

S. J. McKee Archives



Billy Muir's car c.1910

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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)

Images

