

# S. J. McKee Archives



# Joseph H. Hughes collection

### http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions4805

| Other Title Info:     | J.H. Hughes, J.H. Hughes & Company, Hughes and Atkinson Lumber & Grain, Hughes & Atkinson Co., Hughes and Long, Hughes and Patrick, Hughes and Kennedy Lumber Merchants. |
|-----------------------|--|
| Part Of:              | RG 5 Western Manitoba Manuscript Collection  |
| Description Level:    | Collection   |
| Accession Number:     | 3-1997, 1-2008, 6-2009   |
| GMD:                  | multiple media   |
| Date Range:           | 1886-1960  |
| Physical Description: | 4 m textual records  |
|                       | 84 photographs   |

### History /

Biographical:

Joseph Henry Hughes was born in London, Ontario on April 14, 1857, son of Joseph C. Hughes and Jane McAndless. His family farmed in Middlesex County until they retired to Brandon, MB. Huges received his education in Middlesex County then went on to attend the Toronto Normal School in 1874. He tuaght for only a short time in 1875 before going into business as a general merchant in Iderton, Ontario.

Hughes moved to Brandon, MB in 1882 and from 1882 to 1906 was engaged in the lumber business with yards in Rat Portage and Brandon and later with mils on Rainy River. His buisness partner was T.H. Patrick from 1882-1896. T.T. Atkinson was a partner in the business from 1882 until early 1888, running the company's lumber camp in the Rainy River Valley. Atkinson was replaced by a Mr. Kennedy in 1888. After disposing of the mills in 1901, Hughes & Company operated as a lumber dealer until 1908 when the lumber business was sold to Rat Portage Lumber Co., whose operations in Brandon were located on 10th Street between Rosser and Princess Avenues.

Thereafter, Hughes & Company focused on real estate, owning most of the property between 10th and 11th Streets, Rosser and Princess Avenues. The company built rental property and residences in Brandon, including the Strathcona Block on 10th Street and Hughes (Lorne) Terrace on Lorne Avenue. During this period Hughes & Company was also involved in insurance and farming, buying farmland in south eastern Saskatchewan and Manitoba for lease and sale.

Hughes was a city alderman for four years, dedicating himself mostly towards improvements to the city pertaining to electrical generation, water supply and the development of the streetcar franchise. In 1911, he resigned from City Council to stand as a successful candidate for mayor. He held this position for only one year, 1913-1914. During this period Hughes, along with other prominent citizens, set up the Patriotic Fund to help look after the dependents of those going off to fight in World War I. Hughes served as chairman of the project until his death in late 1917.

In addition to his role as a prominent city businessman, Hughes was also deeply involved in the First Methodist Church, and a member of the Independent Order of OddFellows (I.O.O.F.) and the Masonic Lodge.

Joseph Henry Hughes was survived by his wife Anna Maria Hughes, whom he married in 1993, and their daughters: Alma and May (Mrs. Wilfred C. Hughes and Mrs. Charles Leemnnis) and Ruth, and their sons Percy and Harley.

Upon J.H. Hughes' death in 1917, management of the company was taken over by Willard C. Hughes, who died in 1964. Following his death the company was administered on behalf of Alma Hughes by Barry Hughes, a Winnipeg lawyer and distant relative. The company remained active in real estate and property managment, as well as farming and oil, until the early 1990s when following the death of Alma Hughes and her daughter Anna, the company was liquidated.

#### Custodial History:

The records in the Joseph H. Hughes fonds were held in two locations prior to their donation to the McKee Archives. Family related records, including paintings by Anna Hughes, music scores, photographs and various parchments, were stored at the family residence, Lorne Terrace (133-137 Lorne Avenue Brandon, MB). The balance of the records, being the records of Hughes & Co. as the firm came to be known, were stored on the fourth floor of the Alexander Block, also known as the Hughes Block, on the west side of 10th Street just south of Princess Avenue. In the early 1990s a decision was taken by Barry Hughes, who had succeeded Willard Hughes as the President of the company, to sell Hughes & Co. Hughes directed Joe Perry, the Brandon manager of Hughes & Co. to donate the records of the Hughes family and Hughes & Co. to Brandon University. Perry supervised the transfer of the records from Lorne Terrace and the Alexander Block to Brandon University. Initially the records were located in the Physical Plant H-Hut, they were then transfered to the Brandon University Steam Plant. The family records were transfered to the Archives in 1997, while the company records remained in the Steam Plant until January 2007 when some of the records were transfered to the Archives. The remaineder of the records were moved to a storage facility on 20th Street.

#### Scope and Content:

The Joseph H. Hughes collection is divided into three series, including: (1) Photographs; (2) Edwardian music sheets; and (3) Hughes & Co. business records.

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| Notes:            | CAIN No. 202617. The Brandon Sun, August 6th, 1917 contains a report on the death of J.H. Hughes. |
|-------------------|---|
| Subject Access:   | Hughes and Company  |
|                   | Neepawa Salt Works  |
|                   | Patriotic Fund  |
|                   | Brandon   |
|                   | Churchill   |
|                   | S.S. Warkworth  |
|                   | Wheat City Business College Hockey Team   |
|                   | Brandon Board of Trade and Civics   |
|                   | Power Committee   |
|                   | electrical transmission line  |
|                   | Royal North West Mounted Police   |
|                   | Soldiers Re-Settlement Board  |
|                   | Gordon McKay building   |
|                   | interned prisoners  |
|                   | World War I   |
|                   | Winnipeg General Strike   |
|                   | Teamsters Strike  |
|                   | Souirs  |
|                   | Rat Portage   |
|                   | Rainy River   |
|                   | Daly and Coldwell   |
|                   | W.A. Robinson   |
| Finding Aid:      | Inventory for Accession 1-2008.   |
| Storage Location: | 2008 accessions   |
|                   | Oversize storage drawers  |
|                   |   |

Storage Range:

2008 accessions

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Related Material:

Oversize storage drawers A large body of unprocessed records of Hughes and Co. are held in the McKee Archives.



# Public school physiology and temperance

### http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/specialcollections994

| Part Of:              | MC 2.2.15 Coorgo E Thormon Collection               |
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| Fait OI.              | MG 2 2.15 George E Thorman Collection               |
| Collection:           | George E Thorman School Textbook Collection         |
| Creator:              | Nattress, William                                   |
| Description Level:    | ltem  |
| Item Number:          | Archives 11-999-13-355                              |
| Item Number Range:    | Archives 11-999-13-355                              |
| Responsibility:       | by William Nattress                                 |
| Start Date:           | 1893  |
| Date Range:           | 1893  |
| Publication:          | Toronto : William Briggs, Wesley Buildings          |
| Physical Description: | 196 p. : ill. ; 19 cm                               |
| Notes:                | "Authorized by the Education Department (Ontario)." |
| Subject Access:       | Physiology  |
|                       | Nervous system                                      |
|                       | First aid in illness and injury                     |
| Storage Location:     | Box 13 - Health                                     |
| Storage Range:        | Box 13 - Health                                     |
|                       |   |



# Business letter writing, applied English and filing : for use in schools, offices and as a general reference book

### http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/specialcollections754

| Part Of:              | MG 2 2.15 George E Thorman Collection                               |
|-----------------------|---|
| Collection:           | George E Thorman School Textbook Collection                         |
| Creator:              | Warner, E. (Edgar)  |
| Description Level:    | ltem  |
| Item Number:          | Archives 11-999-1-17  |
| Item Number Range:    | Archives 11-999-1-17  |
| Responsibility:       | by E. Warner  |
| Start Date:           | 1927  |
| Date Range:           | 1927  |
| Publication:          | Toronto : Sir Isaac Pitman  |
| Physical Description: | 219 p. : ill. ; 24 cm   |
| Notes:                | "Sixteenth printing."   |
| Subject Access:       | Commercial correspondence   |
|                       | Filing systems  |
| Storage Location:     | Box 1 - Business Education  |
|                       | Lesson planner (1 p.) from Wheat City Business College inside cover |
| Storage Range:        | Box 1 - Business Education  |
|                       | Lesson planner (1 p.) from Wheat City Business College inside cover |



# Western Manitoba Centennial Auditorium collection

### http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions4848

| Part Of:              | RG 5 Western Manitoba Manuscript Collection |
|-----------------------|---|
| Description Level:    | Collection                                  |
| Accession Number:     | 1-1998                                      |
| GMD:                  | textual records                             |
| Date Range:           | 1966-1968                                   |
| Physical Description: | 6 cm  |
|                       |   |

History /

Biographical:

The construction of the Western Manitoba Centennial Auditorium was considered first during a meeting of the Brandon City Council in 1953. In 1962, the City of Brandon was given permission by Manitoba Premier Duff Roblin to proceed with the construction of the auditorium as a centennial project to celebrate Canada's centennial in 1967. Constructed on the Brandon University campus, the auditorium was completed in early 1969.

#### Custodial History:

This collection was accessioned by the McKee Archives in 1998. Previous custodial history is unknown.

Scope and Content:

Collection consists of one scrapbook with newspaper clippings and pamphlets about the Western Manitoba Centennial Auditorium and its construction.

| Notes:            | CAIN No. 202571                        |
|-------------------|--|
| Subject Access:   | Princess Alexandra                     |
|                   | Mr. D. R. MacKay                       |
|                   | Mayor Magnacca                         |
|                   | Western Manitoba Centennial Auditorium |
|                   | Brandon                                |
|                   | Manitoba                               |
|                   | centennial projects                    |
|                   | auditoriums                            |
| Storage Location: | 1998 accessions                        |
| Storage Range:    | 1998 accessions                        |



# Public school temperance : lessons on alcohol, and its action on the body

### http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/specialcollections995

| Part Of:              | MG 2 2.15 George E Thorman Collection  |
|-----------------------|--|
| Collection:           | George E Thorman School Textbook Collection  |
| Creator:              | Richardson, Benjamin Ward, Sir, 1828-1896  |
| Description Level:    | ltem   |
| Item Number:          | Archives 11-999-13-356   |
| Item Number Range:    | Archives 11-999-13-356   |
| Responsibility:       | by Benjamin Ward Richardson  |
| Start Date:           | 1887   |
| Date Range:           | 1887   |
| Publication:          | Toronto : Grip Print. & Pub. Co  |
| Physical Description: | vi, [7]-120 p. ; 18 cm   |
| Notes:                | "Designed for public schools."   |
|                       | "Fellow of the Royal College of physicians, honorary physician to the Royal Literary Fund, and author of the cantor lectures on alcohol" |
| Subject Access:       | Temperance   |
|                       | Textbooks Ontario  |
|                       | Alcoholism Study and teaching  |
| Storage Location:     | Box 13 - Health  |
| Storage Range:        | Box 13 - Health  |
|                       |  |



# Frank Robb fonds

### http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions5133

| Part Of:              | RG 5 Western Manitoba Manuscript Collection |
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| Description Level:    | Collection                                  |
| Accession Number:     | 22-2007                                     |
| GMD:                  | multiple media                              |
| Date Range:           | 1956 - c.1965                               |
| Physical Description: | 0.5 cm textual records; 155 slides          |
| History /             |   |
| Biographical:         |   |

Frank Robb was Assistant Secretary Treasurer for School District of Brandon No. 129 and Curator of the B.J. Hales Natural History Museum exhibition for Brandon's 75th Anniversary (1957). Robb left Brandon ca. 1969 and relocated to Minaki, Ontario.

Custodial History:

Frank Robb sent the slides to Fred McGuiness ca. 1986. McGuiness gave them to Eileen McFadden at the McKee Archives in April 1986.

Scope and Content:

Fonds consists of 155 slides taken by Frank Robb, an inventory for the slides prepared by Robb and a letter from Robb to Fred McGuiness regarding the slides and memories of Brandon ca. 1950s.

| Notes:            | Description by Christy Henry.      |
|-------------------|------------------------------------|
| Name Access:      | Albert Hepinstall                  |
|                   | John Bojarski                      |
|                   | Frank Robb                         |
|                   | Doreen Walton (nee Rookes)         |
|                   | Lily Harrison                      |
| Subject Access:   | B.J. Hales Museum                  |
|                   | Brandon 75th Anniversary           |
|                   | Brandon Camera Club                |
|                   | Royal Beardede Ballet              |
|                   | ladies' auxiliary                  |
|                   | First United Church                |
|                   | School District of Brandon No. 129 |
|                   | flooding                           |
|                   | summer fair                        |
|                   | T.A. Neelin High School            |
|                   | Vincent Massey High School         |
|                   | dam                                |
|                   | Experimental farm                  |
|                   | Bedford Drive                      |
|                   | Souris' swinging bridge            |
|                   | Highway No. 1 by-pass              |
|                   | School Teacher night classes       |
|                   | 18th Street                        |
| Storage Location: | 2007 accessions                    |
| Storage Range:    | 2007 accessions                    |
| Arrangement:      |                                    |
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Original order and numbering system.



# Laurie V. Smith collection

### http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions4837

| Part Of:            | RG 5 Western Manitoba Manuscript Collection         |
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| Description Level:  | Collection  |
| Accession Number:   | 37-1997   |
|                     |   |
| GMD:                | textual records                                     |
| GMD:<br>Date Range: | textual records<br>1939-1986; predominant 1939-1949 |

History /

**Biographical:** 

Laurie V. Smith served as the President of the Brandon Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion during the 1940s.

Custodial History:

This fonds was accessioned by the McKee Archives in 1997. Prior custodial history is unknown.

Scope and Content:

Fonds includes correspondence, policy documents, and publications relating to the activities of the Royal Canadian Legion, primarily in Brandon under the Presidency of Laurie V. Smith, during and after the Second World War. Prominant themes include the aquiring of gifts for hospitalized veterans, primarily through the Canadian Legion Christmas Tree project, veteran rehabilitation, and promotion of the Canadian Victory Loans project.

| Notes:            | CAIN No. 202631              |
|-------------------|------------------------------|
| Subject Access:   | Canadian Legion              |
|                   | Sanatorium Board of Manitoba |
|                   | The Legionary                |
|                   | Veterans                     |
|                   | Legion Christmas Tree        |
|                   | Victory Loan                 |
|                   | Canadian Legion War Services |
| Storage Location: | 1997 accessions              |
| Storage Range:    | 1997 accessions              |



# Brandon Business and Professional Women's Club fonds

http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions4859

| Part Of:              | RG 5 Western Manitoba Manuscript Collection |
|-----------------------|---|
| Description Level:    | Collection                                  |
| Accession Number:     | 10-2002                                     |
| GMD:                  | textual records                             |
| Date Range:           | 1932-1972                                   |
| Physical Description: | 20 cm                                       |

#### History / Biographical:

The Business and Professional Women's Club of Brandon was created in November 1932. The club grew out of a meeting of business and professional women who were interested in forming an association. Guest speakers at the meeting were Miss Hilda Hesson, the Vice President of the Federation of Canadian Business and Professional Women's Clubs, and Miss F. Ingram, the President of the Winnipeg Business and Professional Women's Club. The objective of the Brandon club, according to its constitution, was the "promotion of educational, service, and social facilities for the business and professional women." The club consisted of active and associate members and belonged to the greater Canadian Federation of Business and Professional Women's Club. The first President of the club was Miss Margaret Gemmell, with approximately 80 women attended the club's first meeting. The club established subcommittees on a variety of subjects including current events, sports, bridge instruction, public speaking, dress making, photography, stitch craft, manual training, and physical culture. The club also put on exhibitions, participated in drama festivals, held rummage sales and an annual Christmas party. During the Second World War, it established a War Effort Department. This department organized activities such as sewing and knitting in support of the war effort. The War Effort Department also raised money for charities such as the Red Cross. During its meetings, the club often heard local and national speakers or watched films. Women of many different vocations joined the club including florists, teachers, salesclerks, nurses, and housewives. Over the years, additional departments were added to the club including those named poetry, pottery, woodcraft, and drama.

#### Custodial History:

This fonds was accessioned by the McKee Archives in 2002. Previous custodial history is unknown.

#### Scope and Content:

Fonds contains three small scrapbooks, which cover the years 1932-1939, 1939-1949, and 1950-1959, respectively. The scrapbooks contain newpaper clippings from the Brandon Sun, the Winnipeg Free Press, and the Flin Flon Daily Miner. The scrapbooks also contain exhibition and meeting programs from the Brandon Club. Fonds also contains meeting minutes for the years 1932-1972.

| Notes:            | CAIN No. 202576  |
|-------------------|--|
| Subject Access:   | Miss Margaret Gemmel   |
|                   | Miss Marjorie McKenzie   |
|                   | Dr. Jane Turnbull  |
|                   | Miss Muriel Bowen  |
|                   | Miss Jessie Crawford   |
|                   | Mrs. Robert Darrach  |
|                   | Miss Margaret Clay   |
|                   | Hilda Hesson   |
|                   | Miss Jenny Gemmell   |
|                   | City of Brandon  |
|                   | Business and Professional Women's Club of Brandon              |
|                   | Canadian Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs |
|                   | women's organizations  |
|                   | women's clubs  |
|                   | Manitoba women   |
|                   | scrapbooks   |
| Storage Location: | 2002 accessions  |
| Storage Range:    | 2002 accessions  |

Related Material:

Brandon Business and Professional Women's Club (10-2002); Minnedosa Business and Professional Women's Club (11-2002); Neepawa Business and Professional Women's Club (12-2002); Trilliam Business and Professional Women's Club (2-2006).



# Brandon Women's Musical Club fonds

### http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions4810

| Part Of:              | RG 5 Western Manitoba Manuscript Collection |
|-----------------------|---|
| Description Level:    | Collection                                  |
| Accession Number:     | 13-2002                                     |
| GMD:                  | textual records                             |
| Date Range:           | 1953-1965                                   |
| Physical Description: | 10 cm                                       |
| History /             |   |

Biographical:

The Brandon Women's Musical Club was formed in 1945 by Miss Peggy Sharpe and Miss Hilda Smith. Together with a group of women from around Brandon, they managed to form a large club for, according to the club's constitution, "the study of vocal and instrumental music, literature and related arts and the encouragement of promising Junior Artists under eighteen years of age." With these goals in mind, the club undertook to provide tuition for young music students and contributed to the formation of the Brandon Women's Musical Choral Club. The club held meetings during which club members listened to guest speakers and observed performances by local musical and dance groups, as well as some national musical stars. The group also sponsored performances of musicals, plays, and recitals, and held an annual Christmas party.

Custodial History:

This fonds was accessioned by the McKee Archives in 2002. Previous custodial history is unknown.

Scope and Content:

Fonds is composed predominantly of two scrapbooks, one of which covers the years 1953-1960, the other the years 1960-1965. The scrapbooks contain newspaper clippings about the Musical Club's meetings and performances. There is also a file containing miscellaneous correspondence, the constitution and bylaws of the group, the club's membership lists from 1959-1964, and questionnaires about the Women's Musical Club.

Notes:

CAIN No. 202589

| Subject Access:   | Peggy Sharpe                        |
|-------------------|-------------------------------------|
|                   | Hilda Smith                         |
|                   | Lorne Watson                        |
|                   | Eric Davies                         |
|                   | Nona Mari                           |
|                   | Isabelle Coghlin                    |
|                   | Janine Theriault                    |
|                   | Peggie Sampson                      |
|                   | Howard Leyton-Brown                 |
|                   | Norman Chapman                      |
|                   | Peter Koslowsky                     |
|                   | Nora Needham                        |
|                   | Lucien Needham                      |
|                   | Brandon Women's Musical Club        |
|                   | Brandon Women's Musical Choral Club |
|                   | Baroque Trio of Montreal            |
|                   | Brandon College School of Music     |
|                   | Wilson Trio                         |
|                   | City of Brandon                     |
|                   | women's clubs                       |
|                   | choral groups                       |
|                   | musical clubs                       |
|                   | scrapbooks                          |
| Storage Location: | 2002 accessions                     |
| Storage Range:    | 2002 accessions                     |
|                   |                                     |



# Keystone Centre development and construction fonds

http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions4854

| Part Of:            | RG 5 Western Manitoba Manuscript Collection         |
|---------------------|---|
| Description Level:  | Collection  |
| Accession Number:   | 22-1998   |
|                     |   |
| GMD:                | textual records                                     |
| GMD:<br>Date Range: | textual records<br>1957-1974; predominant 1970-1974 |

#### History /

Biographical:

The idea of the Keystone Centre was first mentioned in 1958, at a meeting of the board of directors of the Manitoba Winter Fair. The Manitoba Winter Fair wanted a new facility because the old Wheat City Arena had a leaking roof and a deteriorating west wall. The old facility also had limited space and the Winter Fair felt it needed more space for expansion. The Provincial Exhibition of Manitoba also had problems with their facilities, such as old barns and poor display areas. The idea of the Keystone Centre was put on hold until 1969, when the boards of the Provincial Exhibition and the Manitoba Winter Fair joined together as the Provincial Exhibition Association of Manitoba and the Wheat City Arena was sold and demolished. The original estimate for the cost of the Keystone Centre facilities was \$4.5 million and funding would be proportioned so that the federal and provincial governments would each put in one-third of the money, with the rest coming from local donations. The financial campaign for the Keystone Centre began in 1970, and construction began in November 1970. The grand opening of the Centre was in March 1973, and coincided with the Royal Manitoba Winter Fair of that year.

#### Custodial History:

This fonds was accessioned by the McKee Archives in 1998. Prior custodial history is unknown.

#### Scope and Content:

Fonds contains many folders full of correspondence, financial statements, meeting minutes and other documents relating to the development and construction of the Keystone Centre from 1970-1974, including those from the Keystone Executive Committee, as well as the Building Committee. Fonds also contains one folder that pertains to the Brandon Area Agricultural Development Survey from 1959. This folder contains the names and locations of all farmers in the Brandon area in 1959. The Brandon Area Agricultural Development Survey was created in 1959, in order to make farming in the Brandon area more profitable. The survey was aided by Doane Agricultural Service from St. Louis, Missouri, who had success creating agricultural development programs in the United States. Fonds also contains folders from the Provincial Exhibition with correspondence, pamphlets, estimates, and studies from the 1960's. There is also one folder belonging to the Manitoba Winter Fair, which contains correspondence and financial statements relating to the Wheat City Arena. Fonds also contains information pertaining to the proposals made in the 1960's, for the building of the Keystone Centre, as well as one folder about the Keystone campaign from 1970-73. There is also one folder about the opening of the Keystone Centre, which contains newspaper clippings and guest lists. Finally, the fonds contains information about a court case involving Albert Bobyk and Robert Stewart. Stewart was the project manager for the Building Committee and Bobyk worked on the Keystone Center. The fonds includes a report about the trial of the two men who were charged with fraud involving their work on the Keystone Centre.

Notes:

CAIN No. 202608

Subject Access: **Ray Forbes** Fred McGuinness Brandon Area Agricultural Development Survey Doane Agricultural Service Inc Agricultural & Homemaking School of Brandon Royal Manitoba Winter Fair Provincial Exhibition of Manitoba South-Western District Agricultural Society 4-H Manitoba Department of Agriculture City of Brandon Keystone Committee Keystone Building Committee agriculture architecture exhibitions swine farming sheep farming cereal grain farming rural life winter fairs Storage Location: 1998 accessions Storage Range: 1998 accessions



# Binscarth Women's Institute fonds

### http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions4862

| Part Of:            | RG 5 Western Manitoba Manuscript Collection         |
|---------------------|---|
| Description Level:  | Collection  |
| Accession Number:   | 12-1997   |
|                     |   |
| GMD:                | textual records                                     |
| GMD:<br>Date Range: | textual records<br>1928-1988; predominant 1928-1967 |
| 0                   | 1928-1988; predominant 1928-1967                    |

History /

Biographical:

The Binscarth Women's Institute began in 1928, as a division of the Manitoba Women's Institute. It was organized for rural women to come together in a social setting. The members of the Institute participated in fund raising for community projects initiated by the Institute. The Institute also undertook to organize community events. The last meeting of the Binscarth Women's Institute took place in 1967. The organization was never formally dissolved.

#### Custodial History:

This fonds was accessioned in 1997 by the McKee Archives. Prior custodial history is unknown.

Scope and Content:

Fonds contains minutes, financial records, and other material created by the Binscarth Women's Institute from its creation in 1928, to its final gathering in 1967. Aside from minutes and financial records, the fonds contains records of the Canadian Centennial celebrations of 1967, planned by the Institute.

| Notes:            | CAIN No. 202583. Description by Robyn Mitchell.  |
|-------------------|--|
| Subject Access:   | W.C. Honey   |
|                   | Ethel Burnett  |
|                   | YWCA   |
|                   | Manitoba Department of Agriculture   |
|                   | Rural women  |
|                   | Centennial   |
| Storage Location: | 1997 accessions  |
| Storage Range:    | 1997 accessions  |
| Related Material: | Related women's institute collections in the McKee Archives include:   |
|                   | Manitoba Women's Institute; Minnedosa Women's Institute; Cordova<br>Women's Institute; Clanwilliam Women's Institute; Rathwell Women's |

Women's Institute; Clanwilliam Women's Institute; Rathwell Women's Institute; Strathclair Women's Institute; Crocus Women's Institute; Southwest A Region - Manitoba Women's Institute; Douglas Women's Institute



# Gerald McKinney fonds

http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions4847

Part Of: R Description Level: C

RG 5 Western Manitoba Manuscript Collection Collection

| Accession Number:     | 13-1999, 10-2000  |
|-----------------------|---|
| GMD:                  | multiple media  |
| Date Range:           | 1980-1987; predominant 1985                                   |
| Physical Description: | 30 cm textual records; 44 audio tapes; approx. 30 photographs |
| History /             |   |

Biographical:

Gerald "Gerry" Allen McKinney was born in 1932, in Melita, Manitoba. In 1950, McKinney enlisted as a medical assistant with B Company, First Battalion, Royal Canadian Regiment. A participant in the Korean War, McKinney was captured and held as a prisoner of war for one year. McKinney remained in the Canadian Armed Forces until 1958. Subsequently, McKinney lived in Winnipeg where he was an advocate for workplace health and safety causes and tenant rights. He was also active in raising opposition to large water diversion schemes, such as the Garrison Diversion Project in North Dakota, the Rafferty-Alemada Dams Project in Saskatchewan, and the Pelican Lake-Pembina River Diversion Project in Manitoba. McKinney was awarded the Manitoba Order of the Buffalo Hunt in 1984, for his work against the Garrison Project. McKinney was also awarded an Honorary Doctorate of Laws degree from Brandon University in 1985.

#### Custodial History:

This fonds was donated to the McKee Archives by Professor Joe Dolecki in 1984.

#### Scope and Content:

Fonds consists mainly of McKinney's correspondence and clippings from the Edmonton Journal dating from 1985; a folder of campaign pamphlets of various New Democratic Party candidates in Alberta in 1985 and newspaper clippings about the Alberta NDP. Fonds also contains a folder of newspaper clippings about various environmental issues and several booklets of articles collected by the Garrison Focus Office of Manitoba Natural Resources from 1987. Fonds contains an extensive collection of newspaper clippings about the 1985 Jim Keegstra trial in Red Deer, Alberta, and a folder of clippings about Alberta labor and strikes, as well as rally pamphlets. The fonds also includes a collection of speeches that McKinney gave from 1980-1984, and c. 30 pictures taken by McKinney of various places in Edmonton, Regina, and Ireland. Correspondence between McKinney and Professor Joe Dolecki of Brandon University and 44 audio tapes of interviews done with McKinney by Professor Dolecki in the mid-1980's are also included.

Notes:

CAIN No. 202575

| Subject Access:    | Don Braid                            |
|--------------------|--------------------------------------|
|                    | Gordon Wright                        |
|                    | Randy Morse                          |
|                    | Burke Barker                         |
|                    | Jim Gurnett                          |
|                    | Grant Notley                         |
|                    | Jim Keegstra                         |
|                    | Gerald McKinney                      |
|                    | Peter Lougheed                       |
|                    | New Democratic Party of Alberta      |
|                    | Garrison Diversion Project           |
|                    | Dandelion Political Action Committee |
|                    | Province of Alberta                  |
|                    | labor                                |
|                    | politics                             |
|                    | strikes                              |
|                    | environmental issues                 |
| Storage Location:  | 1999 and 2000 accessions             |
| Storage Range:     | 1999 and 2000 accessions             |
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# Ward Watson collection

### http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions4821

| Part Of:           | RG 5 Western Manitoba Manuscript Collection |
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| Description Level: | Collection                                  |
| Accession Number:  | 36-1997                                     |
| GMD:               | textual records                             |
|                    |   |
| Date Range:        | 1935-1938                                   |

History /

**Biographical:** 

Ward Watson was born in Brandon, Manitoba and attended Brandon Collegiate Institute in the late 1930's. In 1937, he was chosen out of the student body to attend the Coronation of King George VI in London, England. Watson graduated from the University of Manitoba in 1942. Until his retirement, Watson was an executive with Cargill Grain Company.

#### Custodial History:

This collection was accessioned by the McKee Archives in 1997. Prior custodial history is unknown.

#### Scope and Content:

Collection contains yearbooks from Brandon Collegiate Institute - "The New Era" - for the years 1935 to 1938. The yearbooks include enrollment lists, pictures of classes and sports teams, short essays, editorial gossip, and local advertisments.

| Notes:            | CAIN No. 202630    |
|-------------------|--------------------|
| Subject Access:   | Brandon Collegiate |
|                   | The New Era        |
|                   | Brandon            |
|                   | Coronation         |
|                   | high school        |
| Storage Location: | 1997 accessions    |
| Storage Range:    | 1997 accessions    |



# Gerry Beaubier collection

### http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13541

| Part Of:              | RG 5 Western Manitoba Manuscript Collection |
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| Description Level:    | Collection                                  |
| Accession Number:     | 11-2013                                     |
| GMD:                  | electronic records                          |
| Date Range:           | 1916-1917                                   |
| Physical Description: | 35 digital photographs                      |
| Material Details:     | JPEGs                                       |

#### History / Biographical:

Gerry Beaubier was born in Wainwright, Alberta to Beatty and Babe Beaubier. He completed his high school in Saskatoon, before receiving a BSc in Geography from Brandon University.

Before attending university Gerry served in the army as a special reserve, while working as a night clerk at the Bessbourough Hotel in Saskatoon. His post-graduate career consisted primarily of work for Canada Agriculture, under the PFRA Branch (Prairie Farm Rehabilitation Administration). Later he would work as an Executive Manager, helping develop forage and range management programs for several post secondary schools, including, Assiniboine Community College, as well as schools in Red Deer, Lethbridge, and Saskatoon.

Gerry Beaubier married Joyce Abercrombie, of Saskatoon. Together they had two sons: Neil and Dean. Neil, an Account Advisor for the Royal Bank, was born in Regina, and currently works in Swift Current. Dean was born in Swift Current, received his PhD in Education and currently lives in Forrest working at Elton Collegiate.

The Beaubiers, who were originally from Ireland, emigrated to the Canadian West, making Gerry part of the fourth generation of his family to call the region home. His great-grandfather, along with his grandfather and great uncle were amongst the first one hundred settlers in Brandon. Together they first built the Beaubier House, a boarding house for early settlers and travellers. After it burnt down they began construction on the Beaubier Hotel, which stood at the corner of 8th Street and Princess Avenue in Brandon until August 17th, 2008. His grandfather, David Wilson Beaubier, continued to build and operate hotels throughout the prairies, including the Empire Hotels (of Brandon and Saskatoon) and The Park (Moose Jaw).

David Wilson Beaubier served as a secretary of the Orange Lodge of Manitoba. As an Orange Lodge Colonel, he worked with other Orange Lodge members, to recruit throughout the prairies for the purpose of World War One. For his efforts, David was promoted to Leftenant Colonel, and later Captain of the 99th Manitoba Rangers. David's sons (Gerry's father, at University of Manitoba, and uncle at McGill), were both working towards undergraduate degrees when war broke out in 1914, and each would leave school to join their father at Camp Hughes.

#### Custodial History:

Gerry Beaubier collected these photos primarily in the years 2000-2011, largely from family and friends who knew of his interest in the topic. They were donated to the S.J. Mckee Archives in 2011.

#### Scope and Content:

Collection consists of digital photographs of those who trained for battle in World War I at Camp Hughes and in Brandon, Manitoba. It also includes a digital copy of the cover of the Nominal Roll of Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers and Men, who departed from Brandon in 1917.

The photos, taken primarily at Camp Hughes, are of a number of battalions, including the 34th, 100th, 108th, 181st and 214th. The photo, PT in England, is a postcard sent home from Beaty Beaubier. The Massey Harris building seen on the right side of, WW1 B parade0001, was used to house troops throughout the war. The man standing alone at the front of the parade in, 181 Parade, is David Wilson Beaubier.

| Notes:       | Information for the biographical and custodial histories was provided by |
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|              | Gerry Beaubier on September 25, 2013. Description by Dustin Lane         |
|              | (October 2013).  |
| Name Access: | Gerald Beaubier  |
|              | Gerry Beaubier   |
|              | Beaubier family  |

**Camp Hughes** Brandon, MB Lieut. D. Slemin Capt. C. Smith Capt. J. Strong Capt. Ridgeway Lieut. W. Smith Lieut. T. Williams Lieut. H. Craig Capt. S.R. Wallace Lieut. D.H. Beaubier David Wilson Beaubier Capt. E.L. Abbott Major E.R.C. Wilcox Major N.F. McCahey Lt.-Col. Sutherland Lt.-Col. Foster Major Lawless Major Collier Capt. J.D. Young Capt. A.E. Vanderpump Capt. J.E. West Capt. Munro Lieut. Watson Lieut. Johnstone Lieut. McIntosh Lieut. Cherry Lieut. Bryan Lieut. J.L. Evans Lieut. J. Kavanaugh Lieut. I. Vipond Capt. Rutherford Lieut. Cluff Capt. Maples Lieut. Lane Lieut. E.C. Whitehead Lieut. R. Carleton Lieut. B.F. Beaubier Fincher Lieut. Beaver Lieut. McCool Lieut. A.P. Milk Lieut. Joseph Hardy Lieut. K. Spencer Lieut. J. Faulkner

|                   | Lieut. F. Keall                                  |
|-------------------|--|
|                   | 181st Battalion                                  |
|                   | 181st Brandon Overseas Battalion Band            |
|                   | A. Gov. Lines 108th                              |
|                   | No. 13 Platoon 108th Battalion                   |
|                   | 184th Battalion                                  |
|                   | 34th Fort Garry                                  |
|                   | 100th Battalion                                  |
|                   | 214th Battalion                                  |
|                   | 108th Signallers                                 |
|                   | Stretcher Bearer Section 108th                   |
|                   | Machine Gun Section 108th Battalion              |
| Subject Access:   | 181st Brandon Overseas Battalion<br>armed forces |
|                   | military personnel                               |
|                   | barracks   |
|                   | public ceremonies                                |
|                   | downtown   |
|                   | historic sites                                   |
|                   | railroads  |
|                   | military services                                |
|                   | parades  |
|                   | regional parks                                   |
|                   | passenger trains                                 |
|                   | Veterans   |
|                   | railway stations                                 |
|                   | train stations                                   |
|                   | restaurants                                      |
|                   | food services                                    |
|                   | war  |
|                   | World War I                                      |
|                   | World War One                                    |
|                   | First World War                                  |
|                   | The Great War                                    |
| Storage Location: | T: drive/shared 02/web photos                    |



## Art Gallery of Southwestern Manitoba fonds

### http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions4857

| Part Of:              | RG 5 Western Manitoba Manuscript Collection |
|-----------------------|---|
| Description Level:    | Collection                                  |
| Accession Number:     | 2-1998; 3-2001                              |
| GMD:                  | multiple media                              |
| Date Range:           | 1904-1993; predominant 1960-1970            |
| Physical Description: | 1.2 m                                       |
| History /             |   |

Biographical:

The Brandon Art Club was founded in November 1907, and operated in an art studio on the top floor of the Brandon College Women's Residence. The club appears to have been the creation of Miss. H. Hancock, who became the Director of the Department of Art at Brandon College c. 1907. The club moved to larger facilities made available at the First Methodist Church; the organization remained there until sometime during the Great War when the club relocated to St. Paul's Presbyterian Church and then in 1921, to the Prince Edward Hotel. The club's first public art exhibitions were held at the Prince Edward Hotel. Art classes were held for the first time in 1928. In 1968, the Brandon Art Club merged with the Allied Arts Center, which had been formed in 1959. The Allied Arts Center was located at 1036 Louise Avenue. In April 1984, the Allied Arts Center was moved to new facilities at the Arts Center of Western Manitoba located at 638 Princess Avenue. In 1989, it was renamed the Art Gallery of Southwestern Manitoba, and began to function as a "professional, regional art gallery." The Art Gallery of Southwestern Manitoba relocated to 2-710 Rosser Ave. c. 2001.

#### Custodial History:

These records were created at different times between 1907 and 1993, and remained in the possession of the administration of the above mentioned organizations until May 2001, when they where donated to the McKee Archives.

#### Scope and Content:

Fonds contains administrative records, minutes, personal files, correspondence, newsletters, photographs, summaries of collections and exhibits, scrapbooks, programs, submitted papers, and other miscellaneous records. All are a record of the growth and evolution of the Art Club, its administration, and of the art community in Brandon.

| Notes:            | CAIN No. 202584  |
|-------------------|--|
| Subject Access:   | H. Hancock   |
|                   | Brandon Allied Arts Council  |
|                   | Art Gallery of Southwestern Manitoba                               |
|                   | Brandon College  |
| Storage Location: | 1998 accessions  |
| Storage Range:    | 1998 accessions  |
| Related Material: | The A.E. McKenzie Company fonds (RG 3 MG 1, 1.3) located in the    |
|                   | McKee Archives contains some records, primarily correspondence and |
|                   | minutes, relating to the Brandon Allied Arts Council.              |



# The King's book of Quebec

# http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/specialcollections684

| Part Of:              | MG 2 2.15 George E Thorman Collection   |
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| Collection:           | George E Thorman School Textbook Collection   |
| Creator:              | Doughty, Arthur George, Sir, 1860-1936  |
|                       | Wood, William Charles Henry, 1864-1947  |
|                       | Canada. National Battlefields Commission  |
| Description Level:    | ltem  |
| Item Number:          | FC 2911.8.K5  |
|                       | Archives 11-999-17-458  |
| Item Number Range:    | FC 2911.8.K5  |
|                       | Archives 11-999-17-458  |
| Standard number:      | System Control Number 76211753  |
| Responsibility:       | [prepared by Dr. Doughty and Colonel Wood ; pref. by Lord Grey]   |
| Start Date:           | 1911  |
| Date Range:           | 1911  |
| Publication:          | Ottawa : Mortimer   |
| Physical Description: | [2 v]. (388 p.) : ill. (some col.), col. map ; 27 cm  |
| Notes:                | "Memorial volume of the tercentenary celebrations of July 1908" sous la<br>direction de la National battlefields commission |
| Subject Access:       | Qu©bec  |
|                       | Qu©bec C©l©brations du centenaire   |
|                       | etc   |
|                       | Qu©bec Histoire   |
|                       | Canada Histoire Jusqu'©á 1763 (Nouvelle-France)   |
|                       | Queïbec Centennial celebrations   |
|                       | Qu©bec History  |
|                       | Canada History To 1763 (New France)   |
| Storage Location:     | Box 17 - History (Archives copy)  |
| Storage Range:        | Box 17 - History (Archives copy)  |
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# Manitoba Genealogical Society fonds

### http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions4814

| Part Of:                             | RG 5 Western Manitoba Manuscript Collection |
|--------------------------------------|---|
| Description Level:                   | Collection                                  |
| Accession Number:                    | 9-1998                                      |
| GMD:                                 | textual records                             |
|                                      |   |
| Date Range:                          | c.1880 to c.1980                            |
| Date Range:<br>Physical Description: | c.1880 to c.1980                            |

History /

Biographical:

The Southwest Branch of the Manitoba Genealogical Society was established in 1978. The Branch was formed following a meeting with members of the Manitoba Genealogical Association formed in 1977. The organization was created to assist individuals interested in doing genealogical research through the provision of genealogical data and archival resources. Since its creation the Southwest Branch has also issued a newletter and published a series of cenusus summaries based on the 1901 Canadian census.

#### Custodial History:

These records were donated to the McKee archives in 1990 by J.D. Wall on behalf of the Southwest Branch of the Manitoba Genealogical Society.

#### Scope and Content:

Fonds includes transcripts of the records transcribed from cemetery headstones located in cemeteries throughout southwestern Manitoba. Each transcript includes details about the cemetery records and all details including names, dates, and inscriptions from each headstone. The collection includes a "Cemetery Transcript List" detailing those cemeteries for which transcripts exist. Transcripts include those for the following cemeteries: Alexander, Birdtail Sioux Indian Reserve, Blenheim Church, Glencoe, Boissevain, Brandon, Brandon Hills Church Cemetery, Brookdale, Carberry District, Coultervale, Elgin, Elkhorn, Humesville, Lauder, Kerfoot (Gregg Cemetery), Icelandic Gravesite (Tilston), History of Kingsley Cemetery near Somerset, Madford Cemetery, Roseville Anglican Church Cemetery, St. Savior's Anglican Church, St. George's Anglican Church, Rounthwaite, Souris (Glenwood Cemetery), Skalholt, Wellwood, Woodville (Lund, Kola, Bennett, Two Creeks), Patterson (near Nesbitt), Sparling (near Justice), Tilston (near Sinclair), Royal Canadian Air Force Memorial (20 miles north of Rivers).

| Notes:            | CAIN No. 202662  |
|-------------------|------------------|
| Subject Access:   | cemetary records |
|                   | Genealogy        |
|                   | Brandon          |
|                   | Manitoba         |
| Storage Location: | 1998 accessions  |
| Storage Range:    | 1998 accessions  |
|                   |                  |



### James Duncan McGregor collection

### http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions4820

| Part Of:              | RG 5 Western Manitoba Manuscript Collection   |
|-----------------------|---|
| Description Level:    | Collection  |
| Accession Number:     | 4-1998  |
| GMD:                  | multiple media  |
| Date Range:           | 1899-1935; predominant c. 1899  |
| Physical Description: | 20 cm textual records; 51 lantern slides (measuring 22 cm x 20.5 cm); 44 photographs (41 measuring 17.5 cm x 23 cm and 3 measuring 26.5 cm x 35 cm) |

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Biographical:
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J.D. McGregor was a leading agriculturist from Brandon who served as Lieutenant Governor in the province of Manitoba during the 1930's. The Hon. J.D. McGregor was born in Amherstburg, Ontario August 29, 1860. He came west with his father in 1877, and entered the horse and cattle trade. McGregor established Glencarnock Farm north of Brandon and created one of the finest Aberdeen-Angus cattle herds in North America. In 1912 and 1913, his cattle (Glencarnock Victor and Glencarnock Victor II) were selected Grand Champions at the Chicago International. McGregor was a Liberal in politics with close ties to Clifford Sifton. From 1897-99, he served as mines inspector in the Klondike during the gold rush in that region. He also served as Lieutenant Governor of Manitoba from 1929-1934. James Duncan McGregor died March 15, 1935.

#### Custodial History:

This collection was donated to Brandon University in 1971 by McGregor's daughter Mrs. E.C. Harte. The collection was accessioned in 1998 by the McKee Archives.

#### Scope and Content:

Collection consists of photos and slides, principally of the Klondike during the gold rush era (1897-1902); Government House seating plans and speeches from a wide variety of events (1912-1934); correspondence of McGregor's, primarily from his time as Lieutenant Governor (1912-1934); a (23.75 oz.) gold bag; a state publication "Instructions for Lieutenant Governors;" documents pertaining to the history of the Manitoba Winter Fair; and documents dealing with the early career of Winston Churchill.

| Notes:            | CAIN No. 202634      |
|-------------------|----------------------|
| Subject Access:   | Winston Churchill    |
|                   | Soapy Smith          |
|                   | L.T. Floyd           |
|                   | Manitoba Winter Fair |
|                   | Government House     |
|                   | Manitoba             |
|                   | Klondike gold rush   |
|                   | Lieutenant Governor  |
|                   | Livestock            |
| Storage Location: | 1998 accessions      |
| Storage Range:    | 1998 accessions      |



## RG 2 Provincial Exhibition of Manitoba Association fonds

### http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions4351

| Part Of:              | RG 2 Provincial Exhibition of Manitoba Association fonds |
|-----------------------|--|
| Description Level:    | Fonds  |
| GMD:                  | multiple media   |
| Date Range:           | 1884-1992  |
| Physical Description: | 9.46 m textual records; 1919 photographs & graphics      |
| History /             |  |

Biographical:

Brandon, Manitoba was incorporated as a city in 1881. In 1882, led by Charles Whitehead and a small Board of Directors that included J.W. Vantassel, Charles Pilling, George Halse, J.E. Smith, William Johnson, R.T. Evans, and Thomas Lockhart, it was decided to hold an agricultural exhibition. These men were all involved in the farm business in one way or another, and they wanted an opportunity to help residents realize the agricultural potential of the region. In October of that year, the fledgling community held its first agricultural exhibition . The fair was held in downtown Brandon at what was known as "Market Square." Market Square was two acres of land located on Princess Avenue between Eighth and Ninth Streets. Due to poor weather, and the fact that not many people were ready to show animals and grain, there was a relatively small turnout. The following year was much improved. There were 730 entries into the exhibition. By 1884, the Board of Directors of the Brandon Agricultural Society, which was in charge of the exhibition, realized that they were in poor financial shape, to the point of being personally out of pocket. It was realized that October was not the best time for farmers to be leaving their farms to go to an exhibition. In 1888, it was decided to move the exhibition to the summer time, when it was much easier for people to attend.

The first Brandon Summer Fair was held in July 1889, and it was a resounding success. The Board of Directors had added many items of interest to appeal to the entire public, not just agricultural people. In 1892, the Western Agricultural and Arts Association (WAAA) was formally established to take over duties from the Brandon Agricultural Society. However, it was not until 1897 that the WAAA held its first meeting. There is no explanation as to why there is a five year gap between the formation and the first meeting of this organization. 1897 was the turning point of the Brandon Exhibition. The fair was now firmly established in Brandon, and the Board of Directors was instrumental in ensuring that it remained so. This was done by petitioning to both the municipal and provincial governments for grant money. As well, the Board booked midway and grandstand acts that would bring the city dwellers to the agricultural exhibition.

There were also early attempts at holding an agricultural exhibition in the winter. The first such attempt was in 1884. There was also a Spring Stallion show held in 1891. By 1904, however, a petition by J.D. McGregor had gone out to formally establish a winter exhibition. This effort also failed, but by 1906, it was decided by businessmen, politicians, and farm representatives in Brandon, including McGregor, to organize a winter fair. Rather than seeing this new fair as competition, the Board of Directors of the summer fair felt that it would complement their exhibition. The new fair would remain primarily agricultural. The first winter fair was held in 1906. While the two fairs were not amalgamated, they did share the same secretary-manager. The secretary-manager was responsible for the day to day management of the fair, as well as keeping track of meetings and decisions reached by the various fair boards and committees. In 1907, the Brandon Winter Fair and Livestock Association (BWFLA) was formed to act primarily as a land-holding joint stock company. The following year the Provincial Winter Fair and Fat Stock Association (PWFFSA), an entirely separate organization from the BWFLA, was formed to manage the activities of the winter fair. The PWFFSA name was soon changed to the Manitoba Winter Fair and Fat Stock Association (MWFFSA).

By 1906, Brandon could boast two full size exhibitions, one in the summer and one in the late

winter, both of which were considered to be premiere events. In 1908, the Brandon summer fair was renamed the Inter-Provincial Exhibition, and in 1912 it held it's first Traveller's Day, an event which would soon become an important addition to the fair and is still in existence today. It is thought that the name "Traveller's Day" came from the fact that it was held on a Saturday, a day when many people could travel to Brandon for the exhibition.

In 1913, Brandon was bestowed with the honour of hosting the Dominion Exhibition. This was a national exhibition sponsored by the federal government. It was held in a different city every year. There were several cities vying for the 1913 Dominion Exhibition, but it was Brandon that impressed the sponsors the most. With the government funds received for this honour, the Board of Directors supervised the building of a new grandstand, display buildings, and racetrack, as well as the general expansion and improvements to the fairgrounds.

In the spring of 1912, it was decided by the Board of Directors of the winter fair that the facilities they were currently housed in were inadequate for their needs. The mayor and city clerk of Brandon went to the provincial legislature in order to request that there be an amendment added to the Brandon city charter. This amendment would allow the city to guarantee bonds issued by the winter fair board to help pay for the construction of a new facility. This request was granted, and a \$70 000 addition was built next to the original winter fair building. The new building was opened in 1913.

Throughout the First World War, both the winter fair and Provincial Exhibition buildings were used for the war effort. There was one distinct difference however. The summer fair Board was able to negotiate a deal with the army that enabled it to reclaim the fair buildings during fair week. The winter fair, however, had to give up the idea of holding fairs in 1915 and 1916. It was not until 1917, that the winter fair was able to resume.

During this time, due to the financial problems that had beset the winter fair, the two exhibitions considered amalgamation. The Board of Directors of the winter fair felt that because they were the smaller of the two fairs, their interests would be swallowed up by the summer fair. The winter fair withdrew from the negotiations to amalgamate. With this rather sudden turn of events, the Board of Directors of the summer fair petitioned the government to be allowed to incorporate. This was granted, and in 1920, the WAAA was incorporated as the Provincial Exhibition of Manitoba. From 1920, the summer fair was officially known as the Provincial Exhibition of Manitoba. This was the first time that the summer fair was incorporated, and received the "status and financial assistance" that came with incorporation.

More problems beset the winter fair in the 1920s. In 1920, a fire burned down the winter fair pavilion, located at the south end of the winter fair buildings, and caused the Board to cancel the 1921 winter fair. It was not until 1922, that a new building was completed. By 1929, both fairs were well regarded throughout Canada. In 1929, a decade long Depression hit the west. While many fairs closed during this time, Brandon struggled to keep its open. The Directors of both fairs felt that the agricultural shows "encouraged excellence at a time when faith and enthusiasm were at a low ebb." The summer fair proved to be quite successful during the Depression, likely as a result of the few moments one was able to forget one's troubles while there. The winter fair was not quite as successful, although both fairs received government grants and work relief projects. There was little new entertainment in these exhibitions.

There were changes about to manifest themselves at the summer fair, however. While the winter fair had representatives from various associations on its Board of Directors, the summer fair Board of Directors was a small close-knit group of men. Citizens saw entry into this elite group as elusive and difficult. To ward off the possibility of the Board becoming a "self-sustaining clique," that only chose Directors from within, it was decided by several citizens to try and elect some new blood into the fair Board. In 1933, there was a general election for the Board. Instead of the usual men shuffling positions, there were forty-four nominations for the twenty positions. When the voting was all over, seven new men sat on the Board. Despite some inner rumblings, especially on the summer fair Board over the next few years, both

exhibitions survived the Depression.

During the Second World War the fairs once again were forced to operate under adversity. Once again, the buildings were requisitioned for the army, although they were released during fair week. The summer fair was forced to make several concessions, and the winter fair was relocated to the summer fair grounds for the duration.

The winter fair did not survive the Second World War intact. Due to financial reasons, in December of 1945, the Board of Directors turned the winter fair buildings over to the City of Brandon. By 1946, the BWFLA, which was the joint-stock land holding company, had ceased operations because the city now controlled the winter fair land and buildings.

The next fifteen years would be a time of rebuilding for both of Brandon's exhibitions. Children especially were more active participants in the agricultural exhibitions. The summer fair continued to diversify and look for new ways of entertaining the public at large. The winter fair remained primarily agricultural. By the end of the 1950s the winter fair, which was used to struggling, was now both successful and stable; and the summer fair, a perennial success, was starting to fade.

By 1969, both the winter and summer fair Boards had realized that amalgamation was the best possible decision, both practically and financially, for the future of the two fairs. On 29 October, 1969, the two exhibitions amalgamated to become the Manitoba Exhibition Association. The reconstituted Provincial Exhibition of Manitoba was now responsible for both the winter and summer fairs. A new building was erected on the summer fair grounds to house both of the exhibitions. On 2 April 1973, the Keystone Centre was officially opened at the winter fair, although it had been in use since October of the preceding year.

In 1970, Manitoba's Centennial, it was decided that an organization in Manitoba would receive the title of "Royal," as a way to celebrate the centennial. Although many organizations applied for the honour, it was the Brandon winter fair that received the accolades. The winter fair was bestowed with the title "Royal", and became known as the Royal Manitoba Winter Fair.

In 1975, a third exhibition was added, this time a purely agricultural fall show known as the Agricultural Exhibition, or AgEx. This fair was partly organized on behalf of the cattle growers, who found that the summer and winter fairs did not give them adequate time and space to properly show their cattle. The return to a fall show, which had not existed since 1888, would be the return to a purely agricultural exhibition. This show was to be primarily a show and sale event. On 3 November 1975, the first AgEx was opened to resounding success.

The Provincial Exhibition of Manitoba, the Royal Manitoba Winter Fair and AgEx are all still in existence in Brandon. They are regarded as three of the most important events to take place annually in the city.

#### Custodial History:

These files were housed with the Manitoba Exhibition Association until c1986 when they were transferred to the S.J. McKee Archives at Brandon University.

#### Scope and Content:

The fonds consists of textual records and photographs comprised of the records from the three annual exhibitions that are held in Brandon, Manitoba: the Provincial Exhibition of Manitoba, the Royal Manitoba Winter Fair, and the Agricultural Exhibition (Ag-Ex). The textual records include prize lists, programs, minutes, financial, administrative files, original results, scrapbooks, tickets, news releases, contracts, by laws, documents as well as a miscellaneous section. There are approximately 1846 photographs that include scenes from these three exhibitions. These records provide a unique perspective on the development of agriculture and rural life in southwestern Manitoba. Fairs such as these have been and remain prime media of farm improvement, technological and scientific advancement in rural Canada, and the promoters of country living. These fairs also reflected the long tradition inherited from Britain and Europe of country fairs as centers of entertainment, social interchange and diversion. These records are a principal source of information about the most broadly based vocational, entertainment and social events held on an annual basis in southwestern Manitoba over the last century. The records are vital to academic research on agriculture or fairs, individual biography, or community history.

| Notes:             | The RG 2 Provincial Exhibition of Manitoba Association finding aid was created by Karyn (Riedel) Taylor with the exception of Series 9 and the accompanying database, which were created by Donica Belisle. This finding aid was created in August 1999.  |
|--------------------|---|
| Name Access:       | Charles Whitehead   |
|                    | J.W. Vantassel  |
|                    | Charles Pilling   |
|                    | George Halse  |
| Subject Access:    | Brandon Agricultural Society  |
|                    | Provincial Exhibition of Manitoba   |
|                    | Royal Manitoba Winter Fair  |
|                    | Agricultural Exhibition   |
|                    | Brandon Manitoba  |
|                    | AgEx  |
| Repro Restriction: | Researchers are responsible for observing Canadian copyright restrictions.  |
| Finding Aid:       | Available   |
| Storage Location:  | RG 2 Provincial Exhibition of Manitoba Association fonds  |
| Storage Range:     | RG 2 Provincial Exhibition of Manitoba Association fonds  |
| Related Material:  | Additional records regarding the Provincial Exhibition of Manitoba, the<br>Royal Manitoba Winter Fair, and AgEx are housed at the Provincial<br>Exhibition of Manitoba Association offices. To gain access to these<br>records, it is necessary to contact the general manager of the Provincial<br>Exhibition of Manitoba Association. |

#### Arrangement:

The fonds is divided into sous-fonds by exhibition. There is a Provincial Exhibition sous-fonds, a Royal Manitoba Winter Fair sous-fonds, an Ag-Ex sous-fonds, and a Miscellaneous sous-fonds that holds information that could not be easily broken down into one exhibition. The arrangement is as follows:

RG 2 Provincial Exhibition Association of Manitoba fonds

RG2SF1 Provincial Exhibition of Manitoba

- 1.1 Documents
- 1.2 Minutes
- 1.3 Financial Records
- 1.4 Administrative Files
- 1.5 Prize Lists and Programs
- 1.6 News Releases
- 1.7 Original Results
- 1.8 Tickets
- 1.9 Photographs
- 1.10 Scrapbooks
- 1.11 Miscellaneous

#### RG2SF2 Royal Manitoba Winter Fair

- 2.1 Documents
- 2.2 Minutes
- 2.3 Financial Records
- 2.4 Administrative Files
- 2.5 Prize Lists and Programs
- 2.6 News Releases
- 2.7 Original Results
- 2.8 Tickets
- 2.9 Photographs
- 2.10 Scrapbooks
- 2.11 Miscellaneous
- RG2SF3 AgEx
- 3.4 Administrative Files
- 3.5 Prize Lists and Programs
- 3.6 News Releases
- 3.7 Original Results
- 3.9 Photographs
- **RG2SF4** Miscellaneous
- 4.1 Documents
- 4.2 Minutes
- 4.3 Financial Records
- 4.4 Administrative Files
- 4.9 Photographs
- 4.10 Scrapbooks
- 4.11 Miscellaneous

### Audrey Silvius collection

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| Part Of:              | RG 5 Western Manitoba Manuscript Collection     |
|-----------------------|---|
| Description Level:    | Collection                                      |
| Accession Number:     | 21-2000   |
| GMD:                  | multiple media                                  |
| Date Range:           | 1959-1988; predominant 1963-1974                |
| Physical Description: | 19 cm textual records; 4 photographs; 1 drawing |
| History /             |   |

Biographical:

Born on February 10, 1924, in Elgin, Manitoba, Audrey Ellen Silvius (nee Honeyman) was raised in Fairfax, Manitoba on the Honeyman homestead. In 1964, she received her Indian name, Blue Star. Silvius completed her high school education in Fairfax before moving to Winnipeg in 1943, to earn her Nursing degree from Grace Hospital. She later completed her post-graduate degree in Psychiatric Nursing at the Brandon Mental Health Centre. Married to Merritt W. Silvius, Audrey Silvius raised four children, David, Kay, Lorna (Downie) and Gail (Campos) while working in her chosen field. In addition to her family and her career, she was also involved with the Brandon Council of Women and the United Church in Brandon. Silvius was the first executive director of the Brandon Indian-Metis Friendship Centre, a founding member of the local branches of the Marquis Project and Amnesty International and initiated a project called Tools for Peace. She was also involved in various other peace and human rights organizations. In 1987, she received the Order of the Buffalo Hunt from the Province of Manitoba in recognition of her work relating to women's issues. In 1992, she was awarded a Confederation medal for community service.

#### Custodial History:

The records found within the collection were collected by Audrey Silvius from a number of people, including Jean Halliday, Grace Godmaire and Norma Walmsley, involved in various projects with her throughout the years. Prior to their donation to the McKee Archives at Brandon University in October and November 2000, the records were stored at Mrs. Silvius' home.

#### Scope and Content:

Collection consists of meeting minutes, agendas, speeches, correspondence, newsletters, brochures, written publications and newspaper clippings. Four photographs and one pencil drawing are also included within the collection.

The records deal with the creation, activities, and history of the Brandon Indian-Metis Friendship Centre, as well as the activities of its Board of Directors. In addition, materials located within the collection can be divided into two areas: (1) those that relate to various organizations associated with the Friendship Centre itself, such as the Council of Christians and Jews and the Brandon Council of Women; (2) materials related to projects of important individuals involved with the Friendship Centre, such as the South Western Manitoba Recreation Council and the 4F Club of Minnedosa. Other records deal with general aboriginal issues in Canada during the time frame of the Audrey Silvius collection.

| Notes:            | CAIN No. 202607. Description by Christy Henry (2000). |
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| Subject Access:   | Council of Christians and Jews                        |
|                   | Brandon Council of Women                              |
|                   | 4F Club   |
|                   | Brandon Indian-Metis Friendship Centre                |
|                   | cross cultural relations                              |
|                   | Aboriginal issues                                     |
|                   | community development                                 |
| Storage Location: | 2000 accessions                                       |
| Storage Range:    | 2000 accessions                                       |

#### Arrangement:

The collection is divided into ten (10) series:

- 1. The Brandon Indian-Metis Friendship Centre
- 2. The Scout Friendship Centre newsletter
- 3. The Brandon Council of Women
- 4. Council of Christians and Jews
- 5. Aboriginal Glee Club/Dancers
- 6. The South Western Manitoba Recreation Council
- 7.4F Club of Minnedosa
- 8. Miscellaneous Publications related to Aboriginal Issues
- 9. Miscellaneous Newspaper Clippings related to Aboriginal Issues
- 10. Photographs and pencil drawing