

S. J. McKee Archives



Fred McGuinness at Christmas Tree Farm

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13895>

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection

Description Level: Item

Series Number: McG 9

Item Number: 20-2009.206

Accession Number: 20-2009

GMD: graphic

Date Range: 1980s

Physical Description: 4.75" x 3.25" (b/w)

Scope and Content:

Photograph shows Fred McGuinness planting trees at Christmas Tree Farm, Section 17.

Name Access: Fred McGuinness

Christmas Tree Farm

Subject Access: farming

trees

forestry

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

Arrangement:

From 20-2009 #4 plastic envelope #1

Images



Christmas Tree Farm negative set 3, frames 1A to 13A

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14190>

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection

Description Level: Item

Series Number: McG 9



Item Number: 1-2015.259
Accession Number: 1-2015
GMD: graphic
Date Range: [1980s]
Physical Description: 1.5 " x 1.5" (b/w)
Material Details: negatives

History /

Biographical:

Fred McGuinness is popularly known for his work as the prairie essayist for CBC Radio's Morningside with Peter Gzowski, a position he held for 17 years. Many of McGuinness' Morningside essays were autobiographical in nature. He often reported about life on Christmas Tree Farm, a section of land where he and his wife, Christine, built their dream home in the late 1970s. The couple planted a Christmas tree farm on the property and Christine maintained an extensive kitchen garden, while Fred tended honey bees. Life on the farm made its way into radiobroadcasts, Neighborly News columns, and the book "Letters from Section 17: A Collection of Morningside Essays" (Winnipeg: Great Plains Publishing, 1999).

Scope and Content:

Set consists of 13 negatives showing work being conducted on the McGuinness property, Christmas Tree Farm, Section 17. The first 12 negatives show the McGuinness family planting with their tractor and the last negative shows a woman working on a swimming pool liner.

Notes: McGuinness drafted a manuscript, titled "Hole in the Ground," about the family pool on Section 17. It was one manuscript McGuinness was re-tooling before he passed away in 2011.

Name Access: Section 17
Christmas Tree Farm

Subject Access: Horticulture
farming
Tractors

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

Arrangement:

Cigar boxes

Images





Christmas Tree Farm - landscape

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14189>

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection

Description Level: Item

Series Number: McG 9

Item Number: 1-2015.258

Accession Number: 1-2015

GMD: graphic

Date Range: [1980s-1990s]

Physical Description: 5.25 " x 3.5" (colour)

History /

Biographical:

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Scope and Content:

Photograph shows a landscape view from the McGuinness property, Christmas Tree Farm, Section 17.

Notes: Negative accompanies photo

Name Access: Christmas Tree Farm

Section 17

Subject Access: residences

farms

winter

landscapes

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

Arrangement:

RR #8 photos

Images





Threshing at Blight's Farm

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13842>

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection

Description Level: Item

Series Number: McG 9

Item Number: 20-2009.153

Accession Number: 20-2009

GMD: graphic

Date Range: 1925

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 threshing equipment and wagon carts filled with hay.

Notes: Writing on back of photograph reads: At Willow Creek and Assiniboine River, 1925.

Name Access: Blight's Farm

Subject Access: farming
threshing crews
Tractors
vehicles

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

Arrangement:

From 2009 loose photos, from File 13

Images





Threshing at Blight's Farm

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13843>

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection

Description Level: Item

Series Number: McG 9

Item Number: 20-2009.154

Accession Number: 20-2009

GMD: graphic

Date Range: 1925

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 Mr. Blight standing on a hay wagon while he feeds the threshing machine. Lance Blight is standing in the foreground.

Notes: Writing on back of photograph reads: 3 prints [20-2009.153 to 20-2009.155]. Threshing at Blight's farm Willow Creek at Chater. Lance Blight of [sic] front his father on the rack. 1925.

Name Access: Blight's Farm

Subject Access: farming
threshing crews
Tractors
vehicles

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

Arrangement:

From 2009 loose photos, from File 13

Images





Threshing at Blight's Farm

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13841>

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection

Description Level: Item

Series Number: McG 9

Item Number: 20-2009.152

Accession Number: 20-2009

GMD: graphic

Date Range: 1925

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 two women at a tractor. One is cranking the engine, the other is seated at the wheel.

Notes: Writing on back of photograph reads: "Threshing. Blights Farm Willow Creek at Chater. My mother at crank. Now over 90 living at 403-12th Street. G. Baldock 1971. 1925."

Name Access: Blight's Farm

Subject Access: farming

women

threshing crews

Tractors

vehicles

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

Arrangement:

From 2009 loose photos, from File 13

Images





Threshing at Blight's Farm

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13844>

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection

Description Level: Item

Series Number: McG 9

Item Number: 20-2009.155

Accession Number: 20-2009

GMD: graphic

Date Range: 1925

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 harvest scene in the Assiniboine Valley. Stacks of wheat are in the process of being loaded into horse-drawn wagon carts. A threshing machine is set-up in the field next to an empty wagon. A woman in 1920s-era clothing is walking in the field.

Notes: Writing on back of photograph reads: 3 prints [20-2009.153 to 20-2009.155]. Threshing at Blight's farm Willow Creek at Chater. Lance Blight of front his father on the rack. 1925.

Name Access: Blight's Farm

Subject Access: farming
threshing crews
Tractors
vehicles
wagons
horses

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

Arrangement:

From 2009 loose photos, from File 13

Images



Mrs. Osmond on her tractor



<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14167>

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection
Creator: Photographer: Burton Strange
Description Level: Item
Series Number: McG 9
Item Number: 1-2015.236
Accession Number: 1-2015
GMD: graphic
Date Range: 1974
Physical Description: 4.5" x 6.5" (b/w)
Physical Condition: Photograph is stained

History /

Biographical:

Mrs. Hilda Rosa Osmond (nee Bridgeman) was born in Hampshire, England in 1888 to parents Edwin Samuel Bridgeman (b.16 Jul 1852; d. 19 June 1922, Brandon) and Rosa Holkham (b. 26 Mar 1859; d. 27 May 1927, Brandon). Edwin was a sailor and Rosa was a dressmaker.

Following the death of her brother Edwin Frederick Bridgeman (1886-1890), the family immigrated to Canada in 1891. The Bridgeman's took the train to Griswold, Manitoba, and settled near Edwin's brother, Albert Bridgeman, and together they farmed the N 1/2 of 36-12-23. The Bridgeman's had three more children, Ellen Grace (b. 27 Jan 1893; d. 22 Feb 1893), Harry Volantine/Valentine (b. 14 Feb 1894), and Charlie Cuthbert (b. 03 Aug 1896; d. 25 Aug 1901). Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Bridgeman retired in 1913 and moved to Brandon where they lived until their respective deaths. The couple are interred in the Brandon Municipal Cemetery.

Hilda married William Arthur Osmond (b. 1867; d. 26 Oct 1943) of Basingstoke, England, on 31 Jan 1913. They had a daughter Nellie who later married Glen Mossey. The family continued to farm the property on section 36.

Hilda Rosa Osmond passed away in 1980 at the age of 91. She is interred in the Greenwood Cemetery near Harding, Manitoba, where her husband and siblings also rest.

(Sources: England, Births and Christenings, 1538-1975. Salt Lake City, Utah: FamilySearch, 2013 [online]; Findagrave.com; Harding History Committee, Home to Harding 1879-1981 (Brandon: Leech Printing, 1981; Manitoba Vital Statistics Database)

Custodial History:

Photograph given to Fred McGuinness by Burton Strange of Kenton, 25 Nov 1974

Scope and Content:

Photograph shows Mrs. Osmond and her dog in front of her tractor that she purchased in 1947.

Notes: Label accompanying photograph reads: Mrs. Osmond tractor & her 26 year old tractor
Name Access: Hilda Rosa Osmond
Hilda Osmond
Harding, Manitoba
Subject Access: Tractors
farming
Storage Location: RG 5 photograph storage drawer 2 (hanging photos)
Arrangement:
McG 4.1 File 49





Threshing outfit

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13953>

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection

Description Level: Item

Series Number: McG 9

Item Number: 1-2015.25

Accession Number: 1-2015

GMD: graphic

Date Range: 1942

Physical Description: 4.5" x 2.75" (b/w)

Custodial History:

Photograph was sent to Fred McGuinness by Crawford Jenkins of Carmen, Manitoba

Scope and Content:

Photograph shows a threshing outfit working in a field. The harvest is likely taking place at the Jenkins farm near Shoal Lake.

Name Access: William Jenkins family

Shoal Lake

Subject Access: farming

threshing crews

harvesting

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

Arrangement:

From McG RR #5 (corr), see McG 1.2 File 49 correspondence dated 29 Oct 2007

Images





Threshing equipment

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13954>

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection

Description Level: Item

Series Number: McG 9

Item Number: 1-2015.26

Accession Number: 1-2015

GMD: graphic

Date Range: [1942]

Physical Description: 5.55" x 3.5" (b/w)

Custodial History:

Photograph was sent to Fred McGuinness by Crawford Jenkins of Carmen, Manitoba

Scope and Content:

Photograph shows a threshing outfit working in a field. The harvest is likely taking place at the Jenkins farm near Shoal Lake.

Name Access: William Jenkins family

Shoal Lake

Subject Access: farming

threshing crews

harvesting

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

Arrangement:

From McG RR #5 (corr), see McG 1.2 File 49 correspondence dated 29 Oct 2007

Images



Mrs. Osmond (of Harding, MB) with dog and tractor

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14165>

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection

Creator: Photographer: Burton Strange

Description Level: Item

Series Number: McG 9

Item Number: 1-2015.234

Accession Number: 1-2015

GMD: graphic
Date Range: 1974
Physical Description: 3.25" x 4.5" (b/w)
Physical Condition: Photograph is stained

History /

Biographical:

Mrs. Hilda Rosa Osmond (nee Bridgeman) was born in Hampshire, England in 1888 to parents Edwin Samuel Bridgeman (b.16 Jul 1852; d. 19 June 1922, Brandon) and Rosa Holkham (b. 26 Mar 1859; d. 27 May 1927, Brandon). Edwin was a sailor and Rosa was a dressmaker.

Following the death of her brother Edwin Frederick Bridgeman (1886-1890), the family immigrated to Canada in 1891. The Bridgeman's took the train to Griswold, Manitoba, and settled near Edwin's brother, Albert Bridgeman, and together they farmed the N 1/2 of 36-12-23. The Bridgeman's had three more children, Ellen Grace (b. 27 Jan 1893; d. 22 Feb 1893), Harry Volantine/Valentine (b. 14 Feb 1894), and Charlie Cuthbert (b. 03 Aug 1896; d. 25 Aug 1901). Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Bridgeman retired in 1913 and moved to Brandon where they lived until their respective deaths. The couple are interred in the Brandon Municipal Cemetery.

Hilda married William Arthur Osmond (b. 1867; d. 26 Oct 1943) of Basingstoke, England, on 31 Jan 1913. They had a daughter Nellie who later married Glen Mossey. The family continued to farm the property on section 36.

Hilda Rosa Osmond passed away in 1980 at the age of 91. She is interred in the Greenwood Cemetery near Harding, Manitoba, where her husband and siblings also rest.

(Sources: England, Births and Christenings, 1538-1975. Salt Lake City, Utah: FamilySearch, 2013 [online]; Findagrave.com; Harding History Committee, Home to Harding 1879-1981 (Brandon: Leech Printing, 1981; Manitoba Vital Statistics Database)

Custodial History:

Photograph given to Fred McGuinness by Burton Strange of Kenton, 25 Nov 1974

Scope and Content:

Photograph shows Mrs. Osmond and her dog in front of her tractor that she purchased in 1947.

Notes: Label accompanying photograph reads: Mrs. Osmond tractor & dog

Name Access: Hilda Rosa Osmond

Hilda Osmond

Harding, Manitoba

Subject Access: dogs

Tractors

farming

Pioneers

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

Arrangement:

McG 4.1 File 49

Images



Bridgeman-Osmond homestead - Harding, Manitoba

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14168>

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection

Description Level: Item

Series Number: McG 9

Item Number: 1-2015.237

Accession Number: 1-2015

GMD: graphic

Date Range: c.1901

Physical Description: 6.25" x 4" (b/w)

History /

Biographical:

Mrs. Hilda Rosa Osmond (nee Bridgeman) was born in Hampshire, England in 1888 to parents Edwin Samuel Bridgeman (b.16 Jul 1852; d. 19 June 1922, Brandon) and Rosa Holkham (b. 26 Mar 1859; d. 27 May 1927, Brandon). Edwin was a sailor and Rosa was a dressmaker.

Following the death of her brother Edwin Frederick Bridgeman (1886-1890), the family immigrated to Canada in 1891. The Bridgeman's took the train to Griswold, Manitoba, and settled near Edwin's brother, Albert Bridgeman, and together they farmed the N 1/2 of 36-12-23. The Bridgeman's had three more children, Ellen Grace (b. 27 Jan 1893; d. 22 Feb 1893), Harry Volantine/Valentine (b. 14 Feb 1894), and Charlie Cuthbert (b. 03 Aug 1896; d. 25 Aug 1901). Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Bridgeman retired in 1913 and moved to Brandon where they lived until their respective deaths. The couple are interred in the Brandon Municipal Cemetery.

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Custodial History:

Photograph given to Fred McGuinness by Burton Strange of Kenton, 25 Nov 1974

Scope and Content:

Photograph shows a field stone house built in 1901 by Edwin and Rosa Bridgeman near Harding, Manitoba. Edwin and Rosa Bridgeman are pictured on the right with Harry and Charlie, shortly before Charlie's death. Hilda sits atop the horse. Albert Bridgeman is pictured on the right with a horse team.

Notes: Photograph was published in the community history by Harding History Committee, Home to Harding 1879-1981 (Brandon: Leech Printing, 1981), 50

Name Access: Hilda Rosa Osmond
Hilda Osmond
Harding, Manitoba

Subject Access: Pioneers
homesteads
farming
residences
horses
families
children

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

Arrangement:

McG 4.1 File 49

Images

