

# S. J. McKee Archives



## 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





## 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

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## 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

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## 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

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## 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

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## 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



**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:

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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:

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### 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

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## Brandon Wheat Market at Pacific Avenue and 10th Street

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13795>

Part Of:	Fred McGuinness collection
Description Level:	Item
Series Number:	McG 9
Item Number:	20-2009.104
Accession Number:	20-2009
GMD:	graphic
Date Range:	1885
Physical Description:	9.25" x 7.25" (b/w)
Material Details:	On matting
Physical Condition:	Photograph is creased and scratched

### Scope and Content:

Photograph shows the Brandon Wheat Market along Pacific Avenue on November 30, 1885. Farmers can be seen driving wagon teams loaded with bags of grain in line on Pacific Avenue from 10 Street to at least 7th Street. On the north side of Pacific Avenue the CPR Land Office and grain elevators are pictured. On the south side of Pacific Avenue, the general merchant/hardware store Bower, Blackburn, Mundell & Porter is situated on the corner of Pacific Avenue and 10th Street. A 10th Street sign is affixed to the merchants' store. On the east side of the general store, Edie House, the Grand View Hotel, and a Farmers' boarding and lodging house can be seen. Most of the buildings appear to be woodframed except for the Grand View, which is constructed of brick. Sidewalks appear to be in place on the south side of Pacific and snow dusts the streets. A baby swathed in winter clothing sits in a pram/baby carriage in front of the general store.

Notes:	Writing on the front of the photograph reads: Novemeber 30th, 1885, Brandon Wheat Market
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Name Access: Bower, Blackburn, Mundell, & Porter  
Edie House  
Grand View Hotel  
Pacific Avenue  
10th Street  
CPR Land Office  
Brandon Wheat Market

Subject Access: horses  
wagons  
Transportation  
street scenes  
hotels  
markets  
Grain elevators  
downtown  
Brandon business buildings & facilities before 1940  
store exteriors  
winter  
general stores  
hardware stores  
children

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

Related Material: Lawrence Stuckey collection 1-2002.3.1C3

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