

# S. J. McKee Archives



## Murray's Garage (Souris)

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13108>

Part Of: CKX fonds  
Creator: CKX  
Description Level: Item  
Series Number: S  
Item Number: 11-2010.S109b  
Accession Number: 11-2010  
GMD: graphic  
Date Range: after 1954  
Physical Description: 5" x 4" (b/w)  
Material Details: Negative  
Custodial History:

See fonds level of the CKX records for custodial history.

### Scope and Content:

Image of Murray's Garage.

Name Access: CKX  
Murray's Garage  
Subject Access: businesses  
car lots  
cars  
building exteriors  
signs and signboards

Storage Location: CKX fonds - 2010 accessions

## Images





## Murray's Garage (Souris)

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13109>

Part Of: CKX fonds  
Creator: CKX  
Description Level: Item  
Series Number: S  
Item Number: 11-2010.S109a  
Accession Number: 11-2010  
GMD: graphic  
Date Range: after 1954  
Physical Description: 5" x 4" (b/w)  
Material Details: Negative

### Custodial History:

See fonds level of the CKX records for custodial history.

### Scope and Content:

Image of Murray's Garage.

Name Access: CKX  
Murray's Garage  
Subject Access: businesses  
cars  
building exteriors  
signs and signboards

Storage Location: CKX fonds - 2010 accessions

## Images

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## Souris sponsors - Murray's Garage

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13176>

Part Of: CKX fonds  
 Creator: CKX  
 Description Level: Item  
 Series Number: S  
 Item Number: 11-2010.S75  
 Accession Number: 11-2010  
 GMD: graphic  
 Date Range: 1968  
 Physical Description: 1.5" x 1.5" (b/w)  
 Material Details: Negative

### Custodial History:

See fonds level of the CKX records for custodial history.

### Scope and Content:

Image of Murray's Garage building.

Name Access: CKX  
 Murray's Garage  
 Subject Access: building exteriors  
 businesses  
 cars  
 automobile dealerships  
 service stations  
 signs and signboards

Storage Location: CKX fonds - 2010 accessions

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## Murray's Garage (Neepawa) - exterior

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14337>

Part Of: CKX fonds  
 Creator: CKX  
 Description Level: Item  
 Series Number: M  
 Item Number: 11-2010.M7a

Accession Number: 11-2010

GMD: graphic

Date Range: 1954

Material Details: Negative

History /

Biographical:

Murray's Garage opened in 1932 by Melvin Earl Murray. The business was later renamed Murray's of Neepawa in 1964.

Custodial History:

See Fonds level description for custodial history

Scope and Content:

Murray's Garage opened in 1932 by Melvin Earl Murray. Before it's opening in 1932 the building was used as a truck and storage facility, the business opened for automotive sales after Earl Murray had recieved a contract by General Motors in 1932. The first sale of a vehicle occurred in 1933 when a customer from Winnipeg bought a Pontiac vehicle. During the first few years of operation Earl Murray served as the Office Manager, Parts Manager, and Salesman. In 1934 an additional contract with the International Harvester Co. giving license to the additional sale of farm equipment. This new expansion resulted in the hiring of other staff to handle Parts and Service while the sales of the farm machinery remained Earl's responsibility.

The business aquired many contracts over the course of its existence as such new propoerties were aquired to allow for this expansions and new additions were added to the original building. When the new addition was near completion an explosion occured which resulted in 100% loss of the original building as well as all the contents it enclosed. Luckily, the fire department was able to save most of the new addition. A sizable loan was required for the buisness to rebuild after this disaster. Once the business was open again, car sales, need for parts, and service volume increased resulting in the complete recovery of the buisness.

In 1940 due to the war the purchase of new vehicles was limited to emergency service, it was at this time that General Motors added the Cheverolet-Oldsmobile to their contracts. Shortly after this a tornado hit the building causing substantial damage however it was soon repaired and business resumed.

Earl's son, Gerald, had worked in the business since his return from the war in 1945. He schooled in in Flint Michigan at a General Motors Business Institute to assist his father with the business. In 1960 Gerald took a course in Detroit Michigan in a Post Graduate School of Modern Merchandising and Management. After his completion of this course Gerald moved back to Neepawa and took of the position of Sales Manager at his fathers garage. The business was later renamed Murray's of Neepawa in 1964 when Earl handed the keys to the business over to his son Gerald.

Notes: Description by Jillian Combs. Information from Manitoba Hisotrical Society,

Name Access: D.R. MacKay

Subject Access: building exteriors  
downtown  
Neepawa

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Storage Location: CKX fonds - 2010 accessions

Related Material: D.R. MacKay fonds, Brandon College fonds, Brandon University fonds

Arrangement:

Original order maintained. Series arranged alphabetically by letter (A-Z) but negatives not alphabetical within each series.

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### Murray's Garage (Neepawa) - exterior

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14338>

Part Of:	CKX fonds
Creator:	CKX
Description Level:	Item
Series Number:	M
Item Number:	11-2010.M7a
Accession Number:	11-2010
GMD:	graphic
Date Range:	1954
Material Details:	Negative

## History /

### Biographical:

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### Custodial History:

See Fonds level description for custodial history

### Scope and Content:

Image is of Murray's Garage exterior view. The photo was taken from across the street. There are a series of signs on the building "Firestone" on the peak of the building, "Murray's used cars" on the roof, and "Murrays Pontiac, Buick, GMC, Trucks" down the front of the building above the main entrance. Murray's Garage appears to be next to a Texaco station.

Notes:	Description by Jillian Combs. Information from Manitoba Hisotrical Society
Name Access:	Neepawa
Subject Access:	building exteriors downtown Rural
Repro Restriction:	Canadian Copyright Law may apply. Consult the archivist for access
Storage Location:	CKX fonds - 2010 accessions

### Arrangement:

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## Murray's Farm Equipment (Souris)

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13110>

Part Of: CKX fonds  
Creator: CKX  
Description Level: Item  
Series Number: S  
Item Number: 11-2010.S108  
Accession Number: 11-2010  
GMD: graphic  
Date Range: after 1954  
Physical Description: 5" x 4" (b/w)  
Material Details: Negative

### Custodial History:

See fonds level of the CKX records for custodial history.

### Scope and Content:

Image of Murray's Farm Equipment.

Name Access: CKX  
Murray's Farm Equipment  
Subject Access: businesses  
building exteriors  
signs and signboards  
cars  
Tractors  
farm implements  
Storage Location: CKX fonds - 2010 accessions

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## Joseph H. Hughes collection - photographs

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions8344>

Part Of: Joseph H. Hughes collection

Description Level: Series

Series Number: 3-1997.1

Accession Number: 3-1997

GMD: graphic

Date Range: 1886-1960

Physical Description: 84 photographs

### Scope and Content:

Accession 3-1997 (84 photographs, various diplomas; 1886-1960) contains a variety of photographs of buildings and streetscapes of the 100 block of Tenth Street and various Hughes properties in the city. In addition, there are photographs of the "Founders of Hughes and Co," a parade on Tenth Street in 1924, the Wheat City Business College Hockey Team 1912, three photographs of the Port of Churchill in 1931, three photographs of threshing crews on Hughes and Company property, a Great War military contingent from Brandon including JRC Evans, and four family photographs.

Notes: Initial processing Jessica Taylor (winter 2007).

Storage Location: RG 5 photograph storage drawer and oversize

Storage Range: RG 5 photograph storage drawer and oversize