

# S. J. McKee Archives



## A.E. McKenzie Building

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions9550>

Part Of: RG 11 Lawrence Stuckey fonds

Creator: L.A. Stuckey

Description Level: Item

Series Number: 3.1

Item Number: 1-2002.3.1EA14

Accession Number: 1-2002

GMD: graphic

Date Range: March 16, 1975

Physical Description: 2 1/2" x 2 1/2"

Material Details: Negative

History /

Biographical:

The original main building (background) was built in 1910, with a tower extension added in 1919.

Custodial History:

For custodial history see the collection level description of the Lawrence Stuckey collection.

Scope and Content:

A.E. McKenzie Building

Name Access: A.E. McKenzie Building

Crystal Hotel

Subject Access: businesses

agricultural companies

hotels

Brandon business buildings & facilities after 1940

Repro Restriction: The McKee Archives is the copyright holder for the Stuckey materials.

Location Copy: 1-2002.3.9.41

Storage Location: Lawrence Stuckey collection

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## A.E. McKenzie Building construction

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions627>

Part Of: Brandon University Photograph collection

Description Level: Item

Series Number: 2.4

Item Number: BUPC 2.4.6

GMD: graphic

Date Range: [1959-1960]

Physical Description: 5" x 7" (b/w)

Scope and Content:

Photograph is looking northeast (?) and shows the construction of the A.E. McKenzie Building (Library and Arts Building) during the winter.

Subject Access: campus buildings

## Images

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## A.E. McKenzie Building construction

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions628>

Part Of: Brandon University Photograph collection

Description Level: Item

Series Number: 2.4

Item Number: BUPC 2.4.7

GMD: graphic

Date Range: [1959-1960]

Physical Description: 5" x 7" (b/w)

Scope and Content:

Photograph is looking either north or south into the A.E. McKenzie Building (Library and Arts Building) during construction. A number of the members of the construction crew are visible.

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## A.E. McKenzie Building construction

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions629>

Part Of: Brandon University Photograph collection

Description Level: Item

Series Number: 2.4

Item Number: BUPC 2.4.8

GMD: graphic

Date Range: [1959-1960]

Physical Description: 5" x 7" (b/w)

Scope and Content:

Photograph shows the construction of the A.E. McKenzie Building (Library and Arts Building) during winter.

### Images

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## A.E. McKenzie Building construction

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions630>

Part Of: Brandon University Photograph collection

Description Level: Item

Series Number: 2.4

Item Number: BUPC 2.4.9

GMD: graphic

Date Range: [1959-1960]

Physical Description: 5" x 7" (b/w)

Scope and Content:

Photograph is looking east northeast and shows the construction of the A.E. McKenzie Building (Library and Arts Building). Clark Hall is in the background.

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## A.E. McKenzie Building opening

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions631>

Part Of: Brandon University Photograph collection

Description Level: Item

Series Number: 2.4

Item Number: BUPC 2.4.10

GMD: graphic

Date Range: January 6, 1961

Physical Description: 9" x 7" (b/w)

### Scope and Content:

Photograph was taken at the opening of the A.E. McKenzie Building (including the Evans Theatre) and shows the J.R.C. Evans Lecture Theatre doorway. L to R Dr. John E. Robbins, Mrs. Olive (Freeman) Diefenbaker (Class of 1923 and wife of Prime Minister John George Diefenbaker)

Notes: The opening of the A.E. McKenzie Building took place the same day as the installation of John E. Robbins as President of Brandon College.

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## North side of the A.E. McKenzie Building

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions770>

Part Of: Brandon University Photograph collection

Description Level: Item

Series Number: 2.4

Item Number: BUPC 2.4.3

GMD: graphic

Date Range: c. mid 1980s

Physical Description: 3.5" x 5" (colour)

### Scope and Content:

Photograph is looking southwest from in front of the Original Music Building and shows the north side of the A.E. McKenzie Building and the west side of the Queen Elizabeth II Music Building (including the link). A number of cars in the parking lot are also visible.

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## Clement Block & A.E. McKenzie Building

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions9502>

Part Of: RG 11 Lawrence Stuckey fonds

Description Level: Item

Series Number: 3.1

Item Number: 1-2002.3.1E22

Accession Number: 1-2002

GMD: graphic

Date Range: 1912

Physical Description: 3 1/2" x 5"

Material Details: Negative

### History /

#### Biographical:

Foreground: Clement Block built 1910.

Background: Original 6 storey McKenzie Bldg before upward extension of 1918.

#### Custodial History:

For custodial history see the collection level description of the Lawrence Stuckey collection.

#### Scope and Content:

Clement Block & A.E. McKenzie Building

Notes: From Winnipeg Saturday Post June 15, 1912.

Name Access: Clement Block & A.E. McKenzie Building

Subject Access: businesses

drug stores

seeds

Brandon business buildings & facilities before 1940

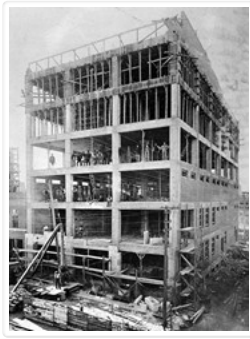
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Storage Location: Lawrence Stuckey collection

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## A.E. McKenzie Building Under Construction

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions9764>

Part Of: RG 11 Lawrence Stuckey fonds

Description Level: Item

Series Number: 3.1

Item Number: 1-2002.3.1K2

Accession Number: 1-2002

GMD: graphic

Date Range: [1909 or 1910]

Physical Description: 3 1/2" x 5"

Material Details: Negative

Custodial History:

For custodial history see the collection level description of the Lawrence Stuckey collection.

Scope and Content:

A.E. McKenzie Building under construction

Notes: From the Brandon Sun.

Name Access: A.E. McKenzie Building

A.E. McKenzie & Co.

Subject Access: businesses

seeds

agricultural companies

Brandon Early Construction Scenes

Repro Restriction: The McKee Archives is the copyright holder for the Stuckey materials.

Location Copy: 1-2002.3.9.106

Storage Location: Lawrence Stuckey collection

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## A.E. McKenzie building under construction

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions8726>

Part Of: RG 11 Lawrence Stuckey fonds

Description Level: Item

Series Number: 3.9

Item Number: 1-2002.3.9.106

Accession Number: 1-2002

GMD: graphic

Date Range: c. 1909

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

History /

Biographical:

Stuckey's notes: From Brandon Sun.

Scope and Content:

Photograph is looking north northwest from 9th Street and shows the McKenzie Building underconstruction. Many of the workers have posed on the third and fourth floors for the photograph.

Notes: Corresponds with negative 1-2002.3.9.K2.

Repro Restriction: The McKee Archives is the copyright holder for the Stuckey materials.

Location Original: 1-2002.3.1K2

Storage Location: RG 5 photograph storage drawer

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## A.E. McKenzie Building cornerstone laying advertisement

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions632>

Part Of: Brandon University Photograph collection

Description Level: Item

Series Number: 2.4

Item Number: BUPC 2.4.11

GMD: graphic

Date Range: May 29, 1960

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

Scope and Content:

Photograph is looking southwest and shows the A.E. McKenzie Building under construction. In black lettering above the building are the words: "Brandon College Cornerstone Laying." In white lettering below the building are the words: "Sat. May 28 - 3 pm CKX TV"

Notes: The Winnipeg Tribune is stamped on the back of the photograph.

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## A.E. McKenzie

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions2533>

Part Of: Brandon University Photograph Collection

Description Level: Item

Series Number: 9

Item Number: BUPC 9.45

GMD: graphic

Date Range: 1950s

Physical Description: 11" x 14" (b/w)

Scope and Content:

Photograph is a portrait of A.E. McKenzie.

Notes: Information that accompanied the photograph: Born Wilcox Lake, Ontario, 1870. Died 1964 in Brandon, MB. A long-time member of a number of boards at the College. Played a role in re-establishing Brandon College through Brandon College Inc. and the McKenzie Foundation by donating 90% of the shares in his company to the MB Government to support higher education, specifically Brandon College.

Name Access: A.E. McKenzie

Subject Access: portraits

Storage Range: Oversize drawer 5

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## A.E. McKenzie

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions4317>

Part Of: RG 3 A.E. McKenzie Company fonds

Description Level: Sub-series

Series Number: McS 2 2.1

GMD: textual records

Date Range: 1910-1964; 1966 (legal), 1976 (patents)

Physical Description: 26.3 cm

History /

Biographical:

Albert Edward McKenzie was born in Wilcox Lake, York County, Ontario in 1870 to Francis Bethel McKenzie and Maria (Carley) McKenzie. In 1882 he moved to Brandon, Manitoba with his family, where his father established a Flour, Seed and Grain business. At the age of twenty-six, following his father's death, A. E. took over the family business and transformed it into a seed institute. As the President of The Brandon Seed House, and, later, A. E. McKenzie Seed Co. Ltd., Mr. McKenzie played a central role in the daily operations of his company up until three weeks prior to his death on September 25, 1964.

In 1901, Mr. McKenzie married Laura Bell of Carmen, Manitoba, with whom he had two daughters, Marjorie and Kathleen. Kathleen married Walter C. Roberts and became a member of the Board of Directors of her father's company. Marjorie graduated from Brandon College, and received additional degrees from the Columbia College of Expression, and from Northwestern University. From 1927-1930 she taught at Brandon College, then resigned to do post-graduate work. She returned to Brandon College in 1935 as Instructor of Public Speaking and Dean of Women in Clark Hall. Marjorie resigned as Dean of Women after one year, and eventually relocated to British Columbia. Both Kathleen and Marjorie survived their father. Laura had passed away in 1943. At the time of his death, A.E. McKenzie was also survived by had one grandson: David McKenzie Roberts.

In addition to building his company into one of Canada's foremost seed institutes, McKenzie was also involved with many community projects. He was affiliated with the YMCA, YWCA, Salvation Army, and Community Chest. He was a charter member of the Kiwanis Club, and a long-term officer of the Brandon Chamber of Commerce. However, McKenzie's major interest was Brandon College, for which he served as a governor and as chairman of the board of governors for the College.

A central figure in the fight to save Brandon College, McKenzie was instrumental in the formation of Brandon College Inc., and, in 1945, he established the A. E. McKenzie Foundation, for which the Government of Manitoba was the sole trustee. His gift to the Foundation was securities valued at \$1 million, which ensured the survival and re-establishment of Brandon College and later Brandon University.

In 1941, McKenzie received the degree of Doctor of Laws honoris causa from the University of Manitoba. In 1962, he was honored with a certificate of merit for exemplary citizenship in commerce and in every aspect of community life from the City of Brandon.

Custodial History:

See fonds level description of custodial history of A. E. McKenzie Seed Co. Ltd.

#### Scope and Content:

This sub-series consists of correspondence created and received by A.E. McKenzie during his years as President/General Manager dealing with the operation of his company. This includes construction estimates, and correspondence with the company's lawyer, Wm. Johnson. A letter from Gairdner & Company Limited regarding McKenzie's attempt to reacquire ownership of A. E. McKenzie Ltd. from the Province of Manitoba.

The sub-series also contains material relating to legal matters: one file concerns a successful legal action against the A.E. McKenzie Seed Company by the Canadian Alfalfa Association. The action arose following the sale of seed to a seed company located in Berlin, Germany in 1938. A second file deals with the prosecution of the company in Bismarck, North Dakota for mail fraud. The company lost both cases. Patents secured by the company are also included within the sub-series.

Also contained within the legal sub-series are records dealing with A.E. McKenzie's passing. These include correspondence with the National Trust Company and Miss Jean MacKay, and a summary of A.E. McKenzie's will. There are also some documents dealing with McKenzie's stocks and shares in the Company.

Documentation relating to the 1918 By-Law Campaign, in which McKenzie tried to secure tax relief for his company in relation to the construction of its new plant, is also included within the sub-series.

The sub-series is divided into six sub sub series, including: (1) Secretary; (2) Legal Matters; (3) Correspondence; (4) Patents; (5) By-Law Campaign 1918; and (6) Miscellaneous.

Notes:	* "Tapes" in the Related Material field refers to hard copy written summaries originally provided on tape for typing. Organization by tape number was found to be more efficient than listing these items by title.
Language Note:	Within McS 2 1.3, the correspondence sub sub series, there are some documents written in Gregg shorthand. No translation is available.
Storage Location:	RG 3 A.E. McKenzie Company fonds McS 2 Office of the President/General Manager
Related Material:	Regarding sub sub series McS 2 2.2 (Legal Matters): The court pocket for the alfalfa case involving McKenzie Seeds at the Court of Queen's Bench in Regina, Saskatchewan may be available through the Saskatchewan Archives Board. John Diefenbaker acted for the Alfalfa Association in this case.

Historical Topics under A.E. McKenzie Seed Co. Ltd. fonds, Series 2 (Office of the President/GM), sub-series 2 (J. Lasby Lowes) contains some information regarding McKenzie's patents (file 16, Tapes 29 and 30), and a legal case in Bismarck, North Dakota in 1957 regarding the violation of mail fraud statutes involving the sale of seed wheat (file 11, Tape 26)\*. Information regarding the sale of Alfalfa seed to a German seed company is available in file 2. There are also a number of files containing information about A. E. McKenzie.



## J.R.C. Evans Lecture Theatre and A.E. McKenzie Building

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions672>

Part Of: Brandon University Photograph collection

Description Level: Item

Series Number: 2.4

Item Number: BUPC 2.4.13

GMD: graphic

Date Range: c. 1964

Physical Description: 3.5" x 5.5" (colour)

Material Details: Postcard

Scope and Content:

Photograph is looking northwest and shows the J. R.C. Evans Lecture Theatre, the A.E. McKenzie Library and Arts Building and the link between the two buildings.

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## J.R.C. Evans Lecture Theatre and A.E. McKenzie Building

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions874>

Part Of: Brandon University Photograph collection

Description Level: Item

Series Number: 2.4

Item Number: BUPC 2.4.15

GMD: graphic

Date Range: c. 1960

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

Scope and Content:

Photograph is looking northeast from 19th Street and shows the west side of the J.R.C. Evans Lecture Theatre and the A.E. McKenzie Building, as well as the parking lots on the west side of the buildings.

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## A.E. McKenzie Building and George T. Richardson Centre

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions949>

Part Of: BUPC 2 Campus buildings

Description Level: Sub-series

Series Number: 2.4

GMD: graphic

Date Range: c. 1959 - 1995

Physical Description: 43 photographs

History /

Biographical:

The J.R.C. Evans Lecture Theatre and the A.E. McKenzie Building were both completed in 1960. The Evans Theatre is named for John Robert Charles Evans, who served as president of Brandon College from 1928 to 1959. The A.E. McKenzie Building was originally the Library and Arts building, and was named for A.E. McKenzie, a local businessman and supporter of the College. The George T. Richardson Centre, which includes the Evans Theatre and the John E. Robbins Library, was completed in 1993.

Scope and Content:

Sub-series consists of photographs of the A.E. McKenzie Building, the George T. Richardson Centre, the J.R.C. Evans Lecture Theatre, the John E. Robbins Library and the link between the Evans Theatre and the McKenzie Building.



## A.E. McKenzie Seeds

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions12405>

Part Of: RG 12 Brandon and Area Photograph Collection

Description Level: Item

Series Number: 2

Item Number: BAPC 2.35

Accession Number: 3-2012

GMD: graphic

Date Range: [between 1911 and 1913]

Physical Description: 3.5" x 5.5" (b/w)

Material Details: Postcard

Physical Condition: Some water damage and staining.

Custodial History:

Postcard was donated to the McKee Archives by Allen Drysdale, archivist at Beautiful Plains Archives in October 2011. Drysdale received the postcard as part of a larger donation to his archives.

Scope and Content:

Item is a colour postcard of the A.E. McKenzie Seed Company in Brandon, MB. The postcard was sent to John Dorset, Elphinstone, MB from his brother Sid (?).

Name Access: A.E. McKenzie Co., Limited

A.E. McKenzie Seed Company

9th Street

Subject Access:       commercial buildings  
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                              downtown  
Storage Location:     BAPC photograph drawer

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## A.E. McKenzie fonds

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions4337>

Part Of: RG 3 A.E. McKenzie Company fonds

Description Level: Series

Series Number: MG 5

GMD: textual records

Date Range: 1887-1989; prredominantly 1887-1968

Physical Description: 31 cm

History /

Biographical:

See biographical sketch of A.E. McKenzie under RG 3 Series 2 (Office of the President/General Manager), sub-series 1 (A.E. McKenzie).

Custodial History:

See fonds level description of custodial history of A.E. McKenzie Seed Co. Ltd.

Scope and Content:

The manuscript group contains records pertaining to A.E. McKenzie's personal life, such as personal correspondence and family documents. Records dealing with McKenzie's involvement with Brandon College, the Brandon Allied Arts Council and the Brandon Board of Trade are also included.

It has been divided into five sub-series, including: (1) Brandon College Inc.; (2) A.E. McKenzie Foundation; (3) Brandon Allied Arts Council; (4) Brandon Board of Trade; and (5) Miscellaneous.

Storage Location: RG 3 A.E. McKenzie Seed Co. Ltd. fonds  
MG 5 A.E. McKenzie fonds

Related Material: RG 1 Brandon College fonds in the McKee Archives contains additional information on A.E. McKenzie, particularly his involvement with Brandon College.

A photograph of A.E. McKenzie is located in oversized drawer #5 of the Brandon College photograph series.



## A.E. McKenzie Foundation

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions4340>

Part Of: RG 3 A.E. McKenzie Company fonds

Description Level: Sub-series

Series Number: MG 5 1.2

GMD: textual records

Date Range: 1940, 1945-1989

Physical Description: 6 cm

History /

Biographical:

In 1945 the A. E. McKenzie Trust of 1939, which led to the formation of Brandon College Incorporated, was cancelled. As a result A.E., who was still trying to solve the College's financial problems, set about attaining a special act of legislature that would enable him to transfer 90% of his company's stockholdings to the control of the Province of Manitoba to benefit the College.

See fonds level administrative history description.

Custodial History:

See fonds level description of custodial history of A.E. McKenzie Seed Co. Ltd.

Scope and Content:

This sub-series includes correspondence regarding the McKenzie Foundation between Brandon College Inc., McKenzie Seeds, William Johnson and the Government of Manitoba. It also contains records dealing with Educational Advisory Board. A substantial amount of this correspondence is in regards to the payment of Brandon College Inc. from the McKenzie Foundation. In addition, there is also correspondence generated by the Comptroller-General and Wm. Johnson regarding Foundation Account, as well as some other financial information.

Various documents are also present within the sub-series, including Bill 87, amendments, an authorization provision for variation in agreement and an agreement between McKenzie, Brandon College Inc. and the National Trust. A collection of prepared statements or briefs, many written by A.E. McKenzie regarding the purpose and future of the Foundation are also included.

Storage Location: RG 3 A.E. McKenzie Seed Co. Ltd. fonds  
MG 5 A.E. McKenzie fonds

Related Material: Information regarding the A.E. McKenzie Foundation can be found in Series 2 (Office of the President/GM), sub-series 2 (J. Lasby Lowes), Historical Topics file 1 (Tape 9).

Series 5 (Photographs), oversized drawer #4 contains newspaper clippings dealing with the establishment of the McKenzie Foundation.



## J.R.C. Evans Lecture Theatre, link and A.E. McKenzie Building

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions651>

Part Of: Brandon University Photograph collection

Creator: Photographer: Henry Kalen

Description Level: Item

Series Number: 2.4

Item Number: BUPC 2.4.20

Other Numbers: Proof 218 D3.1-17

GMD: graphic

Date Range: Summer 1963

Physical Description: b/w, 4" x 5.5".

### Scope and Content:

Photograph is looking north northwest and shows the south side of the J.R.C. Evans Lecture Theatre, the A.E. McKenzie Building and the link between the two buildings.

Repro Restriction: Copyright restrictions apply.

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