

# S. J. McKee Archives



## Alexandra School

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions6496>

Part Of: Alf Fowler collection

Creator: Davidson & Gowen

Description Level: Item

Item Number: 6-1999.72

Accession Number: 6-1999

GMD: graphic

Date Range: ca. 1911

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

### History /

#### Biographical:

Alexandra School was located at 1110 College Avenue.

#### Custodial History:

See fonds level description of the Alf Fowler collection for custodial history.

#### Scope and Content:

Photo shows Alexandra School.

Storage Range: RG 5 Western Manitoba Manuscript collection - photograph storage drawer

## Images



## Yaeger's Furs Dionne quintuplets window display

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14317>

Part Of: Brandon and Area Photograph Collection

Creator: Brandon Sun Publishing Co.

Description Level: Item

Series Number: 2  
Item Number: BAPC 2.43  
GMD: graphic  
Date Range: 1934  
Physical Description: 10.25" x 8" (b/w)

History /

Biographical:

Gustave Bellegrò "Gus" Yaeger was born on July 10, 1878 at Genoa, Italy. The son of Swiss parents, he immigrated to the United States, working in West Virginia then North Dakota before arriving in Brandon, MB in 1910. He worked at various jobs before opening Yaeger's Furs, a fur-coat factory and retail store at 602 Rosser Avenue, in 1919.

Yaeger married Sarah Ellen Williams (1883-1966) of Big Rock, Idaho in 1907. They had two children: Karl Williams Yaeger (1908-1975) and Barbara Yaeger (m. H.H. Ricketts).

Gus Yaeger died on March 25, 1942 in Brandon, MB. His son carried on the business after his death before selling it to one of the managers in 1969.

The Dionne quintuplets, born May 28, 1934, were the first quintuplets known to have survived their infancy. They were born just outside Callandar, ON.

Scope and Content:

Item is a photograph of the Yaeger's Furs Dionne quintuplets Christmas window display. The display features five dolls dressed in fur coats and bonnets, a framed photo of Gus Yaeger, a Christmas tree and a cardboard Santa.

Notes: History/Bio information taken from the Manitoba Historical Society website ([http://www.mhs.mb.ca/docs/people/yaeger\\_gb.shtml](http://www.mhs.mb.ca/docs/people/yaeger_gb.shtml))

Name Access: Yaeger's Furs  
Gus Yaeger  
Dionne quintuplets

Subject Access: downtown  
window displays  
commercial buildings  
businesses  
quintuplets  
quints

Storage Location: BAPC photograph drawer

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## Nation & Shewan block

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions6448>

Part Of: Alf Fowler collection  
Creator: Davidson & Gowen  
Description Level: Item  
Item Number: 6-1999.23  
Accession Number: 6-1999  
GMD: graphic  
Date Range: 1912  
Physical Description: 9.5" x 7.25" (b/w)

### History /

#### Biographical:

Erected in 1889, at 806 Rosser Avenue (the southeast corner of Rosser Avenue and 7th Street), the building was designed by Brandon architect W.H. Shillinglaw. At the time of its construction the structure housed the Nation Department Store, which became Nation & Shewan Department Store in 1894. One of Brandon's largest and most successful drygoods businesses, the venture was owned and operated by Fred Nation and Alexander Shewan.

Built adjacent to an existing three storey brick building known as the A.D. Rankin Block (built sometime between 1885 and 1888), this smaller building was eventually absorbed by the Nation and Shewan Block after 1897, when Rankin Drygoods moved into the newly constructed Syndicate Block located farther east down Rosser Ave. Later, the Rankin Block became known as Nation Chambers. These two structures comprised what was known as the Nation and Shewan Block.

Major improvements were made to the store and an annex was added in 1910. Some of the renovation additions included, but were not limited to: an updated frontage with new copper sash windows and prismatic glass tops, plate glass windows, new fixtures and carpet. With the renovations the floor space of the business was almost doubled. The stock of the business also increased, with the Brandon Weekly Sun reporting that when finished, Nation & Shewan would be a "store of which the citizens of Brandon will be justly proud."

The drygoods firm operated until Nation's death 1926, when it became known as A. Shewan Limited. From 1933 to 1944, the business was known as Shewan and Son. Shortly thereafter, the Metropolitan Stores Ltd began operating out of the Nation & Shewan Block.

In 2000, the Town Centre prepared to knock down what was then known as the Red Apple Building, the former Nation & Shewan Block. The demolition was to make way for the new atrium and entrance for the mall, and begin a new period of redevelopment at the downtown shopping centre.

#### Custodial History:

See fonds level description of the Alf Fowler collection for custodial history.

#### Scope and Content:

Photo shows the front of the Nation & Shewan Block, which was located in the 800 block of Rosser Avenue on the southside.

Storage Range: RG 5 Western Manitoba Manuscript collection - photograph storage drawer

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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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