

# S. J. McKee Archives



## Roots in the earth : the small farmer looks ahead

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/specialcollections259>

Part Of:	RG 4 Manitoba Pool Elevator fonds
Collection:	Manitoba Pool Elevator Library Collection
Creator:	Waring, P. Alston (Pinckney Alston), 1895-1978 Teller, Walter Magnes
Description Level:	Item
Item Number:	Archives 14-11-19
Item Number Range:	Archives 14-11-19
Responsibility:	P. Alston Waring and Walter Magnes Teller ; foreword by Louis Bromfield
Start Date:	c1943
Date Range:	c1943
Publication:	New York ; London : Harper & Brothers Publishers
Physical Description:	xiii, 202 p. : ill. ; 21 cm
Notes:	Includes index
Subject Access:	Farms United States Agriculture United States Agriculture Economic aspects United States
Storage Location:	Box 11 - Agriculture II
Storage Range:	Box 11 - Agriculture II



## The city man's guide to the farm problem

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/specialcollections134>

Part Of:	RG 4 Manitoba Pool Elevator fonds
Collection:	Manitoba Pool Elevator Library Collection
Creator:	Cochrane, Willard Wesley, 1914
Description Level:	Item
Item Number:	Archives 14-4-2
Item Number Range:	Archives 14-4-2
Responsibility:	[by] Willard W. Cochrane
Start Date:	1966
Date Range:	1966
Publication:	New York ; Toronto : McGraw-Hill Book Company
Physical Description:	242 p. ; 20 cm
Notes:	Bibliographical footnotes
Subject Access:	Agriculture Economic aspects United States United States Rural conditions
Storage Location:	Box 4-Historical I
Storage Range:	Box 4-Historical I



## The farm bloc

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/specialcollections161>

Part Of:	RG 4 Manitoba Pool Elevator fonds
Collection:	Manitoba Pool Elevator Library Collection
Creator:	McCune, Wesley, 1918
Description Level:	Item
Item Number:	Archives 14-4-25
Item Number Range:	Archives 14-4-25
Responsibility:	by Wesley McCune
Start Date:	1943
Date Range:	1943
Publication:	Garden City, New York, : Doubleday, Doran and Company, Inc
Physical Description:	vi, 278 p. ; 21 cm
Notes:	Map on lining-papers "First edition."
Name Access:	United States. Congress
Subject Access:	Agriculture Economic aspects United States Agriculture Societies etc. United States
Storage Location:	Box 4-Historical I
Storage Range:	Box 4-Historical I



## Agriculture in an interdependent world : U.S. and Canadian perspectives

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/specialcollections120>

Part Of:	RG 4 Manitoba Pool Elevator fonds
Collection:	Manitoba Pool Elevator Library Collection
Creator:	Warley, T. K. (Thorald Keith), 1930 Canadian-American Committee
Description Level:	Item
Item Number:	Archives 14-1-25
Item Number Range:	Archives 14-1-25
Responsibility:	by T.K. Warley
Start Date:	1977
Date Range:	1977
Publication:	[Montreal] : Canadian-American Committee
Physical Description:	x, 92 p. ; 23 cm
Notes:	Includes bibliographical references
Subject Access:	Agriculture Economic aspects Canada Agriculture Economic aspects United States Agriculture and state Canada Agriculture and state United States
Storage Location:	Box 1-Agriculture I
Storage Range:	Box 1-Agriculture I



## Farms and farmers in an urban age

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/specialcollections43>

Part Of: RG 4 Manitoba Pool Elevator fonds

Collection: Manitoba Pool Elevator Library Collection

Creator: Higbee, Edward Counselman, 1910

Description Level: Item

Item Number: HD 1761.H53  
Archives 14-4-28

Item Number Range: HD 1761.H53  
Archives 14-4-28

Responsibility: Edward C. Higbee

Start Date: 1963

Date Range: 1963

Publication: New York : Twentieth Century Fund

Physical Description: 183 p. : ill. ; 23 cm

Notes: Includes bibliography

Subject Access: Agriculture Economic aspects United States  
Rural-urban migration United States

Storage Location: Box 4-Historical I (Archives copy)

Storage Range: Box 4-Historical I (Archives copy)



## Agriculture in an unstable economy

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/specialcollections44>

Part Of: RG 4 Manitoba Pool Elevator fonds

Collection: Manitoba Pool Elevator Library Collection

Creator: Schultz, Theodore William, 1902

Description Level: Item

Item Number: HD 1761.S27  
Archives 14-4-18

Item Number Range: HD 1761.S27  
Archives 14-4-18

Standard number: System Control Number 87055009

Responsibility: by Theodore W. Schultz

Start Date: 1945

Date Range: 1945

Publication: New York : McGraw-Hill

Publisher Series: Committee for Economic Development. Research study

Physical Description: xix, 299 p. : ill. ; 23 cm

Notes: Bibliographical foot-notes

Subject Access: Agriculture and state United States  
Agriculture Economic aspects United States

Storage Location: Box 4-Historical I (Archives copy)

Storage Range: Box 4-Historical I (Archives copy)



## Farmer in a business suit

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/specialcollections156>

Part Of: RG 4 Manitoba Pool Elevator fonds  
Collection: Manitoba Pool Elevator Library Collection  
Creator: Davis, John Herbert, 1904  
Hinshaw, Kenneth  
Description Level: Item  
Item Number: Archives 14-4-21  
Item Number Range: Archives 14-4-21  
Responsibility: John H. Davis and Kenneth Hinshaw  
Start Date: c1957  
Date Range: c1957  
Publication: New York : Simon and Schuster  
Physical Description: 241 p. ; 22 cm  
Subject Access: Agriculture Economic aspects United States  
Storage Location: Box 4-Historical I  
Storage Range: Box 4-Historical I



## Forward prices for agriculture

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/specialcollections140>

Part Of: RG 4 Manitoba Pool Elevator fonds  
Collection: Manitoba Pool Elevator Library Collection  
Creator: Johnson, D. Gale (David Gale), 1916  
Description Level: Item  
Item Number: Archives 14-4-7  
Item Number Range: Archives 14-4-7  
Responsibility: by D. Gale Johnson  
Start Date: c1947  
Date Range: c1947  
Publication: Chicago, Ill. : Univ. of Chicago Press  
Physical Description: xiii, 259 p. ; 24 cm  
Notes: Includes bibliographical references  
Subject Access: Prices United States  
Agriculture Economic aspects United States  
Storage Location: Box 4-Historical I  
Storage Range: Box 4-Historical I



## The economics of cooperative marketing

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/specialcollections241>

Part Of: RG 4 Manitoba Pool Elevator fonds

Collection: Manitoba Pool Elevator Library Collection

Creator: Bakken, Henry Harrison, 1896  
Schaars, Marvin Arnold

Description Level: Item

Item Number: Archives 14-8-14

Item Number Range: Archives 14-8-14

Responsibility: by Henry H. Bakken and Marvin A. Schaars

Start Date: 1937

Date Range: 1937

Publication: New York ; London : McGraw Hill Book Company, inc

Physical Description: viii, 583 p. : ill. ; 24 cm

Notes: Includes bibliographical reference and index

Subject Access: Agriculture  
Cooperative United States  
Agriculture Economic aspects  
Agriculture Economic aspects United States  
Agriculture cooperative credit associations United States  
Farm produce Marketing

Storage Location: Box 8 - Historical IV & Cooperation II

Storage Range: Box 8 - Historical IV & Cooperation II



## RG 4 Manitoba Pool Elevator fonds

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions4344>

Part Of: RG 4 Manitoba Pool Elevator fonds

Description Level: Fonds

Accession Number: 16-1998, 28-1998, 16-2002

GMD: multiple media

Date Range: 1874-2001, predominant 1930-1970

Physical Description: 64.69 m textual records  
photographs  
slides  
audiovisual materials

### History /

#### Biographical:

The forerunner of Manitoba Pool Elevators (MPE), the Manitoba Wheat Pool was created in 1924 as a mechanism to allow for the co-operative marketing of wheat by Manitoba producers by the United Farmers of Manitoba. The Manitoba Wheat Pool was initially intended to be a provisional organization until the establishment of an interprovincial Pool, but when Alberta and Saskatchewan established their own permanent Pools the United Farmers decided to do the same. The Manitoba Pool was different from the SK and AB Pools in that the municipality was

the primary unit of organization; members belonged to their municipal Pool associations first, rather than having direct membership with the central Manitoba Wheat Pool. Manitoba Pool Elevators was established in 1925 as a subsidiary of the Pool in response to local members complaints about the unfair business practices of privately owned elevators. The private elevators also slowed up the shipment of grain to the Central Selling Agency employed by the Wheat Pool, acting as a barrier between the local Pools and the Manitoba Wheat Pool. Once established MPE quickly began to build new elevators and acquire privately owned elevators.

MPE's approach to marketing grain promised to stabilize the market price of grain and ensure a fair market price to producers. Initially the Manitoba Wheat Pool was very successful. However, in 1930, the Manitoba Wheat Pool found itself burdened with an unsold surplus from the preceding year that had been bought from the farmers at a price that was significantly higher than any possible return during the Depression. As a result, in 1931 the Manitoba Wheat Pool's Central Selling Agency defaulted on its bank loans. Despite attempts to save the organization, it was forced to declare bankruptcy in November 1932. The financial difficulties of the Wheat Pool had little to no effect on the Pool Elevators, and so this former subsidiary organization became the main Manitoba Pool organization. This change meant MPE had to reorganize, which they were able to do with funds from the provincial government. The company was successful enough in subsequent years that it was able to finish repaying the Manitoba government a full year early in 1949.

MPE did not limit itself to grain handling; they wished to enrich the lives of rural families through education and to provide economic stability through diversification.

MPE established a lending reference library for members and a traveling library for rural families in 1926. With the passing of the Public Libraries Act in 1948, the province took over responsibility for providing rural families with books. MPE decided that since their traveling library would no longer be needed when rural libraries were established, the best course of action was to donate their library to the Provincial government. They also established and supported programs that educated young people about agriculture and ag business.

Subsidiary companies that dealt with course grains, livestock, packing and fertilizer were established by MPE to streamline and stabilize business for its members.

1961 marked the high water mark for the number of local associations within Manitoba Pool Elevators with 225 local associations. After this date the associations began to amalgamate and consolidate. Improvements in rural roads and rail systems and increases in the size of farms and mechanization of farm labour meant that fewer elevators were needed to service all members and regions. These changes led to an organizational restructuring of Manitoba Pool Elevators in 1968. Membership became direct, and the main unit of organization became the central office. The central office administrated the Pool through districts, which were further subdivided into sub-districts. The locals which were formally the main organizational unit came under the immediate direction of the sub-district they were located in. Local association could opt out of this system if they wished, but by 1975 all but 29 associations had become part of the new structure.

In 1998 Manitoba Pool Elevators merged with the Alberta Wheat Pool to form Agricore Co-operative, Ltd. In 2001 this organization merged with the United Grain Growers to become Agricore United, and in 2007 AU was taken over by the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool; the new company is currently known as Viterra.

#### Custodial History:

The bulk of this fonds was accessioned in 1975, when the forerunner to the McKee Archives at Brandon University, the Rural Resource Center, was founded. The original mandate of the Rural Resource Center was to house the records of the Manitoba Pool Elevators. Previous to this, most of the fonds was stored at MPE's head office in Winnipeg. Many accruals to this collection have since taken place, with some of the larger ones being received in 1997, 2001, and 2002.

#### Scope and Content:

Fonds contains records dealing with every aspect of the Manitoba Pool Elevators organization, from the events leading to its formation in the 1920's, to its amalgamation as part of Agricore beginning in the late 1990's.

Fonds includes records of the local co-operative elevator associations established in the period 1925 - 1968 under the Co-operative Associations Act including: organizational papers; minutes of executive boards; minutes of shareholders annual meetings; financial statements; correspondence; membership lists; and miscellaneous documents.

Also to be found are: documents related to the Royal Commission re the Manitoba Pool Elevators Limited ca. 1931; miscellaneous reports and submissions documents (1925 -1952); central office papers consisting of annual reports, circulars to local co-operative elevator associations and documents related to various other activities of the Manitoba Pool Elevators organization. Fonds also contains documents pertaining to the Manitoba Co-operative Poultry Marketing Association Limited and its successor, the Manitoba Dairy and Poultry Co-operative Limited, and related agencies.

Other items in the fonds (dating from the 1890's to 2001) include: books acquired for the Manitoba Pool Elevator Library, including a complete run of both the Scoop Shovel (MPE's first newspaper) and the Manitoba Cooperator; photographs; slides; audiotapes; and reel-to-reel videos.

Finally, the fonds contains a small number of miscellaneous items such as banners, and company issued briefcases.

This fonds is organized into four series, (A) Local Association records, (B) Central Office Records, (C) Subsidiary Companies and Co-operatives, (D) Commissions, Committees and Inquiries

#### Notes:

Description by Mike White (2002), revised and enlarged by Jillian Sutherland (2009-2010).

History/Bio taken from F.W. Hamilton, "Service at Cost: A History of the Manitoba Pool Elevators 1925-1975" (Saskatoon: Modern Press) and from records within the fonds.

Preparation of this description made possible in part by a generous grant from the Brandon University Student's Union Work Study Program 2009.

#### Name Access:

F.W. Hamilton

Paul F. Bredt

Colin H. Burnell

John I. McFarland

A.J. McPhail

J.R. Murray

W.J. Parker

Henry W. Wood

Subject Access:	Manitoba Co-operator Canadian Agriculture Cooperative Unions Grain Trade The Scoop Shovel Winnipeg Grain Exchange Agricore United Grain Growers Manitoba Wheat Pool Canadian Cooperative Wheat Producers Ltd Canadian Wheat Board Alberta Wheat Pool Border Fertilizer Ltd Canadian Council of Agriculture Saskatchewan Cooperative Elevator Company Saskatchewan Wheat Pool United Farmers of Manitoba United Farmers of Alberta
Repro Restriction:	Researchers are responsible for observing Canadian copyright restrictions.
Finding Aid:	File level inventory available for some boxes. The Pool Elevator library and publications are available online through the Brandon University Library catalogue.
Storage Location:	RG 4 Manitoba Pool Elevator fonds



## Keystone Centre development and construction fonds

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions4854>

Part Of:	RG 5 Western Manitoba Manuscript Collection
Description Level:	Collection
Accession Number:	22-1998
GMD:	textual records
Date Range:	1957-1974; predominant 1970-1974
Physical Description:	36 cm

#### History /

##### Biographical:

The idea of the Keystone Centre was first mentioned in 1958, at a meeting of the board of directors of the Manitoba Winter Fair. The Manitoba Winter Fair wanted a new facility because the old Wheat City Arena had a leaking roof and a deteriorating west wall. The old facility also had limited space and the Winter Fair felt it needed more space for expansion. The Provincial Exhibition of Manitoba also had problems with their facilities, such as old barns and poor display areas. The idea of the Keystone Centre was put on hold until 1969, when the boards of the Provincial Exhibition and the Manitoba Winter Fair joined together as the Provincial Exhibition Association of Manitoba and the Wheat City Arena was sold and demolished. The original estimate for the cost of the Keystone Centre facilities was \$4.5 million and funding would be proportioned so that the federal and provincial governments would each put in one-third of the money, with the rest coming from local donations. The financial campaign for the Keystone Centre began in 1970, and construction began in November 1970. The grand opening of the Centre was in March 1973, and coincided with the Royal Manitoba Winter Fair of that year.

##### Custodial History:

This fonds was accessioned by the McKee Archives in 1998. Prior custodial history is unknown.

##### Scope and Content:

Fonds contains many folders full of correspondence, financial statements, meeting minutes and other documents relating to the development and construction of the Keystone Centre from 1970-1974, including those from the Keystone Executive Committee, as well as the Building Committee. Fonds also contains one folder that pertains to the Brandon Area Agricultural Development Survey from 1959. This folder contains the names and locations of all farmers in the Brandon area in 1959. The Brandon Area Agricultural Development Survey was created in 1959, in order to make farming in the Brandon area more profitable. The survey was aided by Doane Agricultural Service from St. Louis, Missouri, who had success creating agricultural development programs in the United States. Fonds also contains folders from the Provincial Exhibition with correspondence, pamphlets, estimates, and studies from the 1960's. There is also one folder belonging to the Manitoba Winter Fair, which contains correspondence and financial statements relating to the Wheat City Arena. Fonds also contains information pertaining to the proposals made in the 1960's, for the building of the Keystone Centre, as well as one folder about the Keystone campaign from 1970-73. There is also one folder about the opening of the Keystone Centre, which contains newspaper clippings and guest lists. Finally, the fonds contains information about a court case involving Albert Bobyk and Robert Stewart. Stewart was the project manager for the Building Committee and Bobyk worked on the Keystone Center. The fonds includes a report about the trial of the two men who were charged with fraud involving their work on the Keystone Centre.

##### Notes:

CAIN No. 202608

Subject Access: Ray Forbes  
 Fred McGuinness  
 Brandon Area Agricultural Development Survey  
 Doane Agricultural Service Inc  
 Agricultural & Homemaking School of Brandon  
 Royal Manitoba Winter Fair  
 Provincial Exhibition of Manitoba  
 South-Western District Agricultural Society  
 4-H  
 Manitoba Department of Agriculture  
 City of Brandon  
 Keystone Committee  
 Keystone Building Committee  
 agriculture  
 architecture  
 exhibitions  
 swine farming  
 sheep farming  
 cereal grain farming  
 rural life  
 winter fairs

Storage Location: 1998 accessions

Storage Range: 1998 accessions



## RG 5 Western Manitoba Manuscript Collection

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions4722>

Part Of: RG 5 Western Manitoba Manuscript Collection

Description Level: Fonds

Fonds Number: RG 5

GMD: multiple media

History /

Biographical:

This record group was artificially created in January 2007 by Tom Mitchell and Christy Henry of the McKee Archives.

Scope and Content:

The record group consists of various fonds and collections concerned with the political, cultural, social, and educational life of western Manitoba. See the Subject Access field for a list of titles.

Notes: Description written by Christy Henry (2007).

Subject Access: Joseph H. Hughes  
 Canadian Federation of University Women  
 Verna Gamey  
 Brandon Cinema Club

Birtle Indian Residential School  
Brandon Assisted Passage Association  
Binscarth Women's Institute  
Griswold School District  
Manitoba School Trustees Regional Association  
Riverbank/Berbank Red Cross  
A.C. Miller  
C.J. Barnes  
David Sommerville Charleson  
Southwest A Region Manitoba Women's Institute  
Berbank Ladies Aid  
Berbank Church  
Blyth Protestant School District #471  
Crown Protestant School District #184  
Ward Watson  
Laurie V. Smith  
Marion Doig  
Elm Creek/Wingham Branch United Farmers of Manitoba  
Roseland Church  
Fairfax United Church  
Humesville & Forrest Women's Missionary Society  
Chater Protestant School District  
William Wallace  
United Grain Growers  
G.R. Rowe  
Cecil Herbert Edward Johnston  
Western Manitoba Centennial Auditorium  
Brandon Art Club  
James Duncan McGregor  
Stephan Adolph Magnacca  
Harry "Hap" Fraser  
Leslie Victor Robson  
Bertha School District #861  
Manitoba Genealogical Society  
Brandon Golf & Country Club  
Keystone Centre Development and Construction  
Manitoba Elevator Company  
B.J. Hales  
Brandon Council of Women  
Westman Oral History  
Mildred (Mollie) Kellet  
Gerald McKinney  
Janet Donnelly  
Minnedosa OddFellows  
Basswood OddFellows

Archibald E. Wilson  
Audrey Silvius  
Western Manitoba Philharmonic Choir  
Lawrence Stuckey  
Minnedosa Women's Institute  
Clanwilliam Women's Institute  
Cordova Women's Institute  
Crocus Women's Institute  
Rathwell Women's Institute  
Strathclair Women's Institute  
Manitoba Women's Institute  
Brandon Business & Professional Women's Club  
Minnedosa Business & Professional Women's Club  
Neepawa Business & Professional Women's Club  
Brandon Women's Musical Club  
International Toastmistress Club - Land O'Lakes Region  
Fred McGuinness  
Reg Forbes  
Jack Stothard  
Janet Louisa May More  
William J. Birtles  
Ruby Miles  
Manitoba Action Committee on the Status of Women  
Canadian Union of Public Employees  
Brandon & District Labour Council (CLC)  
Westman Multi-Cultural Council  
Westman Coalition on Equality Rights  
Martin Kavanagh  
James Buckley  
James Douglas Wall  
Brandon Women's Institute  
Trillium Business & Professional Women's Club  
Westridge Senior Citizens  
Kodaly in Manitoba  
WARUCC - Western Association of Registrars of the Universities and  
Colleges of Canada  
Margaret Laurence Endowment  
Douglas Women's Institute  
Albert Angus Murray McPherson  
Edward Walker  
Alexander MacPhail  
Inventory of Archival Material in Western Manitoba Project  
Greenway Fair  
Brandon Hills Busy Bees  
Prairie Horizons Toastmistress Club

Grand Valley School District #206  
Douglas Brolund  
Norma Laird  
Brandon Square Dancing Club  
Tully McKenzie  
Basswood School District  
Anna Enns  
Frank Robb  
Bankburn School District  
John Crawford  
J.C. Cousins  
William Ridley Sheridan Wade  
Mary Schwalm  
Robert (Bert) Lane  
Ross Hume  
Quincy H. Martinson  
Helen Dutka  
Dorothy Frances Davidson  
Brandon Sno-Goers Snowmobile Club  
Brandon Folk, Music & Art Society, Inc.  
Baker family  
Brandon Daily Sun microfilm  
Western Manitoba Home Economic Association  
Hubert Weidenhamer  
Len Evans  
Henry Hlady  
Delta Kappa Gamma Society International  
Westman Recycling Council  
Herbert Goodland

Storage Location: RG 5 Western Manitoba Manuscript Collection

Storage Range: RG 5 Western Manitoba Manuscript Collection

Arrangement:

The fonds and collections in RG 5 Western Manitoba Manuscript collection have been arranged primarily by accession number.