

# 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)



## Leonard Muirhead collection

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions12725>

Part Of: RG 1 Brandon College fonds

Description Level: Collection

Accession Number: 12-2012  
GMD: textual records  
Date Range: 1937-1938  
Physical Description: 1 file

History /

Biographical:

Leonard Andrew Muirhead (1918–2008) was the only child of Andrew and Isabella Muirhead. He grew up on the farm homestead in the Summerville District near Carberry, Manitoba. He graduated from Carberry Collegiate when he was sixteen. He helped out on the farm for two years after graduation then attended United College, Winnipeg, and then Brandon College. Muirhead then worked in the Financial Department at Canada Packers in Saint Boniface until 1942. In 1942 he returned home and helped his father with the farm operation. Leonard married Verle Sinclair, a local schoolteacher, on October 12, 1951. They had three daughters: Iris, Gwen, and Arla. In 1965, health reasons made him give up active farming and he began an income tax preparation business as well as selling investments for Trust Companies.

Leonard Muirhead attended Brandon College for the 1937-1938 school year. This was the last year that Brandon College was associated with McMaster University as it then became affiliated with the University of Manitoba.

Custodial History:

The papers remained with Leonard Muirhead's papers until his daughter, Iris Muirhead, donated the papers to the S.J. McKee Archives in 2011.

Scope and Content:

Collection consists primarily of 1938 examination papers from Brandon College, when it was affiliated with McMaster University. It also contains an exam schedule and a course outline. It contains examination papers from spring 1938 for the courses of 2nd and 3rd Years Physics 2y, 3w, Bible 2k, Psychology 2a, Mathematics 2x, Mathematics 1e, a syllabus for second term English 1g2a, and an examination timetable for spring 1938 for Brandon College.

Notes: History/Bio information taken from conversation with Leonard Muirhead's daughter, Iris Muirhead in October 2012 and from obituary <http://passages.winnipegfreepress.com/passage-details/id-136216/> (accessed October 24, 2012). Description by Jennifer Sylvester (October 2012).

Name Access: Leonard Muirhead  
Brandon College  
McMaster University

Subject Access: post-secondary education  
Arts  
Mathematics  
theology  
examinations

Storage Location: 2012 accessions

Related Material:        Brandon College fonds  
                                 The Sickie 1937-1938  
                                 The Leonard Muirhead collection is available at the Carberry Plains Archives. Leonard Muirhead also donated records related to Montrose School and Carberry 4-H Combines to the Carberry Plains Archives.



## Marion Stone collection

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions4897>

Part Of:                    RG 1 Brandon College fonds  
Description Level:       Sub-series  
Series Number:          MG 2 2.21  
Accession Number:      2-2004  
GMD:                     textual records  
Date Range:             1881-1987; predominant 1900-1945  
Physical Description:   64 books  
Physical Condition:     The condition of the books varies from very good to poor. Physical condition notes have been made on the inventory.

### History /

#### Biographical:

Florence Marion Stone was born of Swedish parents, Freda and Ernest Peterson, in Saskatchewan in 1921 and adopted by Dr. and Mrs. Stone when her birth parents died early in her life. Marion graduated from high school when she was fifteen and she went on to obtain a B. A. degree from Brandon College in 1940. She served with the Royal Canadian Air Force Women's Division in England during the Second World War.

Following the war, Marion achieved her teacher training certificate and then spent most of her long career teaching English at Sir Winston Churchill Secondary School in Vancouver, BC. Throughout her life, Marion was very active in the Anglican Church. She also associated with the Swedish community, attending the Lucia pageant every year.

Marion Stone passed away at the Vancouver General Hospital on December 1, 2003 at the age of 82.

#### Custodial History:

The books in this collection were donated to the McKee Archives in September 2003 by Marion Stone. Prior to this time, the books had been a part of her private collection in Vancouver.

#### Scope and Content:

Collection consists of 64 books, mainly works of fiction and literature. The following is an inventory of the titles in the collection:

Armstrong, Anthony. The Naughty Princess. London: MacDonald & Co. Ltd., [no date]. (TORN COVER)

Ashford, Daisy. Daisy Ashford: Her Book. New York: George H. Doran Company, 1920.

Ashford, Daisy. The Young Visitors or, Mr. Salteena's Plan. New York: George H. Doran Company, 1919. (BINDING TORN)

Bryant, William Cullen. *The Iliad of Homer*. Boston: Houghton, Mifflin and Company, 1898.

Buchan, John. *The Path of the King*. London: Thomas Nelson & Sons, Ltd., 1925.

Buchan, John. *Prester John*. London: Thomas Nelson & Sons, Ltd., 1925.

Chambers, Edmund K. ed. *The Arden Shakespeare: The Tragedy of Coriolanus*. Boston: D.C. Heath and Company, [no date].

Chambers, Sir Edmund K. ed. *The Warwick Shakespeare: The Tragedy of Coriolanus*. London: Blackie & Son Limited, [no date].

Cofer, David Brooks ed. *Noble English Fifth Volume: Nineteenth Century Essays from Coleridge to Pater*. New York: Thomas Nelson & Sons, 1929.

Compton, J., ed. *The Dickens Book: Scenes from the Works of Charles Dickens*. Toronto: Clarke, Irwin & Company Limited, 1938.

de Walden, Howard and Acton Bond, ed. *As You Like It*. London: Farmer & Sons, [no date].

de Walden, Howard and Acton Bond, ed. *Hamlet*. London: George Routledge & Sons, Limited, 1913. (FRAGILE)

de Walden, Howard and Acton Bond, ed. *The Merchant of Venice*. London: George Routledge & Sons, Limited, 1913.

de Walden, Howard and Acton Bond, ed. *Twelfth Night or What You Will*. London: George Routledge & Sons, Limited, 1914.

de Walden, Howard and Acton Bond, ed. *The Winter's Tale*. London: Farmer & Sons, [no date].

Dowden, Edward. *Shakspeare*. London: Macmillan and Co, 1895. (FRAGILE)

Erschine, John, ed. *Selections From Spenser's The Faerie Queene*. New York: Longmans, Green and Co., 1906.

Frazer, Sir James George. *The Golden Bough: A Study in Magic and Religion*. London: Macmillan and Co., Limited, 1925.

Gallico, Paul. *The Snow Goose*. London: Michael Joseph Ltd., 1945.

Garnett, David ed. *The Letters of T.E. Lawrence*. London: Jonathan Cape, 1938.

Gollancz, Israel, ed. *Shakespeare's Comedy of a Midsummer Night's Dream*. London: J.M. Dent and Co., 1902.

Hardy, Thomas. *Far From the Madding Crowd*. London: Macmillan and Co., Limited, 1940.

Hubbard, Elbert. *Little Journeys to the Homes of Great Americans*. New York: The Roycrofters  
Vol. 27, March 1911, No. 3. Abraham Lincoln

Vol. 27, February 1911, No. 2. Robert G. Ingersoll

Vol. 25, January 1910, No. 1. Parnell

Vol. 25, December 1909, No. 6. James J. Hill

Vol. 25, August 1909, No. 2. Andrew Carnegie

Vol. 25, July 1909, No. 1. Peter Cooper

Vol. 24, May 1909, No. 5. Philip Armour

Hudson, Rev. Henry N. Shakespeare's As You Like It. Boston: Ginn & Company, 1895.  
(FRAGILE)

Jerome, Jerome K. The Idle Thoughts of an Idle Fellow. Philadelphia: Henry Altemus Company, 1890.

Johnson, William Savage ed. Sartor Resartus: The Life and Opinions of Herr Teufelsdröckh by Thomas Carlyle. Boston: Houghton Mifflin Company and Cambridge: The Riverside Press, 1924.

Johnson, William Savage, ed. Selections from the Prose Works of Matthew Arnold. Boston: Houghton Mifflin Company, 1913.

Kittredge, George Lyman. The Tragedy of Othello the Moor of Venice by William Shakespeare. Boston: The Athenaeum Press, Ginn and Company, 1941.

Knight, Charles, ed. The Works of Shakspeare with Notes. Imperial Edition. Vol. I. New York: Virtue & Yorston, [c. 1886].

Knight, Charles, ed. The Works of Shakspeare with Notes. Imperial Edition. Vol. II. New York: Virtue & Yorston, [c. 1886].

Lamb, Charles. Tales from Shakespeare: Designed for the Use of Young People. London: Blackie & Son Limited, [no date].

Leeper, Janet. English Ballet. London: Penguin Books Limited, 1944.

MacGillivray, Duncan, ed. Blackie's Pocket Dictionary. London: Blackie & Son Limited, [no date].

McLeod, Thomas H. and Ian McLeod. Tommy Douglas: The Road to Jerusalem. Edmonton: Hurtig Publishers Ltd., 1987.

Neilson, William Allan and Ashley Horace Thorndike. The Facts About Shakespeare. New York: The Macmillan Company, 1947.

Palgrave, Francis Turner, ed. The Golden Treasury of the Best Songs and Lyrical Poems in the English Language. London: Macmillan and Co., 1888. (FRAGILE)

Pope, Alexander. The Rape of the Lock: An Essay on Man and Epistle to Dr. Arbuthnot. Boston: Houghton, Mifflin & Company, 1901.

Quiller-Couch, Sir Arthur T. The Age of Chaucer. London: J.M. Dent and Sons Ltd., 1939.

Reynolds, Francis J. and Adam Ward, ed. The New World Atlas and Gazetteer. New York: P.F. Collier & Son Company, 1925. (FRAGILE)

Ridley, M.R. ed. and Eric Gill. The New Temple Shakespeare: Cymbeline. Edinburgh: Turnbull & Spears and London: J.M. Dent & Sons, Ltd., 1935.

Robertson, William, ed. Selected Poems of S.T. Coleridge. London: George G. Harrap & Co. Ltd, [no date].

Rostand, Edmond. Cyrano de Bergerac. New York: Random House, 1923.



Scott, Sir Walter. The Lady of the Lake. New York: Hurst & Company Publishers, [no date].  
(FRAGILE)

Scott, Sir Walter. Peveril of the Peak. London: J.M. Dent & Co., [no date]

Shakespeare, William. Othello: The Moor of Venice. London, Cassell and Company, Limited, 1902.

Smith, G.C. Moore ed. The Warwick Shakespeare: The Life of Henry the Fifth. London: Blackie and Son Limited, [no date].

St. Pierre, Paul. Breaking Smith's Quarter Horse. Toronto: The Ryerson Press, 1966.

Stevenson, O. J. ed. Shakespeare's The Taming of the Shrew. Toronto: The Copp Clark Company, Limited, 1933.

Tennyson. In Memoriam. New York: H.M. Caldwell Co., [no date]. (BROKEN BINDING)

Thackeray, W.M., ed. The History of Henry Esmond, ESQ. London: Thomas Nelson and Sons, 1906. (A FEW LOOSE PAGES)

Tinker, Harold L. ed. Essays: Yesterday and Today. London: Macmillan and Company, 1934.

Wallace, Malcolm W. Milton's Prose: A Selection. London: Humphrey Milford Oxford University Press, 1942. (TORN COVER)

Complete Lectures of Col. R.G. Ingersoll. Published for the Trade, [no date].

The New Testament of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1881. (BROKEN BINDING)

The Poetical Works of Oliver Wendell Holmes. London: George Routledge and Sons, 1883. (BINDING BROKEN)

The Works of William Shakespeare, Volume I. London: Methuen & Co., 1905. (BROKEN BINDING)

Young England: An Illustrated Magazine for Recreation and Instruction. Vol. XI. London: William Rider & Son, 1890?

Notes: History/Bio information was provided by the Brandon University Alumni Association (Carla Eisler) in March 2007. An appraisal of the Marion Stone collection was performed by Richard Spafford. The file containing this appraisal is in the donation file held by Donna Lowe, the Library Assistant responsible for donation to the John E. Robbins Library. Description by Christy Henry.

Storage Location: MG 2 Brandon College Students  
2.21 Marion Stone



## T.R. Wilkins collection

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions4298>

Part Of: RG 1 Brandon College fonds

Description Level: Sub-series  
Series Number: MG 1 1.4  
Accession Number: 3-2016  
GMD: textual records  
Date Range: 1911?-1940  
Physical Description: 7 cm

History /

Biographical:

Thomas Russell Wilkins was born in Toronto in 1891. He received his B.A. from McMaster University in 1912, and became the Science Master at Woodstock College the following year. In 1916, he and his wife Olive moved to Chicago, where Wilkins was an instructor of Physics at the University of Chicago. The next year he served as a master signal electrician in the U.S. Signal Corps. During World War I, Wilkins completed pioneer research for the United States Navy, which led to the development of pulse sonar devices in the 1920s. He had also been researching the possibilities of a wireless telephone.

Wilkins and his wife moved to Brandon in 1918, where he took up the position of Professor of Physics. During his time at Brandon College, Wilkins introduced the latest technology to classrooms, designed the original Science Building, and along with the Brandon Citizen's Committee, secured building funds for the Citizen's Science Building.

Receiving his Ph.D. from the University of Chicago in 1921, Wilkins resigned from Brandon College in 1925 to pursue postgraduate study at Cambridge University. In 1926, he began research at the University of Rochester, where he also took up the position of Professor of Physics. From 1930 to 1938, he acted as the Director of the Institute of Optics.

Widely known for his work in the fields of cosmic rays and atomic disintegration, in April 1939, Wilkins announced the perfection of a camera that was able to record the "footprints" of invisible atoms after they collide. In October 1939, he received a medal from the Royal Photographic Society of Great Britain recognizing his work regarding the use of photographic emulsions in the study of radium. The following year, Wilkins perfected a camera that could determine the energy levels inside the nuclei of stable chemical elements. He received a grant from Sigma Xi, the National Society for the Promotion of Scientific Research, in November of 1940.

Wilkins married twice. The first marriage, to Olive Angles Cross took place on June 17, 1913. Olive Wilkins died suddenly on May 13, 1937, at the age of 45. Wilkins married Susan Gwendolyn Whidden, the daughter of former Brandon College president Dr. H.P. Whidden, in 1938.

Thomas Russell Wilkins died suddenly of a heart attack on December 10, 1940, on his way back to his laboratory after a faculty meeting. He was 49 years old.

Custodial History:

Records were accessioned by the McKee Archives in 1998. Prior custodial history is unknown.

#### Scope and Content:

T. Russell Wilkins' records contain correspondence between himself and Mrs. Wilkins and Dr. Whidden concerning their employment with Brandon College. There are letters between the two men regarding the building of the Science Building in 1920. There is also a copy of the Canadian Baptist. Besides programmes and a picture, there is also correspondence between various people. Dr. Wilkins kept the papers he had written for various classes at McMaster University in the years 1911 and 1912. There is a "toast to the ladies" that he delivered at a banquet of some sort, that gives an interesting view on how Wilkins, and possibly other men of his time, viewed women. There are numerous newspapers clippings, and several pages taken from journals such as Popular Mechanics, Popular Electricity and others. Dr. Wilkins was at the top of his field of study. He was an extremely bright man who managed to create some very useful tools of science. His papers are interesting and informative to read.

Notes: History/Bio information taken from Campus News May 1990

Name Access: Olive Wilkins  
Thomas Wilkins  
H.P. Whidden

Subject Access: science building  
science  
scientific development

Storage Location: 2016 accessions



### Verda McDonald collection

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions4308>

Part Of: RG 1 Brandon College fonds

Description Level: Sub-series

Series Number: MG 2 2.5

Accession Number: 12-2005

GMD: textual records

Date Range: 1951-1960

Physical Description: 5 cm

Scope and Content:

Collection includes various editions of the Brandon College Quill c 1951-1960.

Notes: Description by Tom Mitchell.

Name Access: Verda McDonald  
The Quill

Storage Location: MG 2 Brandon College Students  
2.5 Verda McDonald



### George Thorman collection

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions4725>

Part Of: RG 1 Brandon College fonds

Description Level: Sub-series  
Series Number: MG 2 2.15  
Accession Number: 11-1999  
GMD: textual records  
Date Range: 1801-1940, 1994;predominant 1880-1940  
Physical Description: 11 m (823 items); 1 diploma; 1 certificate

History /

Biographical:

George E. Thorman was born in Vancouver, British Columbia on September 17, 1913. His public school education began in Rivers, Manitoba and was completed, along with his high school and part of his university education in Brandon, Manitoba. After completing his Bachelor of Arts General at Brandon College, Thorman attended the College of Education in Toronto for one year before beginning his teaching career at Essex High School, Essex, Ontario in 1935. After four years in Essex, Thorman transferred to the St. Thomas Collegiate Institute (STCI) in St. Thomas, Ontario.

In 1941, Thorman joined the Canadian Army at Brandon as a gunner in the 59th Field Battery and after five years, having served in England, Italy and Western Europe, he retired with the rank of Captain. Following the Second World War, in 1945, Thorman taught in a high school for Fifth Division in Groningen, Netherlands before moving on to teach first year university English at Kahki College in England in 1946. That same year he returned to Canada and rejoined the staff at STCI. Two years after his return George Thorman married the former Margaret Gliddon of St. Thomas and in 1953 returned to Europe where he taught in Scotland for one year on a teacher's exchange.

During the 1960's, Thorman's career reached its peak. In 1964, he became the Vice-Principal of STCI and in 1967, he attained the same position at Parkside Collegiate Institute before becoming its Principal in 1969. Three years later in 1972, Thorman retired as Principal of PCI and from his teaching career. Throughout his career Thorman's primary interests were in English and History, however he also taught Mathematics, Geography and Science. In addition to his classes following WWII, Thorman was an active instructor of the Cadet Corps, as well as a coach for various volleyball, basketball and track and field teams during his years at STCI.

Aside from being an educator, George Thorman had many other interests. He and his wife Margaret were active in the formation of the Elgin Theatre Guild in 1948 and together and separately they performed and directed several productions in the early years of that organization. Thorman was also largely responsible for the development of a local history course in the Elgin Secondary Schools in the early 1960's. In 1966, with his fellow history teacher Ralph Parker, he published a booklet to serve as an outline for teachers on the history of Elgin County.

That same year, 1966, Thorman, as the prime instigator in the re-formation of the Elgin Historical Society, became its first president and in 1971, he was elected Honorary President of the Society for life. This was followed by a further two-year term as elected president. The re-organization marked the beginning of Thorman's continuous active involvement with the EHS, including several lectures he presented to its members and many years as a Trustee. In 1985, he received the Ontario Volunteer Service Award for over 15 years of continuous service to the Society before retiring from the EHS in 1995.

In addition to the EHS, Thorman served on the St. Thomas Public Library Board from 1979 until 1991, and was a Chairman of the Board's Personnel Committee. He was also a member of the Ontario Historical Society. From 1975 to 1978, Thorman served as an elected member of the Elgin County Board of Education and in 1979, he received from the City of St. Thomas the St. Thomas Civic Award for outstanding citizens. George Thorman was also a life member (1936) of Central Lodge No. 402, A.F. and A.M. (Masonry) of Essex, Ontario and had been an

active member of the St. Thomas Duplicate Bridge Club since 1985.

As an authority on historical research relating to The Hudson's Bay Company, Thorman gave lectures and printed articles on the topic in "The Beaver" publication of The Hudson's Bay Company. In regards to the HBC he also did excavation work at Fort Albany with Walter Kenyon during several summers in the 1960's and 1970's.

As well, George Thorman was a founding member and served on the executive committee of the Elgin Military Museum since its inception in 1982 until the late 1990's. He contributed greatly to the library and files of this museum, particularly in the field of the War of 1812 and the Fenian Raid. The reference library of this small museum rates high in this country, largely through the efforts of George Thorman. Thorman's book collection was one of the finest and most extensive in Western Ontario. His personal library contained a wealth of information with particular emphasis on material relating to Elgin County, the City of St. Thomas and The Hudson's Bay company. His G.A. Henty collectio was nearly complete.

As an author Thorman contributed ten entries in The Dictionary of Canadian Biography on Aboriginal and Metis peoples, co-authored "St. Thomas 100 Years a City," the centennial history of the city of St. Thomas. In 1989, he edited "Frank Hunt, Essays on Elgin County" as well as wrote and privately printed "A Brief History of Secondary Education in St. Thomas" as his contribution to the STCI Reunion, at which he was one fo the honorees. In th early 1990's, Thorman co-edited "Garret Oakes, Tales of a Pioneer," authored and priveley printed "Letters and Petitions and other Papers Concerning the Mllitia Companies of Middlesex for 1839" and "The Chisholm Family in Elgin County: Myth and Reality."

For serveral years, ca. 1975 to the mid 1990's, Thorman hosted a TV talk show on local television interviewing persons connected to the history of St. Thomas and Elgin County. Many older residents, who have since passed away, were interviewed and the resulting tapes are an invaluable source of historical information.

Thorman and his wife lived in the historic section of St. Thomas and in the summer months spent their time in Port Stanley. In addition, for several years in the early 1990's, Thorman traveled annually to England - each time visiting a different area of the country. As well, Thorman was also interested in the lives and activities of his former students and was available and eager to assist any student or former student who asked for his guidance. George E. Thorman passed away on January 11, 1997.

#### Custodial History:

The Order of the Sheaf and Thorman's Bachelor of Arts degree were transfered to the McKee Archives by Rudi Denham, Chief Librarian, St. Thomas Public Library in August 2007. George Thorman had placed his papers with the St. Thomas Public Library at some point prior to his death; the Library had decided to deaccession the records and offered them to interested institutions.

#### Scope and Content:

The collection consists of textbooks covering the subject areas of: Agriculture, Art, Business education, Economics, Composition, Grammar, Rhetoric, Literature, Plays, Poetry, Prose, Readers, Spelling, Phonics, Stories, Geography, Health, History, French, German, Greek, Italian, Latin, Algebra, Arithmetic, Geometry, Trigonometry, General mathematics, Music, Philosophy, Logic, Psychology, Religion, Research, Methods, Manuals, Astronomy, Botany Chemistry, Physics, General science, Zoology, Cooking and Gardening. It also includes two notebooks.

The works found in the collection were published primarily between 1880-1940, although they range from 1801-1967, with an emphasis on history, all areas of mathematics, research and topics related to english or language arts. There are a number of works published in the nineteenth century dealing with most of the collection's subject areas. The majority of the collection focuses on public and high school textbooks, particularly in relation to the province of Ontario, with some attention to university education.

Also included is George Thorman's Order of the Sheaf, Clark Hall Guild certificate awarded to him in recognition of his outstanding contribution toward the betterment of Brandon University and Thorman's Bachelor of Arts degree from Brandon College (McMaster University).

Notes:	An inventory of the collection has been created. Also, the items have been added to the Brandon University Library catalogue. Description and inventory by Christy Henry (1999).
Language Note:	Thorman's Bachelor of Arts degree is in Latin.
Storage Location:	MG 2 Brandon College Students 2.15 George Thorman



## Oscar Gallis collection

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions8865>

Part Of: Special collections

Description Level: Collection

Accession Number: 2-2008

GMD: textual records

Date Range: 1910-1935

Physical Description: 42 cm

### Custodial History:

The books were originally collected by Oscar Gallis in Winnipeg. After his death the collection of books were gathered by his nephew Bruce Sarbit and brought to Brandon where the books were stored at the Sarbit residence. On September 25, 2007 Mr. Sarbit donated the collection to the McKee Archives at Brandon University.

### Scope and Content:

Collection consists twenty two socialist and Marxist inspired texts many published by the Charles H. Kerr Company Publishers, noted for its role in the distribution of Marxist texts in North America. Authors represented include Karl Marx, Friedrich Engels, Karl Kautsky, Lenin, Antonio Labriola, Wilhelm Liebknecht, and Paul Lafargue. The titles in this collection represent a cross-section of the type of literature acquired by labour activists in Winnipeg's working class community in the early decades of the twentieth century.

Finding Aid: Inventory of collection available.

Storage Range: 2008 accessions



## Gordon Lindsay collection

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions10247>

Part Of: RG 1 Brandon College fonds

Description Level: Sub-series

Series Number: MG 2 2.36

Accession Number: 7-2010

GMD: textual records

Date Range: 1943-1946

Physical Description: 2.5 cm

Physical Condition: Generally good. Some tears. Issues located first and last in the folders Lindsay stored them in are missing sections where the page stuck to the folder.

## History /

### Biographical:

James Gordon Lindsay was born June 16, 1925 in Minneapolis, Minnesota where his father, James Lindsay, a Brandon pioneer from Northern Ireland, had been working for the Coca Cola Bottling Company. In November 1925, the Lindsay family moved back to Brandon where they lived at 547 16th Street.

Lindsay attended Park School, Earl Oxford Junior High School and Brandon Collegiate. In September 1943, he entered 2nd Year at Brandon College, joining the Class of 1946. Due to past experience in publishing the BCI yearbook, he was drafted into The Board of Publications and named Co-editor of the Quill along with third year student Genevieve Fuloski. Lindsay and Fuloski held their positions for two years. Because of the war, money and supplies were in short supply and the Quill at one point was reduced to mimeographed pages. While Editor Lindsay wrote The eggshell-Slightly Cracked column.

Lindsay was named Senior Stick in 1945 and graduated from Brandon College with a B.Sc. in 1946. He obtained both his MSc (1948) and PhD (1951) in Physical Chemistry from McMaster University.

During his time in Hamilton, Lindsay met Shirley Woolmer and the couple married on September 2, 1950. They moved to Arvida, Quebec in 1951 where Lindsay accepted an offer from Aluminium Laboratories Limited, the research arm of Alcan Aluminium Ltd. The couple remained in Arvida for twenty-two years, during which time they had four children: Sharon, Heather, Geoffrey and David.

In 1973, Lindsay was transferred to Alcan's head office in Montreal where he spent the next three years co-ordinating alumina research in Alcan plants around the world. In 1976, he accepted a transfer to Alcan Jamaica as Chief Technical Officer and Manager of Technical Development. He and Shirley spent nearly eight years in Jamaica before returning to Canada in 1984. After a year at Alcan's Research Centre in Kingston, ON Lindsay took early retirement.

During their years in Jamaica Lindsay had been introduced to Rotary and he continued his association with the organization in Kingston where for fifteen years he was Bulletin editor of the Kingston-Frontenac Rotary Club. In addition to Rotary, Lindsay (along with his wife) took up genealogy in his retirement and after fifteen years of extensive travel and research he became his Lindsay family's historian and author of *The Lindsays of Dundonald*.

For three years in the late 1980s Lindsay served as a representative on the Brandon University Alumni Executive for Eastern Canada. Along with his wife he attended two class reunions at Brandon University including his 50th Re-convocation in 1996.

At present (June 2010) Gordon Lindsay continues to live in Kingston, ON with his wife.

### Custodial History:

Materials remained in Gordon Lindsay's possession from time of creation until he donated them to the Archives on September 4, 2009.



Scope and Content:

Collection consists of copies of the Quill, including:

1942-1943: No. 11 (January 26, 1943)

1943-1944: Nos. 2, 12, 14 (October 20, 1943, February 2, 1944, February 16, 1944)

1944-1945: Nos. 1-5 and 7-12

1945-1946: Nos. 1-10 (11 issues as there are two labelled No. 4)

Notes: History/Bio information provided by Gordon Lindsay. Description by Christy Henry.

Subject Access: newspapers  
student activities

Storage Location: Incorporated into RG 6 Brandon University fonds  
14.5.3.1 The Quill editions



## 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)



## Esther Magdalene Moore collection

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions4299>

Part Of: RG 1 Brandon College fonds

Description Level: Sub-series

Series Number: MG 1 1.5

Accession Number: 4-2016

GMD: textual records

Date Range: 1911?-1960?

Physical Description: 8 cm

## History /

### Biographical:

Esther Moore was born in Norfolk, Nebraska and moved to Canada at age 3. There is a vague reference to her being related to the composer Dvorak in The Quill of 1913. She registered as a music student at Brandon College in 1909. In 1910, Miss Moore received a medal for sight-reading and accompanying in Edmonton. She took her examinations of the Toronto Conservatory of Music in 1910, and her Senior examinations in 1911. She completed her theory work in 1913, as well as finishing the academic requirements. In 1913, Esther Moore became the first graduate of the Music department at Brandon College. After graduation, Miss Moore taught music in Unity, as well as being the choirleader and organist. She returned to her home in Olds, Alberta for a rest from teaching. However, she was not idle for long. She took up teaching again, and she was the organist and choirleader at church. She also began a Glee Club. Between these responsibilities Miss Moore finished a course in the Household Science Department at the Olds Agricultural College. She returned to Brandon College to take postgraduate work, becoming the first Brandon College student to receive her L.T.C.M. in 1916. In 1922 Miss Moore began to teach piano at Brandon College. She received her Bachelor of Music in 1925, and her Master of Music in 1926.

### Custodial History:

Records were accessioned by the McKee Archives in 1998. Prior custodial history is unknown.

### Scope and Content:

Esther Moore's records consist of newspaper clippings, recital programmes, concert programmes, and commencement programmes. As well, there are dance cards, invitations, tickets, and the programme for the annual Graduation Banquet for several years. There are Track and Field programmes and a ribbon. There are also Alumni Luncheon programmes for a few years. There is an issue of The Western Baptist from 1926, and the programmes for the installation of Dr. Robbins as President and the opening of the Arts and Library building and the J.R.C. Evans Lecture Theatre in 1960. There is also a letter from William L. Wright, director of the music department at Brandon College.

Name Access:	Esther Moore W.L. Wright J.R.C. Evans Lecture Theatre John E. Robbins
Subject Access:	School of Music rectials concerts commencement graduation banquet programmes arts and library building
Storage Location:	2016 accessions



## Robert Dudley Howland collection

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions4726>

Part Of:	RG 1 Brandon College fonds
Description Level:	Sub-series
Series Number:	MG 2 2.16

Accession Number: 15-1999  
GMD: textual records  
Date Range: 1885-1918  
Physical Description: 1.46 m

History /

Biographical:

Dr. Robert Dudley Howland was born June 1, 1909 in Bexley, Kent, England. He attended Queen Elizabeth Grammar School Faversham, Kent. In 1926, he came to Canada where he attended Brandon College, graduating in Arts in 1935. He subsequently attended the London School of Economics where he obtained a doctorate in Economics.

During his years at Brandon College, Howland participated in debating and drama. He also acted as a student minister for the Baptist Church.

Howland spent his working years in various positions in the federal and provincial governments. Energy was an important focus of his work. His introduction to energy problems came in 1944, when he was appointed Secretary of the Carroll Commission on coal. From this experience he accepted appointments in Nova Scotia as Vice-President of their Research Foundation; Deputy Minister of Trade and Industry and Economic Advisor to the Nova Scotia government.

In addition to the Carroll Royal Commission on Coal, Howland was associated with the Royal Commission on Saskatchewan's Coal Mining Industry, was an economist on Canada's Economic Prospects from 1955-1957, and a member of the Royal Commission on Energy.

In 1959, Howland was appointed Vice-President of the National Energy Board and Chairman from July 1, 1968, until his retirement in August 1973. Howland was granted an honorary LL.D. by Brandon University in May 1974.

Howland had a lifelong interest in the Fabian Society and Fabian Socialism, assembling a rich collection of original edition Fabian publications.

Custodial History:

Dr. Howland presented his collection of Fabian publications to Brandon University sometime in the 1970s. The collection remained in the John E. Robbins Library until it was placed in the Archives in 1997.

Scope and Content:

The Howland Collection includes a wide range of books, pamphlets, and assorted publications of the Fabian Society assembled by Dr. Howland.

The Fabian Society, a socialist society, was founded in 1883-1884, in London. The Fabian Society was created with the goal of fostering the creation of democratic socialism in Great Britain. Unlike revolutionary Marxists, the Fabians placed their hopes for change in evolutionary socialism not revolution.

The creation of the Fabian Society is generally attributed to Thomas Davidson, a Scottish philosopher. Its charter members included George Bernard Shaw, Sidney Webb, Annie Besant, Edward Pease, and Graham Wallas. Shaw and Webb, later joined by Webb's wife, Beatrice, were the outstanding leaders of the Society for many years. In 1889, the Society published its best-known tract, "Fabian Essays in Socialism," edited by Shaw. The Fabian Society played an integral role in the creation of the British Labour Party.

Notes: The items in the collection have been added to the Brandon University Library catalogue. Description by Mike White.

Storage Location: MG 2 Brandon College Students  
2.16 Robert Dudley Howland



## William Archibald Branton collection

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions5089>

Part Of: RG 1 Brandon College fonds

Description Level: Sub-series

Series Number: MG 2 2.26

Accession Number: 20-2007

GMD: textual records

Date Range: ca. 1910

Physical Description: 1 book

History /

Biographical:

William Archibald Branton was from High River, Alberta. He attended Brandon College, graduating in 1910. Following graduation he returned to Alberta where he became Building Superintendent and Chief Architect for the Calgray Public School Board (1911-1957).

Custodial History:

Records were donated to the McKee Archives by Mary Richmond, the daughter of William Branton, in 2006.

Scope and Content:

Collection consists of a copy of "Selections in Poetical and Prose Literature for Third Class Teachers' Examination" edited by John C. Saul and W.A. McIntyre.

Notes: The book is signed "William A. Branton, Brandon College, Man." and was bought at Christie's Bookstore Brandon (stamped). Description by Christy Henry.

Storage Location: MG 2 Brandon College Students  
2.26 William Archibald Branton

Related Material: Class of 1910 photographs and Brandon College Registration cards.



## Miscellaneous ledgers and minute books

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions4289>

Part Of: RG 1 Brandon College fonds

Description Level: Sub-series

Series Number: 13.6

GMD: textual records

Date Range: 1898-1951

### Scope and Content:

1. Sadie Northam Expenses (Dining Room?), 1898-1906
2. Endowment Income Accounts, 1903-1910
3. Sustaining Fund, 1904-1905
4. Mortgage and Agreement Register and Ledger, 1905-1921
5. Refunds Committee Minutes, 1914-1923
6. COTC Day Sheets, March-April 1915?
7. Record of Bond Issue, 1917-1919
8. Staff Salaries, 1918-1921
9. Endowment and Scholarships Accounts, 1923-1941
10. Salary Book, 1926-1928
11. Athletic Board Finance, 1951-1959
12. Brandon College Institute, Session 08, no year

Storage Location: RG 1 Brandon College fonds

Series 13: Brandon College Ledger and Minute books



## Brandon College miscellaneous publications

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions4737>

Part Of: RG 1 Brandon College fonds

Description Level: Sub-series

Series Number: 12.6

GMD: textual records

Date Range: 1914-1929

Physical Description: 1 cm

History /

Biographical:

This is an artificially created sub-series.

Scope and Content:

Sub-series Brandon College track and field programs for 1920 and 1922; two copies of Brandon College songs and yells, along with a typed copy of the class song for the class of 1929; a copy of the Brandon College students' directory for 1914-1915; and a donations pamphlet for the Brandon College Students' Memorial Gymnasium ca. 1918.

Notes: Located on the front page of the Memorial Gymnasium pamphlet is a proposed campus development plan showing the site of the proposed gymnasium, with other additional facilities including: a science building, a library/chapel, a conservatory, and a new women's residence.

At the front of the Brandon College songs and yells is a copy of the Brandon College Students' Association constitution.

The students' directory contains the constitution of the Literary Society, and a newspaper clipping regarding the death of Dorothy Nelson (nee Werthembach), former Dean of Women at Brandon College 1934-1935.

Storage Location: RG 1 Brandon College fonds  
Series 12: Brandon College publications



## Hugh and Margaret McPherson; Libby Sellars; 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 stopping 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 party 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