheat City Auto Wreckers (153-9th Street.)

Custodial History:

Photograph was in possession of Mrs. Ruby Miles, who passed the image on to Fred McGuinness. McGuinness makes reference to Mrs. Miles and this photograph in his Sunbeams column (Source: F.A. Rosser, "Another interesting chat with a daughter of the plains," Brandon Sun 18 Aug 1981).

Scope and Content:

Photograph shows a group portrait of 33 individuals standing and seated in front of the business E.E. Lehigh Ltd., Brandon. The storefront window has a sign that reads: Durant Motor Cars, E.E. Lehigh Ltd., Brandon. The door to the business has Lehigh Motors stencilled on the window. The men are wearing jackets and ties, and there are three women, possibly clerical staff, wearing 1920s era dresses. The elderly man seated in the centre of the photograph, wearing a long-sleeved white dress shirt might be Everett E. Lehigh.

Notes: Writing on the front of the photograph is embossed: C.J. Smith
Name Access: E.E. Lehigh

Subject Access: garages
 Transportation
 Brandon business buildings & facilities before 1940
 store exteriors

Storage Location: McGuinness oversize storage drawer (1-2015)

Related Material: Ruby Miles collection 14-2003

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Hanbury Manufacturing lumber yard

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13979>

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection

Description Level: Item

Series Number: McG 9

Item Number: 1-2015.50

Accession Number: 1-2015

GMD: graphic

Date Range: c.1900

Physical Description: 3.25" x 2" (b/w)

Material Details: on matting

History /

Biographical:

The Hanbury Manufacturing Company was located at 600-698 Assiniboine Avenue.

Scope and Content:

Photograph shows a group of men standing in front of a pile of lumber in the yard of Hanbury Manufacturing. A horse is hitched to a buggy in the background and a dog stands in the foreground.

Name Access: Hanbury Manufacturing Co.

Subject Access: lumber manufacturing

dogs

Brandon business buildings & facilities before 1940

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

Related Material: Lawrence Stuckey collection 1-2002.3.1H14

Arrangement:

McG RR #3 Order of Manitoba envelope

Images





Manitoba Hardware and Lumber Company, Hamiota

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13908>

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection

Description Level: Item

Series Number: McG 9

Item Number: 20-2009.218

Accession Number: 20-2009

GMD: graphic

Date Range: 1900s

Physical Description: 7" x 5" (b/w)

Material Details: reproduction

Custodial History:

Given to Fred McGuinness by George Creighton, 1980?

Scope and Content:

Photograph shows two men seated in a sleigh pulled by two oxen. Behind the men is a wooden building with a M.H. & L Co. Ltd. sign on its side.

Notes: Writing on the front of the photograph reads: 7.3.80. file family letters. picture of dad's store at Hamiota. M.H. & L. > Manitoba Hardware & Lumber Co. George Creighton gave me this. McG.

Name Access: Manitoba Hardware and Lumber Company

Hamiota, Manitoba

Subject Access: hardware stores

lumber manufacturing

winter

Transportation

early transportation

Rural Manitoba

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

Arrangement:

From 20-2009 #4 plastic envelope #2

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William Muir General Grocer building



<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13757>

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection

Description Level: Item

Series Number: McG 9

Item Number: 20-2009.68

Accession Number: 20-2009

GMD: graphic

Date Range: post-1888

Physical Description: 4.5" x 7.5" (b/w)

Material Details: on matting

Physical Condition: Matting is bent and has a thumbtack hole.

History /

Biographical:

According to G.F. Barker (Brandon: A City, 1977, 291), William (Billy) Muir worked at Coombs & Stewart's on Pacific Avenue until he opened his own grocery store in 1888. The shop was located at 143-6th Street, Brandon, and was demolished for a parking lot in 1952.

Custodial History:

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

Scope and Content:

Photograph shows the "Wm. Muir General Grocer" building on 6th Street. Two men pose in the doorway of the store. The man on the left is likely William Muir. Barrels are lined on the boardwalk in front of the store. Apples and mason jars can be seen in the shop's windows.

Notes: Front of photograph reads: Sixth Street between Rosser - Princess. Back of photograph reads: Billy Muir's Store, 143 6th Street Brandon - 57 years in business in this location. An address label affixed to the back of the mat reads: Mrs. James Strath, Box 421, Souris, Man.

Name Access: Coombs & Stewart
Pacific Avenue
6th Street
Wm. Muir General Grocer

Subject Access: Pioneers
general stores
building exteriors
store exteriors
grocery stores
Brandon business buildings & facilities before 1940

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

Related Material: Lawrence Stuckey collection 1-2002.3.1E18

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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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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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A.W. Evans & Company Hardware & Implements

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14052>

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection

Description Level: Item

Series Number: McG 9

Item Number: 1-2015.122

Accession Number: 1-2015

GMD: graphic

Date Range: [19--]

Physical Description: 3" x 2" (b/w)

Scope and Content:

Photograph shows the storefront of A.W. Evans & Co. Hardware & Implements. A hitching post with an advertisement for Milton Wagons is in front of the store.

Name Access: A.W. Evans & Co.

Subject Access: building exteriors

hardware stores

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

Arrangement:

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A.W. Evans & Company Hardware & Implements

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14053>

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection

Description Level: Item

Series Number: McG 9

Item Number: 1-2015.123

Accession Number: 1-2015

GMD: graphic

Date Range: [19--]

Physical Description: 3" x 2" (colour)

Scope and Content:

Photograph shows the storefront of A.W. Evans & Co. Hardware & Implements. A horse is next to the hitching post that has an advertisement for Hamilton Wagons in front of the store.

Name Access: A.W. Evans & Co.

Subject Access: building exteriors

hardware stores

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

Arrangement:

BR #3 Family pictures

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Interior of Hanbury Mill

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13797>

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection

Description Level: Item

Series Number: McG 9

Item Number: 20-2009.106

Accession Number: 20-2009
GMD: graphic
Date Range: 1924
Physical Description: 8" x 6" (b/w)
Material Details: On matting
Physical Condition: Photograph is scratched
Custodial History:

Photograph was in possession of Mrs. Ruby Miles, who passed the image on to Fred McGuinness. McGuinness makes reference to Mrs. Miles and this photograph in his Sunbeams column (Brandon Sun 14 September 1978).

Scope and Content:

Photograph shows the interior of the Hanbury Manufacturing Co. Mill. Men identified in the photograph include: Mr. Tom McKenzie (right), Elden Darrow, and Jack Sillicker.

Notes: Writing on the back of the photograph reads: Mrs. R. Miles. Provenience and identifications obtained from Lawrence Stuckey collection.

Name Access: Hanbury Manufacturing Co.

Tom McKenzie

Eldon Darrow

Jack Sillicker

Subject Access: manufactured products

mills

saw mills

forest products

logs

lumber

Brandon Industries

store interiors

building interiors

Brandon business buildings & facilities before 1940

logging

lumbering

lumber manufacturing

Storage Location: McGuinness oversize storage drawer (1-2015)

Related Material: Lawrence Stuckey collection 1-2002.3.1H11

Ruby Miles collection 14-2003, File 2

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Tenth Street looking towards CPR Station, Brandon, Man.

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13780>

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection

Description Level: Item

Series Number: McG 9

Item Number: 20-2009.91

Accession Number: 20-2009

GMD: graphic

Date Range: [1917-1919]

Physical Description: 5.5" x 3.5" (colour)

Material Details: postcard

History /

Biographical:

According to Russ Gurluck (Silver Screens on the Prairie, Winnipeg: Great Plains Publications, 2012, 26), the Orpheum Theatre was in operation from 1917 to 1920 when it then became the Willis Theatre.

Scope and Content:

Postcard shows the 100 block of 10th Street facing north. The CPR train station can be seen at the end of 10th Street. The sign for the Rex Cafe is visible on the west side of 10th Street. On the east side of 10th Street, billboards for Campbell & Campbell furniture are visible as well as signs for Pianos and the Orpheum Theatre. Motorists and cyclists share the road. Street car tracks run the length of 10th Street.

Notes: Postcard was manufactured by T.B. [Tichnor Brothers, Inc., 1908-1987] Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Name Access: 10th Street
CPR Station
Orpheum Theatre
Rex Cafe
Campbell & Campbell
Brandon Municipal Railway

Subject Access: street scenes
building exteriors
store exteriors
automobiles
Transportation
street cars
bicycles

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

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Wright & Wright, Brandon

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13949>

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection

Description Level: Item

Series Number: McG 9

Item Number: 1-2015.21

Accession Number: 1-2015

GMD: graphic

Date Range: 1882

Physical Description: 5" x 4" (b/w)

Material Details: reproduction

Scope and Content:

Photograph shows four men posing in front of a wood-framed shop on 8th Street and Rosser Avenue. The men are wearing three-piece suits or vests and long-sleeved shirts. A painted sign above the shop reads: Wright & Wright, Hamilton Stove & Tin Store. Hanging from the exterior walls are various tin items for sale: lantern, ladel, dust pan, pots and pans.

Notes: Writing on the back of the photograph reads: Corner of 8th & Rosser. Photograph is stamped Public Archives Canada.

Name Access: 8th Street

Rosser Avenue

Subject Access: Pioneers

store exteriors

Brandon business buildings & facilities before 1940

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

Related Material: LAC, Mikan 3194057

Arrangement:

See McG 4.1 File 51 William R. Morrison correspondence dated 14 January 1985

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W.F. McGuinness at the Dominion Express Co.

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14019>

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection

Description Level: Item

Series Number: McG 9

Item Number: 1-2015.89

Accession Number: 1-2015

GMD: graphic

Date Range: [1900s]

Physical Description: 2.5" x 3.5" (b/w)

Physical Condition: Photograph is folded and torn

Scope and Content:

Photograph shows a group of four men standing on a platform at the entrance of the Dominion Express Company. William Frederick McGuinness stands on the left.

Name Access: William Frederick McGuinness

W.F. McGuinness

Dominion Express Company

Subject Access: Brandon business buildings & facilities before 1940

building exteriors

Conservation: on matting

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

Arrangement:

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Churches of Brandon postcard

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13871>

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection
Creator: Published by Christie's Bookstore, Brandon, Man.
Description Level: Item
Series Number: McG 9
Item Number: 20-2009.181
Accession Number: 20-2009
GMD: graphic
Date Range: 1910s
Physical Description: 3.5" x 5.5" (colour)
Material Details: postcard

Scope and Content:

Photograph shows exterior views of five Brandon churches: Baptist Church, Presbyterian Church, St. Matthew's Church, Catholic Church and Monastery, and Methodist Church.

Notes: Part of "Christie's Brandon Series of Six Colored Picture Postcards of Brandon, Manitoba, The Crown Series, Published by Christie's Bookstore, Brandon, Man." [note: missing sixth postcard]. Writing on the front of the photograph reads: Baptist Church, Presbyterian Church Brandon Man., St. Matthew's Church, Catholic Church and Monastery, Methodist Church.

Name Access: St. Matthew's Church
St. Augustine's Church
First Baptist Church
Presbyterian Church
Methodist Church

Subject Access: churches
building exteriors
Brandon business buildings & facilities before 1940

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

Arrangement:

From 20-2009 File 9

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Brandon College viewbook postcard

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13882>

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection
Creator: Printed by Photogelatine Engraving Co. Ltd., Ottawa
Description Level: Item
Series Number: McG 9
Item Number: 20-2009.192
Accession Number: 20-2009
GMD: graphic
Date Range: 1920s
Physical Description: 3.5" x 5.5" (b/w)
Material Details: postcard
Scope and Content:

Photograph shows a southwestern view of Clark Hall and the Brandon College Original Building. The Citizen Science Building is absent from the campus grounds.

Notes: Part of "Souvenir of Brandon, Manitoba, Canada [viewbook], Printed by Photogelatine Engraving Co. Limited, Ottawa." Dates obtained from the Burchill's Music Store Henderson's Brandon City Directory listings (1927-1929). Writing on the front of the photograph reads: Brandon College, Brandon, Man.

Name Access: Brandon General Hospital

Subject Access: Brandon business buildings & facilities before 1940
hospitals
building exteriors

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

Arrangement:

From 20-2009 photos

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City Hall and YMCA viewbook postcard

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13885>

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection

Creator: Printed by Photogelatine Engraving Co. Ltd., Ottawa

Description Level: Item

Series Number: McG 9

Item Number: 20-2009.195

Accession Number: 20-2009

GMD: graphic

Date Range: 1920s

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

Material Details: postcard

Scope and Content:

Photograph shows two separate views. One is of the main entrance of (Old) City Hall on Princess Avenue. The other view shows the edifice of the YMCA building as well as the adjacent St. Paul's United and First United Churches on 8th Street.

Notes: Part of "Souvenir of Brandon, Manitoba, Canada [viewbook], Printed by Photogelatine Engraving Co. Limited, Ottawa." Dates obtained from the Burchill's Music Store Henderson's Brandon City Directory listings (1927-1929). Writing on the front of the photograph reads: City Hall - Brandon, Man; YMCA, St. Paul's United & First Church United, Brandon, Man.

Name Access: YMCA

St. Paul's United Church

First United Church

City Hall

Old City Hall

8th Street

Subject Access: Brandon business buildings & facilities before 1940

churches

building exteriors

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

Arrangement:

From 20-2009 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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Nation & Shewan store window

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14003>

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection



Description Level: Item
 Series Number: McG 9
 Item Number: 1-2015.73
 Accession Number: 1-2015
 GMD: graphic
 Date Range: 1914
 Physical Description: 6.5" x 4.5" (b/w)
 Physical Condition: Top left corner is bent

History /

Biographical:

Erected in 1889, on the southeast corner of Rosser Avenue and 7th Street at 806 Rosser Avenue, this block was designed by Brandon architect W.H. Shillinglaw. At the time of its construction the structure housed the Nation & Shewan Department Store, one of Brandon's largest and most successful drygoods businesses, owned and operated by Fred Nation and Alexander Shewan.

Major improvements were made to the store and an annex was added in 1910. Some of the renovation additions included, but were not limited to, an updated frontage with new copper sash windows and prismatic glass tops, plate glass windows, new fixtures and carpet. With the renovations the floor space of the business was to be almost doubled. The stock of the business also increased, with the Brandon Weekly Sun reporting that when finished, Nation & Shewan would be a "store of which the citizens of Brandon will be justly proud." The drygoods firm operated until Nation's death 1926, when it became known as A. Shewan Limited. From 1933 to 1944, the business was known as Shewan and Son. Shortly thereafter, the Metropolitan Stores Ltd began operating out of the Nation & Shewan Block.

In 2000, the Town Centre prepared to knock down the Red Apple Building, formerly the Nation & Shewan Block. The demolition was to make way for the new atrium and entrance for the mall, and begin a new period of redevelopment at the downtown shopping centre.

[History/Bio written by Christy Henry (SJ McKee Archives) and Eileen Trott (Daly House Museum), researched by Morganna Maylon, for 2015 photographic exhibition "Gowen's Brandon: Then and Now".]

Custodial History:

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

Scope and Content:

Photograph shows a display of women's clothing and accessories in the window at Nation & Shewan. A sign reads: 1914 Spring Opening commences on Wednesday March 25th.

Notes: Writing on the back of the photograph reads: Mrs. E. Harden, 33-10th St., City. According to the Henderson's Brandon City Directories, Catharine "Kate" Harden (nee Chalmers) worked as a cashier at Nation & Shewan from 1913 to 1914.

Name Access: Nation & Shewan
 Kate Harden

Subject Access: building exteriors
 advertising
 Brandon business buildings & facilities before 1940

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

Arrangement:

McG 4.1 File 27

