

# S. J. McKee Archives



## 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 Bellegro "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



## 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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