

# S. J. McKee Archives



## Robert Troy Blair fonds

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13300>

Part Of: RG 1 Brandon College fonds  
Description Level: Sub-series  
Accession Number: 18-2013  
GMD: multiple media  
Date Range: September 1950 - June 1954  
Physical Description: 2 scrapbooks (7.5 cm)  
Physical Condition: Excellent

Robert (Bob) Troy Blair was born on March 11, 1930 in Brandon, MB. His first six years were spent in Alexander, MB, where his father and uncle operated a grocery store. In 1936, his family moved to Souris, MB, where his father ran a grocery store. Blair received his primary and high school education, with the exception of Grade 12, in Souris.

Blair remembers his school years in Souris as mainly happy years. He was involved with both piano and organ music lessons. he was never interested in physical sports with the exception of golf. World War II broke out in September of 1939. Souris became the site of #17 SFTS and home base for the British Commonwealth Air Training Plan. Many of the service men came from England, Australia and New Zealand. Blair's mother always entertained at least two for dinner every Sunday. Rationing of sugar, tea and coffee, butter and meat became a way of life. Blair had the job every Saturday of pasting the ration coupons into booklets. It was also when he was in Grade 6, that Blair realized he was more attracted to boys than to girls. Perhaps it was because so many attractive airmen surrounded him!

In November of 1947, the Blair family relocated to Alexander where Bob Blair finished his Grade 11. This was not a good year due to bullying. In September of 1948, Blair moved to Winnipeg to attend United College for his Grade 12. Upon completion of Grade 12, Blair remained in Winnipeg until June 1950. he worked at a number of businesses - Gestetner, Eaton's Mail Order shoe department, Maple Leaf Milling, and the drug store in the Medical Arts Building. In September 1950, he entered Brandon College. Blair was very active in extra-curricular affairs while at Brandon College; particularly drama. Following his B.A. he enrolled in the Education Faculty, having decided to become a teacher.

Blair's teaching career spanned 34 years. All but one year was spent in the Brandon School Division. On his first day of teaching in the Division he met the man with whom he would spend the next 46 years. He was primarily a teacher of English and Music. A highlight of his career was exchange teaching in Sacramento, California in 1961. Orientation for exchange took place in August in Washington, D.C., where Blair had the opportunity to meet President J.F. Kennedy. He vividly recalls the morning that JFK was assassinated on November 22, 1963. In September 1965, Blair assumed the principalship of Park School and in September of 1969, the same position at George Fitton School where he remained until his retirement in 1989. He was a member of the Brandon Principals' Association, the National Association of Elementary School Principals, and served as President of the Brandon Teachers' Association. Among his major accomplishments during his time as principal were the introduction of a centralized school library in both Park and George Fitton Schools and the integration of special needs students into regular classroom situations wherever possible. He was made a Life Member of the Manitoba Teachers' Society (Brandon) in June 1990. Following his retirement Blair worked as a Library Automation Consultant (1989-1993).

Blair also had numerous community involvements during his time in Brandon. he was active in the Brandon Little Theatre (Best Actor Award, Manitoba Drama Festival for One Act Plays in 1963), the Brandon Festival of the Arts, the Eckhardt-Gramatte National Music Competition, and Arm Industries to name a few.

Following the death of his partner in 2001, Blair moved to Saskatoon to live with a younger gay couple. He has been active in volunteerism: as an Ambassador for the Saskatoon Airport Authority, assistant with the Saskatoon Health Region's Immunization Clinics, information clerk for the Festival of Trees, data entry clerk for the Saskatoon Music Festival, on the Board of the Saskatoon Jazz Society, and Hospitality Coordinator for the Saskatoon Jazz Festival.

As of October 2013, Bob Blair continues to live in Saskatoon, SK.

Custodial History:

Records were in Blair's possession until he donated them to the McKee Archives on Homecoming weekend October 2013.

Scope and Content:

Fonds consists of two scrapbooks containing 145 photographs and ephemera (play and graduation programs, tickets, pins, newspaper clippings) documenting Bob Blair's days at Brandon College. Social events and extra-curricular activities are heavily featured in the two scrapbooks. Also included are graduation portraits for the Classes of 1951, 1952 and 1953. Of the 145 photographs all are black and white except for two photos of the Class of '53 reconconvocation (May 1993), and one from the Class of '53 reunion (2003).

Notes: History/Bio provided by Bob Blair (October 2013).

Name Access: Brandon College  
Angus Jackson  
Pat Magnacca  
Freshie Week  
Senior Stick  
Lady Stick  
Harvest Cabaret  
Sigma Mu  
Glee Club  
Bob Blair  
Jack Yeomans  
Walter Dinsdale  
Don Cronk  
Bob McPherson  
Lorne Watson  
Marg Sanderson  
Hazel Turnbull  
Claudia Dickey  
Gordon Bradley  
Terry Prysiazniuk  
Diane Lissaman  
Joan Garnett  
Doris Penstock  
Dianne Macdonald  
Ivey Graham  
Joyce Pickard  
Cathy Crawford  
Robertta Wilkie  
Marie Kullberg  
Isabel Lyon  
Shirley Pryce  
J.R.C. Evans  
Marjorie Kyles  
Jo Thordarson  
Ross George

Edward Perry  
Ernest Birkinshaw  
Barney Thordarson  
Fall Formal  
Variety Night  
Installation Night  
Paul McKinnon  
The Saga of Brandon  
Bill White  
Ron Bell  
Jerry Jerret  
Rosa Ziolkowski  
Murray Smith  
Class of 1951  
Harold Moffat  
Bill Sutherland  
Murray Coulthard  
Frank Adamski  
John McLean  
Jack Medd  
Jack Muir  
Bill Fraser  
Ken Morrison  
Clifford Kitson  
Ray Brown  
Mike Doig  
Ernie Shaw  
Jack Scott  
Doreen Dennison  
Lois Kennedy  
Lorna Prokaska  
Ferne Henderson  
Doreen Fedoruk  
Marg Leckie  
Freshie Parade  
Helen Batho  
Fred Calverly  
Jim Crawford  
Verda Peden  
Olga Evasko  
Betty Finch  
Fred Schwarok  
Jim Struthers  
Muriel Bedford  
John Brown

Freshie Royalty  
Booster Night  
Mary Jane Sexton  
Marilyn Rust  
Mildred McMurray  
Mary-Jane MacLachlan  
George Leask  
George Jakubowski  
Jack Purvis  
My Sister Eileen  
Edith Laycock  
Ivey Robbins  
Ken Campbell  
Mac Andrews  
Marion Simmons  
Arnold Minish  
Madeline Irving  
Ernie Criddle  
Don Dillistone  
Gordon Hunter  
Cathy Nelson  
Jim Kelleher  
Anne Kelleher  
Neil McKellar  
Ron Doupe  
Bruce Watson  
Neil MacKay  
Peter Prokaska  
Roger Ramsden  
Bill Bridgett  
Graham Hunt  
John Muirhead  
David Brodie  
Murray MacDonald  
Dr. Kidd  
Cam Finlay  
Blair MacRae  
Donna McPhail  
Louise Hoey  
Agnes Nicholson  
Jean Allan  
Joan Urie  
Royce Richardson  
Don Rousell  
Bill Black

Ken McNeeley  
Rosalie Prokopchuk  
Jean Morrison  
Jacice Forrest  
Fuzz Fedoruk  
Brian Davison  
Joan MacLachlan  
First International Relations Club Conference  
Minot Teachers' College  
International Peace Gardens  
Bruce McIlroy  
Jean Shingfield  
Campaign Week  
Sigma Mu Dance  
Arnold Wawruch  
Jack Meyers  
Jack Hilton  
Bev Francis  
Bert Gogol  
Dick McDonald  
Frank McKinnon  
Stuart Craig  
John Blackwood  
Norman Hedison  
Bob Hilton  
John Minions  
Kay Oliver  
Mary Jane MacLachlan  
Ben Ward  
Ken Gunning  
Trevor McNeely  
Hilton Stewart  
Jerry Graham  
Bette Mitchell  
Joan Curlock  
Faye Myers  
Jean Hannah  
Mary Babuick  
Mr. College Spirit  
John Augustus McGee  
Don Dillstone  
Flora Johnson  
Del Gusdal  
Color Night  
Don Burrows

Jim Casey Trophy  
Marj Kyles  
Prince Edward Hotel  
Class Day  
Dahl Harvey  
Shirley Mitchell  
Al Burton  
Irving Bateman  
Joyce Marie Thordarson  
Eileen McFadden  
Patricia Pope  
Louise Astle  
Ariel Genik  
Western Canada Student Teacher Conference  
Brandon College Glee Club  
Be Your Age  
Ike Prokaska  
Joan Hilton  
Fred Lynch  
Garth Kidd  
Ivy Robbins  
Joyce Dunham  
Shirley Popple  
Grand March  
Westley Wong  
Stewart Perdue  
H.V. Kidd  
J.E.M. Young  
Adelene Bailey  
Mrs. Evans  
Dennis Anderson  
Stanley Knowles  
Edward Schreyer  
Lou Visentin

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| Subject Access:   | <p>Student government</p> <p>initiations</p> <p>student activities</p> <p>dances</p> <p>basketball</p> <p>talent shows</p> <p>drama productions</p> <p>major productions</p> <p>Hockey</p> <p>graduations</p> <p>programs</p> <p>parades</p> <p>dorm rooms</p> <p>student housing</p> <p>literary "B's"</p> <p>college letters</p> <p>class flags</p> <p>banquets</p> |
| Storage Location: | 2013 accessions                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |



## Marionne Scott fonds

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions8854>

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|----------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| Part Of:                   | RG 1 Brandon College fonds              |
| Description Level:         | Sub-series                              |
| Series Number:             | MG 2 2.29                               |
| Accession Number:          | 23-2008, 3-2009                         |
| GMD:                       | multiple media                          |
| Date Range:                | 1926-1934; 1941                         |
| Physical Description:      | 1 photograph album<br>1 graduate's book |
| Physical Condition:        | Very good                               |
| History /<br>Biographical: |                                         |

Marion (Marionne) Louise Scott was born January 13, 1913 at Ste. S, Parkview Block, Brandon, MB to Annie Louisa Lawson and David Henry (Harry) Scott. She attended St. Michael's Academy and Brandon College (Arts, Class of 1933), graduating with a teaching certificate. At some point following her graduation she moved to Toronto, living with her Aunt and Uncle Olive and Keith Murphy, while working for Massey Harris. Eventually Marionne became Private Secretary to the president James Duncan. She also worked with E.P. Taylor and Colonel Phillips during her duration with the company.

Marionne met her husband Robert (Roy) Warden Jamieson through friends at the Parkdale Canoe Club, which is now the Boulevard Club on Lakeshore Avenue in Toronto. They were married on December 26, 1944. Following their retirement, Marionne and Roy spent their winters in Florida.



Marionne Scott Jamieson died on July 20, 1990 in Mississauga Ontario. Both she and her husband are buried in Park Lawn Cemetery at Bloor Street and Prince Edward Drive in west Toronto.

A number of the individuals identified in the photographs are members of Marionne's extended family or friends. Basic biographical information for both side of her family are below. Additional biographical information on the Lawson and Scott families is available at the McKee Archives.

Maternal relatives:

William Lawson was born c. 1849 in Markham Township, Ontario where his parents had settled from England. In September 1875 he married Alice Brunskill (born c. 1854) in Buttonville, Ontario. The couple settled on a farm at Aurora, Ontario before come west in 1892. Lawson and his family settled in the Hayfield district south of Brandon where he farmed until c. 1916. During his farming years, Lawson made a number of trips to Scotland and Ireland for the Manitoba government to secure immigrants. After retiring from farming, Lawson became an agent for the Manufacturers' Life Insurance Company. Lawson's brother, Reverend Thomas Lawson, organized the first Methodist congregation in Brandon.

William Lawson and Alice Brunskill had seven children:

William Ernest (married Maragret Louise Conling 23/11/1904 in Souris, MB)  
Clarkson Brunskill (married Florence?)  
Annie Louisa (married David Henry (Harry) Scott 29/06/1910 in Brandon, MB)  
Alice May (married Arthur Ferrier Valens 27/06/1912 in Winnipeg, MB)  
Fred J. (married Lottie C. Gibb 18/04/1906 in Selkirk, MB)  
Frank Hill (married Cora Ethel Cunningham 11/03/1914 in Oakland)  
Olive Gertrude (married William Keith Murphy 25/12/1923 in Brandon, MB)

Paternal relatives:

David Hunter Scott was born in 1851 in Brampton, Ontario. After completing his education he became a telegraph operator and then deputy postmaster for his hometown. In 1873, he moved to Manitoba, settling at Meadow Lea, where he took up a homestead. After fifteen years engaged in farming, Scott moved on to become a representative for an implement manufacturing company. In 1892, he moved to Brandon to become manager of the Brandon Times newspaper. Four years later he founded D.H. Scott and Son, a real estate and insurance business he operated with his son David Henry until his death in September 1943.

David Hunter Scott married Anne Jane Lipsett (born 1854) of Meadow Lea, MB on May 24, 1876. Together they had ten children:

John Frederick  
Robert Wesley  
David Henry (Harry) (married Annie Louise Lawson 26/06/1910 in Brandon, MB)  
William James  
Caroline (married Christopher Russell Heise)  
Annie Louise (married Alexander Ferguson (died 1927), married Nettleton Whitby Kerr)  
Mary Emaline (married David Gordon Bawtinheimer)  
Lillian Georgina (died August 9, 1931)  
Josiah Aikens (died during World War I)  
Reginald Jacob (married Norma May Hughes 16/08/1915 (Reginald died during World War I))

#### Custodial History:

The photograph album and graduate's book were sent to Alumni Relations by Ruth L. Murphy on March 31, 2004. Both items had been in the possession of Marionne Scott, passing to her husband Robert Jamieson upon her death. When Jamieson died the items came into the possession of Ruth Murphy, whose husband was Marionne's first cousin. Carla Eisler, Alumni Relations, transferred the photograph album to the Archives on January 15, 2008, and the graduate book on January 8, 2009.

#### Scope and Content:

Fonds consists of a photograph album created by Marionne Scott. The majority of the photographs cover the period 1926-1933, and are of family members, friends, and classmates at both St. Michael's Academy and Brandon College. They were taken in Brandon and at a number of other locations that Marionne visited. There are three loose photographs, taken by R.M. Coleman, that were taken at the wedding of Vivian Eva? and Reginald Stanley Stark, June 7th, 1941 at St. Matthews Cathedral and the Prince Edward Hotel.

The graduate's book consists of notes, signatures, newsclippings, photographs, programs, convocation documents, graduation cards, reunion descriptions and the 1932 general information booklet for Brandon College.

Notes: History/Bio information taken from the Brandon Daily Sun, the 1901 and 1911 Canadian Census, the Manitoba Vital Statistics website, and the Brandon Cemetery website. Additional biographical information provided by Ruth Murphy. Description by Christy Henry.

Name Access: Esther Magdalene Moore  
Brandon College  
St. Michael's Academy  
Windsor Golf course  
Eleanor Wrye  
Katherine Harvey  
Marg Harvey  
Betty Harvey  
Helen Jamieson  
Marionne Scott  
Dot McArdle  
Teddy McArdle  
Parkview Steps  
Leta Valens  
David Henry (Harry) Scott  
Brandon CNR depot  
Genevieve Carey  
Vivian Muldoon  
Olive Murphy  
Brandon College tennis courts  
Winnipeg Beach  
Lake Clementi  
G. Finnegan  
Barbara Yeagar  
Boundary Park  
Noxage  
Gimili Beach

Gimili boats  
Gimili lighthouse  
Fred Lawson  
Keith Murphy  
Evelyn Lawson?  
Marg Paterson  
Madeleine Donaldson  
Kentucky Home  
Sister Raymond  
Reverend Mother Sister Madeleine  
Sister Louise  
Doug Hughes  
Curly Ross  
Charles Wilcox  
Bill Fletcher  
Dud Crawford  
George MacGregor  
Gordon MacDougal  
Amy Gainer  
Charles Campbell  
Lake Percy  
Ruth Bingham  
Marie Evans  
Jean Hitchings  
Mary Anne Maltman (Mickey)  
Thelma Stoodley  
Lois Gainer  
Helen Isobel Duncan?  
Kay Underwood  
Monte Gilchrist  
Ethel Rolston  
Jack Ellis  
Gordon Watson  
Bob Rolston  
Ruth Tully  
Alberta Griggs  
Tom Dunlop  
Mary Coutts  
Elleda Levitt  
Aud Rolston  
Mitchell fence  
Marg Buchanan  
Margaret Draper  
Brandon College rink  
Sydney Pechet

George Duncan Wilkie  
John Odin  
Erik Runehjelm?  
Robert McNeil  
Lonesome Little Dolls  
Alys Hunter  
Marg Sutton  
Alixé Ferguson  
Annie Louise Scott  
Hugh Kennedy  
Cecil Ryder  
Dot Pritchard  
Alma Cadieux  
Watrous  
Helen Hilton  
Pearl Gainer  
Manitou beach  
Anne Bacon  
Anne Lunam  
Norma James  
Edna Graham  
Peggy Bunting  
Gil Watson  
Nan Wilkinson  
Waldo Wheten  
Anne Sunam?  
Marion Champlin  
Bob Wheten  
Kermit Jones  
Bea Nicholson  
Lake Minnedosa  
Ev Ross  
Jean Bennest  
(Cordelia) Del Dunkin  
Lucille Mann  
Kay Fitzpatrick  
Ken Hall  
Jean Sutherland  
Archie McLachlan  
Herbert Watson McDowell (Waddie)  
Guelph memorial building  
Cayuga  
Brocks monument  
Laura Secord monument  
Burrell Hecock monument

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|-------------------|------------------------------------------------------|
|                   | Clarke Lawson                                        |
|                   | Dundern Castle                                       |
|                   | William Lawson                                       |
|                   | Luva Lewis' cottage                                  |
|                   | Indianola beach                                      |
|                   | McMaster University campus                           |
|                   | Wasaga beach                                         |
|                   | Fred Murphy                                          |
|                   | York Downs Golf Club                                 |
|                   | Ruth Thornton                                        |
|                   | Mayme Matthews                                       |
|                   | Kay Robertson                                        |
|                   | Amy Edwards                                          |
|                   | Gigolettes                                           |
|                   | Grace Armstrong                                      |
|                   | Grace Hopkins                                        |
|                   | Dorreene McGuinness                                  |
|                   | Eleanor McKinnon                                     |
|                   | Viola Olmstead                                       |
|                   | Florence Simpson                                     |
|                   | Ruth Wade                                            |
|                   | Charles Vernon Myers                                 |
|                   | Christina Molberg                                    |
|                   | Paul Bugg                                            |
|                   | Vivian Stark                                         |
|                   | Reginald Stanley Stark                               |
| Subject Access:   | Cappy Ricks<br>Education                             |
|                   | elephant walk                                        |
|                   | nuns                                                 |
|                   | dance revue costumes                                 |
|                   | student activities                                   |
|                   | class of 1933                                        |
|                   | Class of 1930                                        |
|                   | lit chorus                                           |
|                   | y steps                                              |
| Storage Location: | MG 2 Brandon College Students<br>2.29 Marionne Scott |



## Literary shield program costumes

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions10096>

Part Of: Ruth and Archie MacLachlan fonds

Description Level: Item

Series Number: MG 2 2.33

Item Number: 23-2009.7

Accession Number: 23-2009

GMD: graphic

Date Range: 1932-1933

Physical Description: 2.5" x 3.25" (b/w)

Custodial History:

See fonds level description for custodial history.

Scope and Content:

Photograph of (L to R): Marionne Scott (?), Agnes Lund and Ruth Thornton in costume for the Class of 1933's program in the Literary Shield competition.

Name Access: Marionne Scott  
Agnes Merle Lund  
Ruth Thornton  
Literary Shield  
Class of 1933

Subject Access: student activities  
drama  
costumes

Storage Location: RG 5 photograph storage drawer  
23-2009

Related Material: Marionne Scott fonds (MG 2 2.29)

Arrangement:

Photograph is from page five of Ruth MacLachlan's scrapbook.

### Images

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## Class of 1933 girls in costume for the literary shield

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions10098>

Part Of: Ruth and Archie MacLachlan fonds

Description Level: Item



Series Number: MG 2 2.33  
Item Number: 23-2003.5  
Accession Number: 23-2009  
GMD: graphic  
Date Range: 1932-1933  
Physical Description: 2.25" x 3.5" (b/w)  
Custodial History:

See fonds level description for custodial history.

Scope and Content:

Photograph of the girls from the Class of 1933 in costume for their program in the Literary Shield competition. Back Row (L to R): Viola Olmstead or Margaret Strachan, Marianne Scott (?), Agnes Lund, Dorothy Webb (?), Ruth Wade, Elenanor McKinnon (?), ? and Dorreene McGuinness. Front Row (L to R): Ruth Thornton, Grace Armstrong, ?, Grace Hopkins and Florence Simpson.

Name Access: Edith Louise Batho  
Dorothy Flora Webb  
Dorreene Louise McGuinness  
Ruth Alverda Wade  
Viola Olmstead  
Margaret Evelyn Strachan  
Agnes Merle Lund  
Eleanor Madeleine McKinnon  
Ruth Thornton  
Grace Armstrong  
Grace Darling Hopkins  
Florence Simpson  
Literary Shield  
Class of 1933  
Subject Access: student activities  
drama  
costumes  
Storage Location: RG 5 photograph storage drawer  
23-2009

Arrangement:

Photograph is from page five of Ruth MacLachlan's scrapbook.

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