

# S. J. McKee Archives

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## 10 Mile Dam

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13716>

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection

Description Level: Item

Series Number: McG 9

Item Number: 20-2009.26

GMD: graphic

Date Range: 1900-1924

Physical Description: 4.25" x 2.5" (b/w)

History /

Biographical:

Situated in the R.M. of Whitehead on the Little Saskatchewan River, the 10 Mile Dam was a 14 kilometer transmission line that supplied the city of Brandon with power. The Brandon Electric Light Company built the dam in 1900 and it is considered Manitoba's first hydroelectric power generating station. The dam spanned approximately 80 meters and was constructed from timber and reinforced with clay and stone. The station was decommissioned in 1924.

Scope and Content:

Photograph shows 10 Mile Dam, also known as the Brandon Dam or Minnedosa River Hydro Plant.

Notes: Writing on the back of the photograph reads: "10 mile dam". Biographical information obtained from Manitoba Historical Society.

Name Access: 10 Mile Dam  
Ten Mile Dam  
Brandon Dam  
Minnedosa River Hydro Plant  
Brandon Electric Light Company  
Little Saskatchewan River

Subject Access: dams  
Rivers  
hydroelectric dams  
hydroelectric generation

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

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## Fishing at 10 Mile Dam



<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13731>

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection

Description Level: Item

Series Number: McG 9

Item Number: 20-2009.41

Accession Number: 20-2009

GMD: graphic

Date Range: 1906?

Physical Description: 6.5" x 4.75" (b/w)

Material Details: reproduction

History /

Biographical:

Situated in the R.M. of Whitehead on the Little Saskatchewan River, the 10 Mile Dam was a 14 kilometer transmission line that supplied the city of Brandon with power. The Brandon Electric Light Company built the dam in 1900 and it is considered Manitoba's first hydroelectric power generating station. The dam spanned approximately 80 meters and was constructed from timber and reinforced with clay and stone. The station was decommissioned in 1924.

Alonzo Archibald Rowe (b. 1862, London, ON; d. 22 Oct 1951, Brandon). The Rowes were considered Brandon area pioneers. Alonzo's father, Alonzo L. Rowe, came to Brandon with his family in 1881, where the family had a furniture and undertaker business on the west side of 10th Street between Rosser and Princess Avenues. In 1885, the family began farming west of Brandon and Alonzo Archibald served as a councilor and then a reeve in the R.M. of Whitehead. He returned to Brandon in 1907 and served with the Brandon Police Department until 1910, when he returned to farming, this time in Arrow River. A.A. Rowe returned to Brandon in 1915 to work as a Provincial Licenses Inspector, a position he held until 1938. (Source: Obituary, Brandon Daily Sun 22 Oct 1951)

Custodial History:

Photograph was in possession of Mrs. Ruby Miles, who passed the image on to Fred McGuinness. McGuinness makes reference to Mrs. Miles and this photograph in his Sunbeams column (Source: F.A. Rosser, "Another interesting chat with a daughter of the plains," Brandon Sun 18 Aug 1981).

Scope and Content:

Photograph shows four fishermen at 10 Mile Dam, also known as the Brandon Dam or Minnedosa River Hydro Plant. The fishermen in the photo are identified as George H. Rowe and his father A.A. Rowe, Dr. Wilfred Bigelow, and Al Collins.

Notes: Writing on the back of the photograph reads: at Brandon Dam, [right to left] son and father - George H. ROWE, Mr. A.A. ROWE, Dr. BIGELOW, Al COLLINS (dam?, 1906?, George born March 1897); Jerrett's Photo-Services, May 7 1938.

Name Access: 10 Mile Dam  
Ten Mile Dam  
Brandon Dam  
Minnedosa River Hydro Plant  
Brandon Electric Light Company  
Little Saskatchewan River  
George H. Rowe  
A.A. Rowe  
Dr. Bigelow  
Al Collins

Subject Access: dams  
Rivers  
fishing

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

Related Material: Ruby Miles collection 14-2003

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## 10 Mile Dam

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13784>

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection

Description Level: Item

Series Number: McG 9

Item Number: 20-2009.95

Accession Number: 20-2009

GMD: graphic

Date Range: 1900-1924

Physical Description: 4.25" x 2.5" (b/w)

History /  
Biographical:

Situated in the R.M. of Whitehead on the Little Saskatchewan River, the 10 Mile Dam was a 14 kilometer transmission line that supplied the city of Brandon with power. The Brandon Electric Light Company built the dam in 1900 and it is considered Manitoba's first hydroelectric power generating station. The dam spanned approximately 80 meters and was constructed from timber and reinforced with clay and stone. The station was decommissioned in 1924.

#### Scope and Content:

Photograph shows 10 Mile Dam, also known as the Brandon Dam or Minnedosa River Hydro Plant. The dam's timber construction is quite evident in the picture.

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| Notes:            | Writing on the back of the photograph reads: McGuinness (Manitoba Hydro), on Little Saskatchewan.  |
| Name Access:      | 10 Mile Dam<br>Ten Mile Dam<br>Brandon Dam<br>Minnedosa River Hydro Plant<br>Brandon Electric Light Company<br>Little Saskatchewan River |
| Subject Access:   | dams<br>Rivers<br>hydroelectric dams<br>hydroelectric generation   |
| Storage Location: | RG 5 photograph storage drawer 2 (hanging photos)  |
| Related Material: | Lawrence Stuckey collection 1-2002.3.1J1   |

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#### Frank Robb fonds

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions5133>

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| Part Of:                   | RG 5 Western Manitoba Manuscript Collection |
| Description Level:         | Collection                                  |
| Accession Number:          | 22-2007                                     |
| GMD:                       | multiple media                              |
| Date Range:                | 1956 - c.1965                               |
| Physical Description:      | 0.5 cm textual records; 155 slides          |
| History /<br>Biographical: |   |

Frank Robb was Assistant Secretary Treasurer for School District of Brandon No. 129 and Curator of the B.J. Hales Natural History Museum exhibition for Brandon's 75th Anniversary (1957). Robb left Brandon ca. 1969 and relocated to Minaki, Ontario.

Custodial History:

Frank Robb sent the slides to Fred McGuiness ca. 1986. McGuiness gave them to Eileen McFadden at the McKee Archives in April 1986.

Scope and Content:

Fonds consists of 155 slides taken by Frank Robb, an inventory for the slides prepared by Robb and a letter from Robb to Fred McGuiness regarding the slides and memories of Brandon ca. 1950s.

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| Notes:            | Description by Christy Henry.  |
| Name Access:      | Albert Hepinstall<br>John Bojarski<br>Frank Robb<br>Doreen Walton (nee Rookes)<br>Lily Harrison  |
| Subject Access:   | B.J. Hales Museum<br>Brandon 75th Anniversary<br>Brandon Camera Club<br>Royal Beardedde Ballet<br>ladies' auxiliary<br>First United Church<br>School District of Brandon No. 129<br>flooding<br>summer fair<br>T.A. Neelin High School<br>Vincent Massey High School<br>dam<br>Experimental farm<br>Bedford Drive<br>Souris' swinging bridge<br>Highway No. 1 by-pass<br>School Teacher night classes<br>18th Street |
| Storage Location: | 2007 accessions  |
| Storage Range:    | 2007 accessions  |
| Arrangement:      | Original order and numbering system.   |