

# S. J. McKee Archives



## Spafford brothers 1909

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13734>

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection

Description Level: Item

Series Number: McG 9

Item Number: 20-2009.44

Accession Number: 20-2009

GMD: graphic

Date Range: 1909

Physical Description: 3.25" x 5.5" (b/w)

Material Details: postcard

History /

Biographical:

Harry Spafford (b. 22 Oct 1888, d. 10 May 1978) was born in Holmfild, Manitoba. He married Isabella Hawking of Ninga in 1914 and the couple moved to Brandon in 1915 where they continued to reside until 1973. Harry worked as a locomotive fireman and then as an engineer with the Canadian Northern Railway (CN). While with CN, he was an active member of the Brotherhood of Local Engineers and Firemen No. 788 of Brandon. He served as an alderman in Brandon from 1928 to 1945. In 1932, Harry ran in the Manitoba by-election for Brandon as an Independent Labour candidate and lost to the Conservative member George Dinsdale. In 1952, Harry ran as a Co-Operative Commonwealth Federation (CCF) member in the provincial election and lost to Conservative party representative Reg Lissaman. Harry Spafford passed away in Burnaby, BC, and is interred in the Ocean View Cemetery. (Source: see obituary in McG 4.1 File 66)

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Scope and Content:

Postcard is a studio portrait of the Spafford brothers. Alvie is seated, Harry is standing.

Notes: Writing on the front of the postcard reads: out of the past, Harry & Alvie Spafford, 1909 Winnipeg. The back of the postcard reads: Harry on left, Alvie on right, in our early, days, Railway.

Name Access: Harry Spafford

Alvie Spafford

Subject Access: portraits

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

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## Spafford brothers 1909-1910

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13758>

Part Of:	Fred McGuinness collection
Description Level:	Item
Series Number:	McG 9
Item Number:	20-2009.69
Accession Number:	20-2009
GMD:	graphic
Date Range:	1909-1910
Physical Description:	3.25" x 5.5" (b/w)
Material Details:	postcard

## History /

### Biographical:

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### Scope and Content:

Postcard is a studio portrait of the Spafford brothers. Harry is seated on the left, Alva ("Alvie") is standing with his right arm around his brother.

Notes: Writing on the front of the postcard reads: Harry on left, Harry & Alva Spafford, our early Railroad days in Winnipeg 1909 or 1910.

Name Access: Harry Spafford  
Alvie Spafford  
Alva Spafford

Subject Access: portraits

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

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## Central School Grade VIII class

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13748>

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection

Description Level: Item

Series Number: McG 9

Item Number: 20-2009.59

Accession Number: 20-2009

GMD: graphic

Date Range: 1909-1910

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

Material Details: postcard

History /

Biographical:

Central School was situated on Lorne Avenue between 5th Street and 6th Street.

Custodial History:

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

Scope and Content:

Postcard is an outdoor class photograph of the 1909-1910 Central School Grade 8 class. The girls are wearing dresses and the boys suits and ties. School principal, Bedford A. Tingley, lays in front of the class.

Notes: Back of postcard reads: Grade VIII, Teacher, B.A. Tingely [sic.], Allena Coombs

Name Access: Central School  
Bedford a. Tingley  
Allena Coombs

Subject Access: schools  
class portraits

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

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## Central School Grade VII class

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13749>

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection

Description Level: Item

Series Number: McG 9

Item Number: 20-2009.60

Accession Number: 20-2009

GMD: graphic

Date Range: 1908-1909

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

Material Details: postcard

Physical Condition: Postcard has four thumb tack holes in its corners

### History /

#### Biographical:

Central School was situated on Lorne Avenue between 5th Street and 6th Street.

#### Custodial History:

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

#### Scope and Content:

Postcard depicts an outdoor class picture of the 1908-1909 Central School Grade 7 class.

The class is posing outside of the school. The girls are wearing dresses and bows in their hair.

The boys are wearing suits and ties. Teacher Naomi Moore stands to the right of the class.

Notes: Back of postcard reads: Grade VII, Teacher, Naomi Moore, Allena Coombs, 1908-1909.

Name Access: Central School

Naomi Moore

Allena Coombs

Subject Access: schools

class portraits

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

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## Central School Grade VI class

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13750>

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection  
Description Level: Item  
Series Number: McG 9  
Item Number: 20-2009.61  
Accession Number: 20-2009  
GMD: graphic  
Date Range: 1907-1908  
Physical Description: 5.5" x 3.5" (b/w)  
Material Details: postcard  
Physical Condition: Postcard has four thumb tack holes in its corners

### History /

#### Biographical:

Central School was situated on Lorne Avenue between 5th Street and 6th Street.

#### Custodial History:

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

#### Scope and Content:

Postcard depicts an outdoor class photograph of the 1907-1908 Central School Grade 6 class. The class is posing outside of the school. The girls are wearing dresses and the boys are wearing suits and ties.

Notes: Back of postcard reads: Grade VI, Allena Coombs, 1907-1908.

Name Access: Central School  
Naomi Moore  
Allena Coombs

Subject Access: schools  
class portraits

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

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## Central School class

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13751>

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection

Description Level: Item

Series Number: McG 9

Item Number: 20-2009.62

Accession Number: 20-2009

GMD: graphic

Date Range: 1906-1907

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

Material Details: postcard

Physical Condition: Postcard has two thumb tack holes in its corners, bottom left corner is creased, face of one student is blotted out.

### History /

#### Biographical:

Central School was situated on Lorne Avenue between 5th Street and 6th Street.

#### Custodial History:

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

#### Scope and Content:

Postcard depicts an outdoor class photograph of the 1906-1907 Central School Grade 5? class. The class is posing outside of the school. The girls are wearing dresses and boots. Most of the boys are wearing suits and ties.

Notes: Back of postcard reads: Allena Coombs, 1906-1907. All the students' names are listed. The class teacher is identified as Miss [Nettie?] Harrison.

Name Access: Central School  
Allena Coombs

Subject Access: schools  
class portraits

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

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## Spafford brothers in cowboy costumes

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13759>



Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection

Description Level: Item

Series Number: McG 9

Item Number: 20-2009.70

Accession Number: 20-2009

GMD: graphic

Date Range: [19--]

Physical Description: 3.25" x 5.5" (b/w)

Material Details: postcard

History /

Biographical:

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Scope and Content:

Postcard is a studio portrait of the Spafford brothers dressed as cowboys in chaps, bandanas, and hats. Harry is standing on the left and is reaching for a bottle resting on a stool. Alvie is standing on the right and is pointing a pistol at his brother. Behind the brothers is the back of train car that reads "leaving Winnipeg."

Notes: Writing on the front of the postcard reads: Early railroad day in wpg, Harry on left, Alvie on right.

Name Access: Harry Spafford

Alvie Spafford

Alva Spafford

Subject Access: portraits

cowboys

costumes

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

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## Spafford family 1912

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13760>

Part Of:	Fred McGuinness collection
Description Level:	Item
Series Number:	McG 9
Item Number:	20-2009.71
Accession Number:	20-2009
GMD:	graphic
Date Range:	1912
Physical Description:	3.5" x 5.5" (b/w)
Material Details:	postcard
Physical Condition:	Postcard is stained and ripped in the right hand corner. A label is taped to the front of the postcard. The postcard has been issued.

## History /

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### Scope and Content:

Postcard is a group photograph of some of the members of the Spafford family standing on the front steps of a residence. The four women and four men are dressed in heavy coats and jackets.

#### Notes:

Writing on the front of the postcard reads: Harry Spafford on left, Alvie Spafford in centre, Alf Spafford on extreme right, about 1910; The back of the postcard is addressed to Mrs. Alva (Francis) Spafford of Bannerman, Manitoba. Alvie Spafford has written a brief note to his wife, Francis. The postmark reads November 23, 1912, Winnipeg, Manitoba. The names Aunt Ida, -- --, Uncle Harry, Alf, and Alva are written in pen at the top of the postcard.

#### Name Access:

Harry Spafford  
Alvie Spafford  
Alva Spafford  
Alfred Spafford

#### Subject Access:

portraits  
cowboys  
costumes

#### Storage Location:

RG 5 photograph storage drawer 2 (hanging photos)

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Harry Spafford on left  
Alvie      ✓ in center  
Alf      ✓ on extreme right  
about 1910