

# S. J. McKee Archives



## Brandon street cars in front of Winter Fair Building on 10th Street

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13753>

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection  
Description Level: Item  
Series Number: McG 9  
Item Number: 20-2009.64  
Accession Number: 20-2009  
GMD: graphic  
Date Range: 1913  
Physical Description: 5.5" x 3.5" (b/w)  
Material Details: postcard  
Physical Condition: Postcard is discoloured around the edges

### History /

### Biographical:

According to the Brandon Daily Sun (07 May 1913), the first three street cars (Nos. 10, 9, and 7) arrived in Brandon on the evening of May 6, 1913. The cars were shipped via Canadian National Rail to Brandon from Winnipeg and stored at the railway siding on McTavish Avenue between 8th and 9th Streets. The daily paper (15 May 1915) reported that a test run for the street cars was scheduled for May 16, 1913. The City Clerk published a public notice in the paper (29 May 1913) announcing the formal opening of the "Brandon Municipal Street Railway" for on Monday, June 2, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at city hall where the cars would be displayed.

### Custodial History:

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

### Scope and Content:

Postcard depicts three municipal street cars parked on the 10th Street tracks in front of the Winter Fair Building. In front of the cars are a group of men wearing suits, hats, and top coats. Two automobiles are parked alongside the street cars. According to Archivist Emeritus Tom Mitchell, the group of men are members of the Brandon Municipal Street Railway Committee. The chairman of the committee, Harry Cater, can be seen in the center-left of the group wearing a watch fob. The committee had assembled for a test run of the street car service, which the Brandon Daily Sun reported to have occurred on Sunday, May 16, 1913.

Notes: Back of postcard reads: First Street Car in Brandon in front of Winter Fair building 1910.

Name Access: Brandon Municipal Railway  
Winter Fair Building  
Harry Cater  
10th Street

Subject Access: street cars  
Transportation  
cars  
automobiles

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

Related Material: Lawrence Stuckey collection 1-2002.3.112

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### Billy Muir's car c.1910

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13754>

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)

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## F. Barker's automobile

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13840>

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection

Description Level: Item

Series Number: McG 9

Item Number: 20-2009.151

Accession Number: 20-2009

GMD: graphic

Date Range: 1924

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

Material Details: reproduction

Custodial History:

Donated to Fred McGuinness by G. Baldock in 1971

Scope and Content:

Photograph shows a sedan parked along a residential street. Two two-storey homes with verandas and balconies are visible in the background.

Notes: Writing on back of photograph reads: F. Barker 307-14th Street, Brandon, 1924

Name Access: F. Barker

14th Street

Subject Access: automobiles

cars

motor cars

residential streets

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

Arrangement:

From 2009 loose photos, from File 13

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## Fred McGuinness in convertible

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14176>

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection

Description Level: Item

Series Number: McG 9

Item Number: 1-2015.245

Accession Number: 1-2015

GMD: graphic

Date Range: [1955-1965]

Physical Description: 7" x 5" (colour)

Scope and Content:

Photograph shows Fred McGuinness in a white convertible with red interior overlooking the city of Medicine Hat.

Name Access: Frederick George McGuinness

Fred McGuinness

Medicine Hat

Subject Access: automobiles

cars

cityscapes

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

Arrangement:

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