



# S. J. McKee Archives

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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/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/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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## Experimental Farm, Brandon postcard

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13874>

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection  
Creator: Published by Christie's Bookstore, Brandon, Man.  
Description Level: Item  
Series Number: McG 9  
Item Number: 20-2009.184  
Accession Number: 20-2009  
GMD: graphic  
Date Range: 1910s  
Physical Description: 3.5" x 5.5" (colour)  
Material Details: postcard

### Scope and Content:

Photograph shows the buildings of the superintendent and barns of the Brandon Experimental Farm (now Brandon Research Station)

Notes: Part of "Christie's Brandon Series of Six Colored Picture Postcards of Brandon, Manitoba, The Crown Series, Published by Christie's Bookstore, Brandon, Man." [note: missing sixth postcard]. Writing on the front of the photograph reads: Experimental Farm, Brandon. Man.

Name Access: Experimental Farm  
Brandon Research Station

Subject Access: farms  
Agriculture

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

### Arrangement:

From 20-2009 File 9

## Images

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## Christmas Tree Farm - road

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14182>

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection  
Description Level: Item  
Series Number: McG 9

Item Number: 1-2015.251  
Accession Number: 1-2015  
GMD: graphic  
Date Range: [1980s-1990s]  
Physical Description: 5.25 " x 3.5" (colour)

History /

Biographical:

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Scope and Content:

Photograph shows a view of the road along the McGuinness property, Christmas Tree Farm, Section 17.

Notes: See McG 9 1-2015.249 corresponding negative #4

Name Access: Christmas Tree Farm  
Section 17

Subject Access: residences  
farms  
trees  
winter

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

Arrangement:

RR #8 photos

## Images

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## Christmas Tree Farm - landscape

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

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection

Description Level: Item

Series Number: McG 9

Item Number: 1-2015.258

Accession Number: 1-2015

GMD: graphic

Date Range: [1980s-1990s]

Physical Description: 5.25 " x 3.5" (colour)

History /

Biographical:

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Scope and Content:

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

Notes: Negative accompanies photo

Name Access: Christmas Tree Farm

Section 17

Subject Access: residences

farms

winter

landscapes

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

Arrangement:

RR #8 photos

### Images

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## Fred McGuinness at Christmas Tree Farm

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

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection

Description Level: Item

Series Number: McG 9

Item Number: 20-2009.206

Accession Number: 20-2009

GMD: graphic

Date Range: 1980s

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

Scope and Content:

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

Name Access: Fred McGuinness

Christmas Tree Farm

Subject Access: farming

trees

forestry

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

Arrangement:

From 20-2009 #4 plastic envelope #1

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## Christmas Tree Farm - aerial view

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13964>

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection

Description Level: Item

Series Number: McG 9

Item Number: 1-2015.36

Accession Number: 1-2015

GMD: graphic

Date Range: [2009]

Physical Description: 11" x 8.5" (colour)

Material Details: reproduction

### Scope and Content:

Colour photocopy shows an aerial view of the Fred McGuinness property - Christmas Tree Farm - on section 17.

Name Access: Christmas Tree Farm

Subject Access: residences  
aerial photographs  
farms

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

### Arrangement:

From RR #3 family letters

## Images

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## Christmas Tree Farm contact sheet

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14179>

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection

Description Level: Item

Series Number: McG 9

Item Number: 1-2015.248

Accession Number: 1-2015

GMD: graphic

Date Range: [1980s-1990s]

Physical Description: 10" x 8" (b/w)

History /

Biographical:

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Scope and Content:

Contact sheet shows scenes from Christmas Tree Farm including: honey jars, the McGuinness personal library, home, and planted trees

Name Access: Christmas Tree Farm  
Section 17

Subject Access: residences  
farms  
trees

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

Arrangement:

RR #8 photos

## Images

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### Christmas Tree Farm - house, closeup

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14184>

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection

Description Level: Item

Series Number: McG 9  
Item Number: 1-2015.253  
Accession Number: 1-2015  
GMD: graphic  
Date Range: [1980s-1990s]  
Physical Description: 5.25 " x 3.5" (colour)

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:

Photograph shows an overview of the house on the McGuinness property, Christmas Tree Farm, Section 17.

Notes: See McG 9 1-2015.249 corresponding negative #7

Name Access: Christmas Tree Farm  
Section 17

Subject Access: residences  
farms  
trees  
winter  
building exteriors

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

Arrangement:

RR #8 photos

## Images

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### Christmas Tree Farm - house, overview

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14185>

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection



Description Level: Item  
Series Number: McG 9  
Item Number: 1-2015.254  
Accession Number: 1-2015  
GMD: graphic  
Date Range: [1980s-1990s]  
Physical Description: 5.25 " x 3.5" (colour)

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:

Photograph shows an overview of the house on the McGuinness property, Christmas Tree Farm, Section 17.

Notes: See McG 9 1-2015.249 corresponding negative #12

Name Access: Christmas Tree Farm

Section 17

Subject Access: residences

farms

trees

winter

building exteriors

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

Arrangement:

RR #8 photos

## Images

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Christmas Tree Farm - house, overview

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14186>



Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection  
Description Level: Item  
Series Number: McG 9  
Item Number: 1-2015.255  
Accession Number: 1-2015  
GMD: graphic  
Date Range: [1980s-1990s]  
Physical Description: 5.25 " x 3.5" (colour)

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:

Photograph shows an overview of the house on the McGuinness property, Christmas Tree Farm, Section 17.

Notes: See McG 9 1-2015.249 corresponding negatives #16 to #22

Name Access: Christmas Tree Farm  
Section 17

Subject Access: residences  
farms  
trees  
winter  
building exteriors

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

Arrangement:

RR #8 photos

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Christmas Tree Farm - back of house



<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14187>

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection

Description Level: Item

Series Number: McG 9

Item Number: 1-2015.256

Accession Number: 1-2015

GMD: graphic

Date Range: [1980s-1990s]

Physical Description: 5.25 " x 3.5" (colour)

History /

Biographical:

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Scope and Content:

Photograph shows an overview of the house on the McGuinness property, Christmas Tree Farm, Section 17.

Notes: Negative accompanies photo

Name Access: Christmas Tree Farm

Section 17

Subject Access: residences

farms

trees

winter

building exteriors

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

Arrangement:

RR #8 photos

## Images

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## Christmas Tree Farm - beehive scale

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14188>

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection  
Description Level: Item  
Series Number: McG 9  
Item Number: 1-2015.257  
Accession Number: 1-2015  
GMD: graphic  
Date Range: [1980s-1990s]  
Physical Description: 5.25 " x 3.5" (colour)

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:

Photograph shows beehive scale on the McGuinness property, Christmas Tree Farm, Section 17.

Notes: Negative accompanies photo

Name Access: Christmas Tree Farm  
Section 17

Subject Access: residences  
farms  
winter  
beehives  
apiaries

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

Arrangement:

RR #8 photos

### Images

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## Christmas Tree Farm - back yard and plantings

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14183>

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection

Description Level: Item

Series Number: McG 9

Item Number: 1-2015.252

Accession Number: 1-2015

GMD: graphic

Date Range: [1980s-1990s]

Physical Description: 5.25 " x 3.5" (colour)

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:

Photograph shows a view of the backyard of the McGuinness property, Christmas Tree Farm, Section 17. Christmas tree plantings can be seen in the background.

Notes: See McG 9 1-2015.249 corresponding negative #1

Name Access: Christmas Tree Farm

Section 17

Subject Access: residences

farms

trees

winter

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

Arrangement:

RR #8 photos

### Images

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## Fred McGuinness weighing beehive at Christmas Tree Farm

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13896>

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection

Description Level: Item

Series Number: McG 9

Item Number: 20-2009.207

Accession Number: 20-2009

GMD: graphic

Date Range: 1980s

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

Scope and Content:

Photograph shows Fred McGuinness weighing a beehive at Christmas Tree Farm, Section 17.

Notes: Writing on back of photograph reads: McG weighing a hive during a research program

Name Access: Fred McGuinness  
Christmas Tree Farm

Subject Access: farming  
beehives  
apiaries

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

Arrangement:

From 20-2009 #4 plastic envelope #1

### Images

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## Christmas Tree Farm negative set 1, frames 0 to 26

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14180>

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection

Description Level: Item

Series Number: McG 9

Item Number: 1-2015.249

Accession Number: 1-2015

GMD: graphic

Date Range: [1980s-1990s]

Physical Description: 1.5" x 1.5" (b/w)

Material Details: negatives

History /

Biographical:

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Scope and Content:

Set consists of 27 negatives showing different views of the McGuinness property, Christmas Tree Farm, Section 17

Name Access: Christmas Tree Farm

Section 17

Subject Access: residences

farms

trees

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

Arrangement:

RR #8 photos

## Images

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## Christmas Tree Farm negative set 2, frames 1A to 8A

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14181>

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection

Description Level: Item

Series Number: McG 9

Item Number: 1-2015.250

Accession Number: 1-2015

GMD: graphic

Date Range: [1980s-1990s]

Physical Description: 1.5" x 1.5" (b/w)

Material Details: negatives

History /

Biographical:

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Scope and Content:

Set consists of 8 negatives showing a delivery of saplings to the McGuinness property, Christmas Tree Farm, Section 17

Name Access: Christmas Tree Farm  
Section 17  
Brandon Building Movers Ltd

Subject Access: residences  
farms  
trees  
Transportation

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

Arrangement:

RR #8 photos



## 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:

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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

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