

# S. J. McKee Archives



Angus McPherson; Murray McPherson; Hugh McPherson;  
Georgie McPherson; Hattie McPherson Morrison; George  
Richardson

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions4538>

Part Of: Alfred Angus Murray McPherson collection

Description Level: Box

File Number: 15.1 - 15.15

Accession Number: 21-2006

Other Numbers: Box O

GMD: textual records

Date Range: 1909-1956

Physical Description: 17 cm

History /

Biographical:

For biographical information on Angus McPherson and Hattie McPherson Morrison see the description for Box 6 of the Alfred Angus Murray McPherson collection.

For biographical information on Murray McPherson see the fonds level description for the Alfred Angus Murray McPherson collection.

For biographical information on Hugh McPherson see the description for Box 5 of the Alfred Angus Murray McPherson collection.

For biographical information on Georgie McPherson see the description for Box 4 of the Alfred Angus Murray McPherson collection.

There is no biographical information for George Richardson.

Scope and Content:

Contains the following files:

15.1 Medical receipts 1945-1950

15.2 Miscellaneous farm receipts 1945-1950

15.3 Cattle and grain papers 1941-1953

15.4 Correspondence 1943-1951

15.5 Insurance 1909-1952

15.6 Angus McPherson wills 1937-1953

15.7 Angus McPherson - income tax forms and papers 1946-1956 (includes Farmers Income Tax Guides and Farm account book)

15.8 Murray McPherson correspondence 1934-1956

15.9 Hugh McPherson - blank form for Fenian Raid Volunteer Bount Act 1912

15.10 Miscellaneous 1929-1950

15.11 Angus McPherson income tax forms and papers 1943-1947

15.12 Income tax forms/papers 1943-1947 for George Richardson (1947), George McPherson and Hattie McPherson

15.13 Angus McPherson - income tax forms 1918

15.14 Receipts 1947

15.15 Receipts 1949

Notes: Part of the Alfred Angus Murray McPherson collection.

Storage Location: Alfred Angus Murray McPherson collection  
Box 13



## Angus and Ethel McPherson; Johnston and Ella McPherson; Hattie McPherson

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions4529>

Part Of: Alfred Angus Murray McPherson collection

Description Level: Box

File Number: 6.1 - 6.20

Accession Number: 21-2006

Other Numbers: Box F

GMD: textual records

Date Range: 1895-1972

## History /

### Biographical:

Angus Sellers McPherson, son of Hugh and Margaret (Sellers) McPherson, was born March 1, 1884 in Brandon Hills, MB. He died on September 5, 1953 in Brandon, MB. Angus married Ethel Pentland on July 16, 1913. Together they had three sons: Howard Johnston McPherson (m. Jessie Walsh); Alfred Angus Murray McPherson (m. Margaret Raven); and Kenneth George McPherson (m. Mary Spratt).

Ethel (Pentland) McPherson was born May 7, 1890 to Thomas (T.J.) and Annie Isabel (McVety) Pentland. Raised at Justice, MB, Ethel was a graduate of the Winnipeg Normal School; she taught for a number of years at Orange Hall and Brandon Hills. After her husband's death, Ethel remained on the family farm with her sons until she moved to Brandon in 1957. She died on September 20, 1976, in Brandon, MB.

Johnston McPherson, son of Hugh and Margaret (Sellers) McPherson, was born February 7, 1879 in Nova Scotia. He died on September 17, 1966 in Brandon, MB (Johnston McPherson was the last of the original party that settled the Brandon Hills). From 1896 until 1914, he farmed at Brandon Hills. Johnston married Ella Harvey McKay on July 26, 1918. They had no children.

Ella Harvey McKay, daughter of Simon and Sarah McKay, was born September 5, 1885 at Brandon Hills. Her family moved to Alberta and then British Columbia sometime after her birth. Ella worked in Trail, B.C. for Consolidated Mining and Smelting, before her marriage to Johnston "Jack" McPherson. She died on November 25, 1971 in Brandon, MB.

Harriet (Hattie) McPherson Morrison, daughter of Hugh and Margaret (Sellers) McPherson, was born at Watervale, NS in 1877. She attended Brandon Hills and Central School in Brandon before receiving her teacher training; she taught school at Chatfield and Dunrea. Hattie married Robert Morrison at Brandon Hills in 1920 and together they had two children: Robert Morrison Jr. (m. Lila Berdux) and Margaret Morrison (m. George Walton). The family owned a farm at Rounthwaite until 1964, at which point Hattie and Robert moved to Brandon. Hattie died in Brandon, MB in 1965.

Scope and Content:

Contains the following files:

- 6.1 Angus McPherson financial records 1909-1955
- 6.2 Angus McPherson greeting postcards
- 6.3 Angus McPherson non-greeting postcards
- 6.4 Ethel McPherson ration cards [1939-1945]
- 6.5 Ethel McPherson non-greeting postcards
- 6.6 Ethel McPherson insurance documents 1959-1968
- 6.7 Angus McPherson financial documents 1912-1962
- 6.8 Ethel McPherson correspondence 1914-1972 (some undated)
- 6.9 Angus McPherson correspondence 1899-1957 (some undated)
- 6.10 Johnston McPherson correspondence 1895-1970
- 6.11 Johnston McPherson financial records 1907-1928
- 6.12 Johnston McPherson non-greeting postcards
- 6.13 Johnston and Ella McPherson correspondence 1918-1956
- 6.14 Johnston and Ella McPherson correspondence 1957-1959 (some undated)
- 6.15 Ella McPherson correspondence 1920-1971
- 6.16 Hattie McPherson correspondence 1908-1919
- 6.17 Hattie McPherson/Mrs. Robert Morrison correspondence 1920-1935
- 6.18 Hattie McPherson greeting postcards
- 6.19 Ethel McPherson Normal School notebook
- 6.20 Ethel McPherson diaries

Notes:	Part of the Alfred Angus Murray McPherson collection.
Storage Location:	Alfred Angus Murray McPherson collection Box 4 (6.1 - 6.12) Box 5 (6.13 - 6.20)

## Miscellaneous freelance

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13666>

Other Title Info:	Title based on the contents of the subseries
Part Of:	Fred McGuinness collection

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Available  
  
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Restrictions)

Description Level: Sub-series  
Series Number: McG 3.2  
Accession Number: 1-2015  
GMD: textual records  
Date Range: c. 1970s - 2010  
Physical Description: Approximately 48 cm of textual records

History /

Biographical:

In addition to working as a journalist, editor, and publisher, Fred McGuinness worked as a freelance writer or “wordsmith” as he identified himself on his business cards. Throughout his career, McGuinness would write/publish about a topic in a variety of forums and would continually re-work manuscripts. The last piece of freelance writing the S.J. McKee Archives appears to have is a un-proofed draft manuscript titled “Tommy Douglas and Me” printed on October 2, 2010.

McGuinness wrote promotional pieces for businesses such as McKenzie Seeds, The Keystone Centre, possibly Patmore’s Nursery, and Westman Communications Group. He wrote for industry magazines and newsletters such as CP Trucking News, BC Business Journal, TV Times, and Western People. He also contributed memoirs to the Manitoba History Journal. He was invited to submit contributions to the World Book Encyclopedia (1977) and Encyclopedia of Manitoba (2007).

In the 1990s, McGuinness was a consultant with the WESTARC Group, the non-profit Western Training and Applied Research Centre affiliated with Brandon University. The group was concerned with the project management, research, training, and economic development of communities and organizations in Western Canada. McGuinness would be involved in a number of economic development workshops and rural forums through his work with WESTARC.

Additional freelance work was contracted by the Manitoba government to write business profiles about Manitoban entrepreneurs; these stories/profiles were published as booklets for distribution titled: Bootstrap Two (1989), Bootstrap Three (1994), and Bootstrap Four (1995).

McGuinness’ interests in rural development lead to writing assignments for the Community Futures Program and Western Diversification Series. He accepted a five-year writing assignment for Industry Canada (1996 – 2000) and the Community Access Program, which focused on introducing the internet into rural communities.

Custodial History:

Accession 1-2015 contains records created and collected over the course of McGuinness’ career as a newspaper journalist and freelance writer. The Estate of Fred McGuinness donated the materials to the SJ McKee Archives circa 2011. The Archives accessioned the records in 2015.

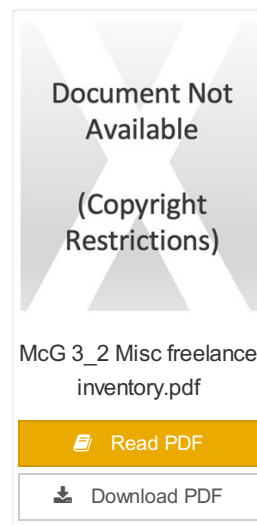
Scope and Content:

The subseries contains records created and collected by Fred McGuinness during his time as a journalist, editor, and freelance writer in Manitoba. The records consist of research materials (e.g., newspaper clippings, copies of articles and book chapters, brochures, pamphlets), notes, drafts, copies of articles and reports, and correspondence.

Notes:	Information in the history/biography was taken from documents in the Miscellaneous freelance subseries (McG 3.2)
	In the file level inventories, square brackets at the end of file names reference the original location of the file in the unprocessed Fred McGuinness collection. The original location is also noted on the front of each file folder
Accruals:	Closed
Finding Aid:	A file level inventory is available
Storage Location:	2015 accessions
Related Material:	Fred McGuinness would write/publish about a topic in a number of forums. Therefore, it is possible research materials pertaining to this subseries may be found in the Fred McGuinness collection subseries: Correspondence (McG 1.2), Brandon Sun (McG 2.2), Neighborly News (McG 2.3), The Reader's Digest (McG 3.1), Local history research (McG 4.1), and Talks and workshops (McG 6.3)
Arrangement:	Arrangement was artificially created by the Archives. Subseries has been re-arranged according to publication period

## Documents

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## Georgie McPherson

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions4527>

Part Of:	Alfred Angus Murray McPherson collection
Description Level:	Box
File Number:	4.1 - 4.13
Accession Number:	21-2006
Other Numbers:	Box D
GMD:	textual records

Date Range: 1906-1939

History /

Biographical:

Georgina Jane McPherson, daughter of Hugh and Margaret (Sellers) McPherson, was born in 1875 in Nova Scotia. Georgie never married and lived at home most of her life. She was a loyal member and supporter of the Women's Missionary Society, the Busy Bees and Brandon Hills Church. Due to ill health she lived for a time in the 1940s at Ninette Sanatorium. During her last years she resided with her sister Hattie Morrison, at Rounthwaite. Georgie died in Brandon, MB in 1953.

Scope and Content:

Contains the following files:

4.1 Chattel mortgage documents 1906-1939 (includes 1906 Land Title and 1919 Agreement for land sale)

4.2 Greeting postcards

4.3 Non-greeting postcards

4.4 Undated correspondence

4.5 Correspondence 1939-1946

4.6 Correspondence 1937

4.7 Correspondence 1936

4.8 Correspondence 1935

4.9 Correspondence 1934

4.10 Correspondence 1933

4.11 Correspondence 1932

4.12 Correspondence 1931

4.13 Correspondence 1918-1930

Notes: Part of the Alfred Angus Murray McPherson collection.

Storage Location: Alfred Angus Murray McPherson collection  
Box 3 (4.1 - 4.12)  
Box 4 (4.13)



## Alexander MacPhail collection textbooks

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions4542>

Part Of: MacPhail collection

Description Level: Sub-series

Series Number: 26-2006.1

Item Number Range: 1-22  
Accession Number: 26-2006  
GMD: textual records  
Date Range: 1901-1948  
Physical Description: 36 cm  
Physical Condition: Some of the titles are fragile and/or stained/torn.



Scope and Content:

Sub-series consists of the following titles:

"Tales and Trails of Western Canada" by Nell Macvicar and Irene Craig

"Manitoba Public School Arithmetic: Book II" by J.A. Smith and R.H. Roberts (1922)

"Handbook of Nature-Study for Teachers and Parents" by Anna Botsford Comstock (1911)

"Forests and Trees" by B.J. Hales (1925)

"Fodder and Pasture Plants" George H. Clark and M. Oscar Malte with water colour illustrations by Norman Criddle (1913)

"Wild Flowers of Western Canada" by William Copeland McCalla (1920)

"The Dragon and the Raven" by G.A. Henty

"Manitoba High School Civics" by A.L. Burt (1945)

"The Manitoba Arithmetic for Elementary Grades: Grade IV" by the Department of Education, Province of Manitoba

"The Treasury Sight-Reader: Book II - Junior" by Maurice Jacobson

"The Treasury Sight-Reader: Book III - Intermediate" by Maurice Jacobson

"The Manitoba Readers - Third Reader"

"Young Blood" by E.W. Hornung (1901)

"The Moonstone: A Romance" by Wilkie Collins

"Mental Arithmetic: Part I" by Charles G. Fraser

"The Canada Book of Prose and Verse: Book One" by Lorne Pierce (1948)

"How to be Healthy" by J. Halpenny and Lilian B. Ireland (1911)

"The A B C of Musical Theory" by Ralph Dunstan

"Canadian Civics" by R.S. Jenkins (1909) - Manitoba edition

"Canada: A History for High Schools" by G.J. Reeve (1926)

"History of England for Public Schools" authorized by the Departments of Education for Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia (1922).

Storage Location: 2006 accessions

## Miscellaneous publications/curriculum materials



<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions4547>

Part Of: MacPhail collection

Description Level: Sub sub series

Series Number: 26-2006.2.4

Accession Number: 26-2006

GMD: textual records

Date Range: 1915-1963

Physical Description: 9 cm

Physical Condition: Good

History /

Biographical:

See fonds level description of the Alexander MacPhail collection.

Scope and Content:

Sub sub series consists of miscellaneous publications/curriculum materials collected by the members of the MacPhail family and John Armstrong. It includes copies of "The Manitoba School Trustee" (1956-1963); "The Manitoba Teacher (May-June 1942)"; "Canadian Agriculture and the War (1941-1942)"; Canadian Girls in Training (C.G.I.T.) pamphlets; "Answer Book for Basic Achievement Tests (Manitoba) grades 2-7"; "The Manitoba Arithmetic for Elementary Grade VI"; "Arithmetic Answers, grade VI"; newsclippings; "Nature Study Self-Taught: Junior Work-Book, grades III & IV (Manitoba schools)"; Manitoba Provincial Board of Health pamphlets; senior high school boys' physical training, grade X & XI; outline of arithmetic, grade VI & VII; and sheet music and lyrics for "We'll Never Let the Old Flag Fall."

The sub sub series also consists of Manitoba, Department of Education examination papers for the following years and subjects:

1915 Entrance Examinations: Elementary agriculture; Arithmetic; Book-keeping; Composition; Drawing, Grade IX; Drawing; Geometry; Geography; Grammar; Canadian history & civics; History; Writing.

1921 Examinations: Literature.

1925 Entrance Examinations: History.

1926 Examinations: Industrial arts; Metal work.

1928 Entrance Examinations: Agriculture; History; Drawing; Grammar; Geography; Mathematics; Composition.

1929 Examinations Grade XI: Algebra; Chemistry; Composition; French authors; French grammar; French literature & composition; Geometry; German authors; German grammar; History; home economics; Household science option; Latin authors; Latin grammar; Music option: first year, second year, third year, fourth year, fifth year, sixth year, seventh year; Spelling; Practical arts: arithmetic, household art, household science, industrial arts: mechanical drawing, metal work, woodworking & patternmaking, household arts option.

1931 Examinations Grade XI: French authors; French grammar.

Notes: Part of Alexander MacPhail collection.

Name Access: patriotic songs

Storage Location: 2006 accessions

Related Material: 26-2006.2.1, 26-2006.2.2, 26-2006.2.3

Arrangement:

The Department of Education examinations are located in the blue binder.



## Hugh and Margaret McPherson; Libby Sellers; Kitty and Winnie Prowse

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions4528>

Part Of: Alfred Angus Murray McPherson collection

Description Level: Box

File Number: 5.1-5.15

Accession Number: 21-2006

Other Numbers: Box E

GMD: textual records

Date Range: 1871-1936

History /

Biographical:

Hugh McPherson was born January 25, 1845 at West River, Nova Scotia. He married Margaret Esther Sellers (b. March 18, 1849 at Six Mile Brook, Nova Scotia) on February 5, 1875 at Six Mile Brook, Nova Scotia. The couple moved to Brandon Hills, MB c. 1880. Together they had four children: Georgina (Georgie) Jane; Harriet (Hattie); Johnston (Jack); and Angus.

The couple lived at Watervale, NS until they moved to Manitoba with the Brandon Hills settlers. Hugh travelled to Brandon Hills with the Roddick group in 1879, leaving his wife and three children in Nova Scotia. He selected the N.E. 1/4 of section 10, township 9, range 18 as his homestead. Margaret and the children joined Hugh in 1880.

Situated as it was just north of the river and slightly to the east of the end of the hills, the McPherson home became a soptin house for travellers from the south making their way to and from Grand Valley and later Brandon. The family records show that literally scores of people stayed with the family during the early years. The fee charged for a meal for the driver plus feed for a team was thirty-five cents. Nellie McClung later described the farm and the stopping-house in one of her early books.

Hugh McPherson died at Brandon Hills, MB on March 7, 1916. Margaret Esther Sellers McPherson died at Brandon Hills, MB on July 13, 1935.

In the fall of 1892, Margaret's brother, Angus Sellers and his family arrived at the McPherson home. Included in this part was Margaret's two sisters Jessie Murray and Libby Sellers. The Sellers family remained with the McPherson's until mid-summer of 1893, when they moved to their new farm at Bunclody.

In 1902, after the death of his wife Blanche, Arthur Prowse accepted Margaret McPherson's offer to foster his daughters Winnie and Kitty. The girls stayed with the McPherson's until their marriages; Winnie to Alex Brown and Kitty to Frank Albright.

Scope and Content:

Contains the following files:

5.1 Margaret McPherson correspondence 1903-1926

5.2 Margaret McPherson correspondence 1927-1931

5.3 Margaret McPherson correspondence 1932-1935

5.4 Margaret McPherson correspondence (undated)

5.5 Margaret McPherson burial/marriage notices 1895-1924

5.6 Margaret McPherson greeting postcards

5.7 Mr. and Mrs. H. McPherson non-greeting postcards

5.8 Margaret McPherson non-greeting postcards

5.9 Hugh McPherson notebook 1871

5.10 Hugh McPherson financial records 1913-1918

5.11 Hugh McPherson postcards

5.12 Libby Sellers non-greeting postcards

5.13 Libby Sellers greeting postcards

5.14 Libby Sellers correspondence 1882-1936 (some undated)

5.15 Kitty and Winnie Prowse correspondence and postcards 1916-1923

Notes: Part of the Alfred Angus Murray McPherson collection

Storage Location: Alfred Angus Murray McPherson collection  
Box 4