

# S. J. McKee Archives



## Early scene of Rosser Avenue facing west

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13782>

Part Of:	Fred McGuinness collection
Creator:	Photographer: I. Bennetto & Co. (Winnipeg)
Description Level:	Item
Series Number:	McG 9
Item Number:	20-2009.93
Accession Number:	20-2009
GMD:	graphic
Date Range:	c.1882
Physical Description:	9.25" x 6.26" (b/w)
Material Details:	on matting
Physical Condition:	Photograph mat is bent. Emulsion problems with image.

### Scope and Content:

Photograph shows Rosser Avenue in its incipient stages. Canvas tents are mixed amongst wooden structures. The James Smart Hardware store, Winter & O'Neil Groceries & Provisions, and the law office of F.G.A. Henderson in the Molesworth Block can be seen on the north side of Rosser Avenue. A street sign designating 6th Street can be seen below the Winter & O'Neil sign. A horse and buggy is traveling down the dirt track that is Rosser Avenue. Groups of men can be seen congregating outside some of the local businesses.

Notes:	Front of photograph reads: Rosser Avenue, Brandon 1882-1883, from east of Six Street. Back of photograph is stamped: I. Bennetto & Co., Photographers, Opposite Post-Office, Winnipeg, Man.
Name Access:	James Smart Hardware store Winter & O'Neil Groceries and Provisions F.G.A. Henderson Law Office Molesworth Block Rosser Avenue
Subject Access:	downtown hardware stores Pioneers dry goods street scenes Brandon Street Scenes Before 1940 grocery stores lawyers
Storage Location:	RG 5 photograph storage drawer 2 (hanging photos)

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Nome, Alaska  
Recent Up. Provision 1892-1893  
Nome, Alaska, Alaska



## Stores near the corner of Rosser Avenue and 6th Street

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13783>

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection

Description Level: Item

Series Number: McG 9

Item Number: 20-2009.94

Accession Number: 20-2009

GMD: graphic

Date Range: 1881-1882

Physical Description: 9.25" x 6.25" (b/w)

Material Details: on matting

Physical Condition: Corners of photograph mat are bent. Picture is cracked.

### Scope and Content:

Photograph shows an early view of Brandon's 6th Street in the 1880s. The Winter & O'Neil Groceries & Provisions and James Smart Hardware storefronts have been photographed. A street sign designating 6th Street can be seen below the Winter & O'Neil sign. A horse and cart is parked in front of the grocery store. A number of men wearing hats and jackets are standing along the boardwalk while posing for the picture. Lumber/timber saws are displayed in the windows of the hardware store.

Notes: Front of photograph reads: 6th Street, Brandon, Manitoba, 1881-1882, Entrance [to Winter & O'Neil] corner of Rosser Ave & 6th Street.

Name Access: James Smart Hardware store

Winter & O'Neil Groceries and Provisions

6th Street

Subject Access: downtown

hardware stores

Pioneers

dry goods

street scenes

Brandon Street Scenes Before 1940

grocery stores

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

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## 10th Street, Brandon

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13948>

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection

Description Level: Item

Series Number: McG 9

Item Number: 1-2015.20

Accession Number: 1-2015

GMD: graphic

Date Range: 1882

Physical Description: 5" x 4" (b/w)

Material Details: reproduction

### Scope and Content:

Photograph shows seven men posing in front of a wood-framed shack on 10th Street. The men are wearing three-piece suits or vests and long-sleeved shirts. One man can be seen holding an axe another a saw. A double ox-team wagon is in front of the structure.

Notes: Writing on the back of the photograph reads: 10th St. May 1882, Brandon. Photograph is stamped Public Archives Canada.

Name Access: 10th Street

Subject Access: Pioneers  
store exteriors

Brandon business buildings & facilities before 1940

wagons

Ox wagons

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

### Arrangement:

See McG 4.1 File 51 William R. Morrison correspondence dated 14 January 1985

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## Wright & Wright, Brandon

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13949>

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection

Description Level: Item

Series Number: McG 9

Item Number: 1-2015.21

Accession Number: 1-2015

GMD: graphic

Date Range: 1882

Physical Description: 5" x 4" (b/w)

Material Details: reproduction

### Scope and Content:

Photograph shows four men posing in front of a wood-framed shop on 8th Street and Rosser Avenue. The men are wearing three-piece suits or vests and long-sleeved shirts. A painted sign above the shop reads: Wright & Wright, Hamilton Stove & Tin Store. Hanging from the exterior walls are various tin items for sale: lantern, ladel, dust pan, pots and pans.

Notes: Writing on the back of the photograph reads: Corner of 8th & Rosser. Photograph is stamped Public Archives Canada.

Name Access: 8th Street

Rosser Avenue

Subject Access: Pioneers

store exteriors

Brandon business buildings & facilities before 1940

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

Related Material: LAC, Mikan 3194057

### Arrangement:

See McG 4.1 File 51 William R. Morrison correspondence dated 14 January 1985

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## Apothecaries Hall, Brandon

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13947>

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection

Description Level: Item



Series Number: McG 9  
Item Number: 1-2015.19  
Accession Number: 1-2015  
GMD: graphic  
Date Range: 1882  
Physical Description: 5" x 4" (b/w)  
Material Details: reproduction

Scope and Content:

Photograph shows eight men posing in front of a wood-framed building on the corner of 8th Street and Rosser Avenue. Above the building's entrance is a painted sign that reads: Apothecaries' Hall. A. Fleming, Druggist is painted in the window above the door. Street signs designating 8th Street and Rosser Avenue are affixed to the building. A transit/theodolite is mounted on a tripod in front of the store.

Notes: Writing on the front of the photograph reads: Corner 8th St and Rosser Ave May 1882. Writing on the back of the photograph reads: Corner 8th St and Rosser, May 1882, Apothecaries' Hall, A. Fleming, Druggist. Photograph is stamped Public Archives Canada.

Name Access: A. Fleming  
Apothecaries' Hall

Subject Access: Pioneers  
surveying  
druggists  
store exteriors  
Brandon business buildings & facilities before 1940

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

Related Material: LAC, Mikan 3194058

Arrangement:

See McG 4.1 File 51 William R. Morrison correspondence dated 14 January 1985

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## William Muir General Grocer building

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13757>

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection

Description Level: Item

Series Number: McG 9

Item Number: 20-2009.68

Accession Number: 20-2009

GMD: graphic

Date Range: post-1888

Physical Description: 4.5" x 7.5" (b/w)

Material Details: on matting

Physical Condition: Matting is bent and has a thumbtack hole.

### History /

#### Biographical:

According to G.F. Barker (Brandon: A City, 1977, 291), William (Billy) Muir worked at Coombs & Stewart's on Pacific Avenue until he opened his own grocery store in 1888. The shop was located at 143-6th Street, Brandon, and was demolished for a parking lot in 1952.

#### Custodial History:

Donated to Fred McGuinness by Allena Strath (nee Coombs).

#### Scope and Content:

Photograph shows the "Wm. Muir General Grocer" building on 6th Street. Two men pose in the doorway of the store. The man on the left is likely William Muir. Barrels are lined on the boardwalk in front of the store. Apples and mason jars can be seen in the shop's windows.

Notes: Front of photograph reads: Sixth Street between Rosser - Princess. Back of photograph reads: Billy Muir's Store, 143 6th Street Brandon - 57 years in business in this location. An address label affixed to the back of the mat reads: Mrs. James Strath, Box 421, Souris, Man.

Name Access: Coombs & Stewart  
Pacific Avenue  
6th Street  
Wm. Muir General Grocer

Subject Access: Pioneers  
general stores  
building exteriors  
store exteriors  
grocery stores  
Brandon business buildings & facilities before 1940

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

Related Material: Lawrence Stuckey collection 1-2002.3.1E18

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## Coombs & Stewart general store c. 1881

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13756>

Part Of:	Fred McGuinness collection
Description Level:	Item
Series Number:	McG 9
Item Number:	20-2009.67
Accession Number:	20-2009
GMD:	graphic
Date Range:	c.1881
Physical Description:	6.5" x 5" (b/w)
Material Details:	on matting
Physical Condition:	Photograph is stained and water damaged. A newspaper clipping about William (Billy) Muir is glued to the top left hand corner of the mat. The image is exfoliated in the right hand corner. The negative has been reverse printed.

### History /

#### Biographical:

Coombs & Stewart opened the first general store in Brandon in 1881, which was located on 6th Street and Pacific Avenue. According to G.F. Barker (Brandon: A City, 1977, 291), William (Billy) Muir worked at the store until he opened his own grocery store in 1888.

#### Custodial History:

Donated to Fred McGuinness by Allena Strath (nee Coombs).

#### Scope and Content:

Photograph shows the Coombs & Stewart general store located on the corner of Pacific Avenue and 6th Street. A group of men pose in front of the wood-framed store.

Notes: Back of photograph reads: One of first stores in Brandon, Coombs...[?]

Name Access: Coombs & Stewart  
Pacific Avenue  
6th Street  
Wm. Muir General Grocer



Subject Access: Pioneers  
general stores  
building exteriors  
store exteriors  
horses  
grocery stores  
Brandon business buildings & facilities before 1940

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

Related Material: Lawrence Stuckey collection 1-2002.3.1E13

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### Smith & Burton, grocers

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14315>

Part Of: Brandon and Area Photograph Collection

Creator: Photographer: Wilson & Larkin (Toronto)

Description Level: Item

Series Number: 2

Item Number: BAPC 2.41

GMD: graphic

Date Range: c. 1906

Physical Description: 6.5" x 4.25" (b/w)

Material Details: On backing board (7.25" x 5.5")

Physical Condition: Very poor. Item has been broken in half on a diagonal from top to bottom. Upper right corner is missing. Various tape stains and some tape residue on the bottom left.

## History /

### Biographical:

Lottie Louisa Currie was born on September 9, 1876 in St. Mary's, Perth, ON, to William and Eleanor Currie. She came to the Brandon area with her family in the 1880s. Currie worked as a bookkeeper and stenographer for Smith & Burton, from at least 1906 until the business ceased operations in 1917.

Currie continued working in bookkeeping and accounts, first for Brandon Gas & Power Co., then for the Manitoba Power Commission. She appears to have retired around 1942. She is not listed as living in Brandon between 1943-1945, but was once again a resident by 1947. Currie was a member of the First Presbyterian Church, a charter member of the Brandon Business and Professional Women's Club and in 1916, she passed her examinations for the St. John's Ambulance Association.

Lottie Louisa Currie died on November 25, 1972 in Brandon, MB.

Smith & Burton, a grocery store that also had mail order and china departments, was founded by E.B. Smith and John Burton in the 1886. It was housed at a few locations in downtown Brandon; their location at 829 Rosser Avenue is the one that mostly likely appears in the photograph.

### Scope and Content:

Item is a portrait of office employees at Smith & Burton, grocers. Lottie Currie, daughter of William Currie, is shown standing on the left.

Name Access:	Smith & Burton Lottie Currie
Subject Access:	commerical buildings grocers downtown office workers Pioneers
Storage Location:	BAPC photograph drawer
Related Material:	BAPC 5.11 William Currie

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## Bridgeman-Osmond homestead - Harding, Manitoba

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14168>

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection



Description Level: Item  
Series Number: McG 9  
Item Number: 1-2015.237  
Accession Number: 1-2015  
GMD: graphic  
Date Range: c.1901  
Physical Description: 6.25" x 4" (b/w)

History /

Biographical:

Mrs. Hilda Rosa Osmond (nee Bridgeman) was born in Hampshire, England in 1888 to parents Edwin Samuel Bridgeman (b.16 Jul 1852; d. 19 June 1922, Brandon) and Rosa Holkham (b. 26 Mar 1859; d. 27 May 1927, Brandon). Edwin was a sailor and Rosa was a dressmaker.

Following the death of her brother Edwin Frederick Bridgeman (1886-1890), the family immigrated to Canada in 1891. The Bridgeman's took the train to Griswold, Manitoba, and settled near Edwin's brother, Albert Bridgeman, and together they farmed the N 1/2 of 36-12-23. The Bridgeman's had three more children, Ellen Grace (b. 27 Jan 1893; d. 22 Feb 1893), Harry Volantine/Valentine (b. 14 Feb 1894), and Charlie Cuthbert (b. 03 Aug 1896; d. 25 Aug 1901). Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Bridgeman retired in 1913 and moved to Brandon where they lived until their respective deaths. The couple are interred in the Brandon Municipal Cemetery.

Hilda married William Arthur Osmond (b. 1867; d. 26 Oct 1943) of Basingstoke, England, on 31 Jan 1913. They had a daughter Nellie who later married Glen Mossey. The family continued to farm the property on section 36.

Hilda Rosa Osmond passed away in 1980 at the age of 91. She is interred in the Greenwood Cemetery near Harding, Manitoba, where her husband and siblings also rest.

(Sources: England, Births and Christenings, 1538-1975. Salt Lake City, Utah: FamilySearch, 2013 [online]; Findagrave.com; Harding History Committee, Home to Harding 1879-1981 (Brandon: Leech Printing, 1981); Manitoba Vital Statistics Database)

Custodial History:

Photograph given to Fred McGuinness by Burton Strange of Kenton, 25 Nov 1974

Scope and Content:

Photograph shows a field stone house built in 1901 by Edwin and Rosa Bridgeman near Harding, Manitoba. Edwin and Rosa Bridgeman are pictured on the right with Harry and Charlie, shortly before Charlie's death. Hilda sits atop the horse. Albert Bridgeman is pictured on the right with a horse team.

Notes: Photograph was published in the community history by Harding History Committee, Home to Harding 1879-1981 (Brandon: Leech Printing, 1981), 50

Name Access: Hilda Rosa Osmond  
Hilda Osmond  
Harding, Manitoba

Subject Access:       Pioneers  
                              homesteads  
                              farming  
                              residences  
                              horses  
                              families  
                              children

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

Arrangement:

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## Boarding House in Brandon

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13944>

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection

Description Level: Item

Series Number: McG 9

Item Number: 1-2015.16

Accession Number: 1-2015

GMD: graphic

Date Range: 1882

Physical Description: 5" x 4" (b/w)

Material Details: reproduction

### Scope and Content:

Photograph shows a canvas tent boarding house and wooden shack advertising soup, meat, and bread for 25 cents and hot tea and coffee. A man wearing a vest is standing in the doorway of the shack. Another man wearing a three-piece suit and hat is seated on a seat at the corner of the structure while another man wearing an apron leans against the shack.

Clothes can be seen drying on the surface of the large canvas tent.

Notes: Writing on the back of the photograph reads: Between 5th and 6th Street, Pacific Avenue opposite old CPR Station, April 1882. Photograph is stamped Public Archives Canada.

Name Access: Pacific Avenue

Subject Access: Pioneers

boarding houses

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

### Arrangement:

See McG 4.1 File 51 William R. Morrison correspondence dated 14 January 1985

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## Surveyors' camp, Brandon

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13946>

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection

Description Level: Item

Series Number: McG 9

Item Number: 1-2015.18

Accession Number: 1-2015

GMD: graphic

Date Range: 1882

Physical Description: 5" x 4" (b/w)

Material Details: reproduction

Scope and Content:

Photograph shows eleven men posing with theodolites, before wagons and canvas tents

Notes: Writing on the back of the photograph reads: Surveyors' Camp, Brandon, June 1882. Photograph is stamped Public Archives Canada.

Subject Access: Pioneers  
surveying

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

Arrangement:

See McG 4.1 File 51 William R. Morrison correspondence dated 14 January 1985

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## Mrs. McVicar, Brandon's first postmistress

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13733>

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection

Description Level: Item

Series Number: McG 9

Item Number: 20-2009.43

Accession Number: 20-2009

GMD: graphic

Date Range: [1920-1930s]

Physical Description: 3" x 4.75" (b/w)

History /

Biographical:

Mrs. McVicar was Brandon's/Grand Valley's first postmistress. Biographical details about Mrs. McVicar can be found in a newspaper clipping [F.A. ROSSER, "Sunbeams – The Birds Dived Down Like Fighters on Gopher," Brandon Sun, September 16, 1978, 3] in McG 4.1 File 67.

Custodial History:

Photograph was brought to Fred McGuinness by Owen Anderson of Cypress River, Manitoba.

Scope and Content:

Photograph is a portrait of Mrs. McVicar sitting outside of her home in Texas.

Notes: Writing on the back of the photograph consists of greetings and salutations to the unknown recipients. Photograph "finished by Edrington's Studio, Weslaco, Texas."

Name Access: Mrs. McVicar

Subject Access: portraits  
postmasters  
postmistresses  
post offices  
Pioneers

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

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Mrs. Osmond (of Harding, MB) in her kitchen

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14164>

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection

Creator: Photographer: Burton Strange

Description Level: Item



Series Number: McG 9  
Item Number: 1-2015.233  
Accession Number: 1-2015  
GMD: graphic  
Date Range: 1974  
Physical Description: 3.25" x 4.5" (b/w)  
Physical Condition: Photograph is stained

History /

Biographical:

Mrs. Hilda Rosa Osmond (nee Bridgeman) was born in Hampshire, England in 1888 to parents Edwin Samuel Bridgeman (b.16 Jul 1852; d. 19 June 1922, Brandon) and Rosa Holkham (b. 26 Mar 1859; d. 27 May 1927, Brandon). Edwin was a sailor and Rosa was a dressmaker.

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Custodial History:

Photograph given to Fred McGuinness by Burton Strange of Kenton, 25 Nov 1974

Scope and Content:

Photograph shows Mrs. Osmond sitting at a kitchen table with a cup of coffee before her.

Notes: Label accompanying photograph reads: Mrs. Osmond, a resume of the good days over a cup of coffee

Name Access: Hilda Rosa Osmond  
Hilda Osmond  
Harding, Manitoba

Subject Access: kitchens  
building interiors  
Pioneers

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

Arrangement:

McG 4.1 File 49

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