

S. J. McKee Archives



Brandon College Building and Clark Hall

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Part Of: BUPC 2 Campus buildings
Description Level: Sub-series
Series Number: 2.2
GMD: graphic
Date Range: c.1909 - 1996; predominant 1960s - 1996
Physical Description: 116 photographs

History /

Biographical:

BRANDON COLLEGE BUILDING

The construction of the Brandon College Building, also known as the Original Building, was primarily financed by Mr. and Mrs. William Davies, a Toronto based Baptist meat packer, and his sister Mrs. Emily Davies, also of Toronto, who pledged \$5,000 a year for five years to the new Baptist College. Four city blocks between 18th and 20th streets were purchased for the College campus and the tender of Messrs. T.M. Harrington of Winnipeg was accepted in the spring of 1900; Mr. Hugh McCowan of Winnipeg appointed as architect. Mrs. Davies laid the cornerstone for the Brandon College Building on July 13, 1900.

The Brandon College Building was conceived as a substantial five story brick structure with a stone basement. The Tyndall Manitoba quarries, located thirty miles northeast of Winnipeg, supplied the stone and presented the College with the stone steps at the main entrance. The basement contained the dining room, kitchen, laundry, furnace room, a science laboratory, and maids' rooms. The first floor housed the reception room, office, library, four classrooms and the teachers' cloak rooms. The second floor had five classrooms, a reading room, five rooms for resident students and a resident teacher. Teachers' rooms and seventeen rooms for students comprised the third floor; and additional thirteen rooms for residents took up the fourth floor. The residence was to house 70 men. The total cost of the building and furnishings was \$44,000. The Brandon College Building was ready for occupancy by October 1, 1901.

CLARK HALL

The cornerstone of Clark Hall was laid by Mrs. A.P. McDiarmid, wife of the Principal of Brandon College, on May 24, 1906. The residence was officially opened on Thanksgiving Day, October 18, of the same year. The construction of the building grew out of a demand for a ladies' college. A canvass made in Eastern Canada had resulted in subscriptions totaling \$10,000. When Dr. McDiarmid reported the results of the canvass to the Chairman of the Board, Dr. C.W. Clark of Winnipeg, Clark proposed that he and his wife be allowed to provide the balance of the funds, some \$30,000. While presenting the building at the opening ceremony, Clark stated that the reason for his donation was his belief in the power of cultured womanhood - he believed "that refined and Christian mothers were the strength of a nation and that he wished to see in Brandon a school of learning for women in which every Christian virtue and grace might be illustrated."

Clark Hall was built immediately north of the Brandon College Building and was connected to it

by classrooms and the iron door with its door bell, which was rung by gentlemen before being admitted. It is a five story brick building, with fittings of imported Georgia pine. In the basement was the gymnasium, studios and maids' rooms. On the main floor was a spacious reception room furnished by the Honorable A.C. Rutherford, the Premier of Alberta and the Lady Principal's suite, furnished by Mrs. N. Wolverston, wife of the treasurer of the College Board. Music studios and the offices of the resident matron were also on the main floor. The second and third floors were dormitories. The fourth floor was meant to be art studios, but due to registration demands, it was divided into students' rooms. The residence was designed to house fifty students and seven teachers. Piano practice areas were also designated on the west side of the building and on the groundlevel half way between the basement and the first floor.

BRANDON COLLEGE BUILDING AND CLARK HALL RESTORATION PROJECT

By the early 1990s, it was clear that major reconstruction work on the Brandon College Building and Clark Hall was necessary if the buildings were to remain in use. The alternative was to demolish both buildings and construct a new central administrative structure for the campus. Because of the historic character of the two original campus buildings, the decision was taken to mount a complete restoration of the structures that involved a complete removal of everything except for the surrounding brick facade and the construction of new buildings within the old external walls. This project was financed by the Provincial government of Manitoba, who granted the University approximately 10 million dollars. The Chief Architect for the restoration was George Cibinal. Work began in 1996 and was completed by the fall of 1997. In addition to the restoration of the Brandon College Building and Clark Hall, a new entrance was built on the west side of the buildings, as well as an addition to Clark Hall, which included a skywalk connecting it to the A.E. McKenzie Building.

Scope and Content:

Sub-series consists of photographs of the Brandon College Building and Clark Hall.

Notes: History/Bio information was taken from Brandon College: A History, 1899-1967 by C.G. Stone and F. Joan Garnett (Brandon, Manitoba: Brandon University, 1969), chapters 2 and 3. Tom Mitchell provided history/bio information on the restoration project.

Images





Class of 1943

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions4235>

Part Of: Alumni Relations - homecoming and class reunions
Description Level: File
Series Number: 10.3.3
File Number: 1
Accession Number: 14-2006
GMD: multiple media
Date Range: 1939-1943, 2003
Physical Description: 14 b&w photographs
Textual descriptions for each photograph
Physical Condition: Very good

History /

Biographical:

Several years ago the Alumni Relations began a program of class reunions and reconconvocation in conjunction with annual spring convocations. This program continues to the present (March 2006) and this document was produced in 2003 for the Class of 1943 reunion.

Custodial History:

Images remain in the possession of Betty Knowlton (nee Burgoyne). She provided copies of the images to the Alumni Office for the Class of 1943 reunion. Those images were transferred to the McKee Archives by Alumni Relations.

Scope and Content:

File consists of copies of photographs of the Class of 1943 provided by Betty Knowlton (nee Burgoyne) for the Class of 1943 reunion. The photographs and descriptions are mounted on Brandon University cardstock. File also contains the program for the President's Reception and Dinner.

Name Access: Howard Brown
Ted Speers
Garth Taylor
Jean Nonovan
Evelyn Leach
Carl Bachinski
Dorothy Pierson
Bill Harwood
Betty Burgoyne
Murray McLeod
Doreen Bolstad
Hugh Knowlton
Doris Perkins
Beryl Thompson
Jean Downing
Gordon Knowlton
Charlie Hamilton
Gregor Grant
George Ingham
Nevone Houck

Alix Meadows
Garth Chalmers
Marj Fahrig
Ray Bailey
Maej Lebelle
Murray McPherson
Bill Orr
Ron Armstrong
Anna Fleming
Elizabeth Gaersky
Cliff Kitson
Dorothy Moffit
Martin Johns
Ellis McLaren
Ruth Hunter
Joe Boreskie
Doug Wesley
Mary Hughes
Bill Rosenberry
Bix Hoover
Jack Buckham
George Gooden
Greg Grant
Bill Baynton
Peter Wityck
Del Harris

Subject Access: Class of 1943
class reunions

Storage Location: RG 6 Brandon University fonds
Series 10: Office of Development
10.3 Alumni Relations
10.3.3 Homecoming and Class Reunions



Class of 1949

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions5134>

Part Of: Alumni Relations - homecoming and class reunions
Description Level: File
Series Number: 10.3.3
File Number: 2
GMD: textual records
Date Range: 1979
Physical Description: 0.5 cm
Physical Condition: Some of the pages are hard to read as the photocopy wasn't made dark enough.

History /

Biographical:

The 'scrapbook' was made by Lloyd Henderson and distributed to members of the Class of 1949 by Dave Organ.

Custodial History:

Accessioned in 2007 by the McKee Archives. Prior custodial history is unknown.

Scope and Content:

File consists of photocopies of pages from the Sickle on the Class of 1949, a list of class members lost (by 1979) and letters written by various members of the class of 1949 detailing their lives since they graduated from Brandon College.

Name Access: Margaret Crowe
Elva Cook
Clayton Elston
Shirley Faggetter
Lloyd Henderson
Marjory Fleming
Margaret Goodman
Harold Kemp
Tena Kettles
Marion Little
Florence Lyon
John Mills
Eleanor Murray
Dave Organ
Stephen Symbalisy

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