

# S. J. McKee Archives



## Spafford family 1912

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13760>

Part Of:	Fred McGuinness collection
Description Level:	Item
Series Number:	McG 9
Item Number:	20-2009.71
Accession Number:	20-2009
GMD:	graphic
Date Range:	1912
Physical Description:	3.5" x 5.5" (b/w)
Material Details:	postcard
Physical Condition:	Postcard is stained and ripped in the right hand corner. A label is taped to the front of the postcard. The postcard has been issued.

### History /

#### Biographical:

Harry Spafford (b. 22 Oct 1888, d. 10 May 1978) was born in Holmfild, Manitoba. He married Isabella Hawking of Ninga in 1914 and the couple moved to Brandon in 1915 where they continued to reside until 1973. Harry worked as a locomotive fireman and then as an engineer with the Canadian Northern Railway (CN). While with CN, he was an active member of the Brotherhood of Local Engineers and Firemen No. 788 of Brandon. He served as an alderman in Brandon from 1928 to 1945. In 1932, Harry ran in the Manitoba by-election for Brandon as an Independent Labour candidate and lost to the Conservative member George Dinsdale. In 1952, Harry ran as a Co-Operative Commonwealth Federation (CCF) member in the provincial election and lost to Conservative party representative Reg Lissaman. Harry Spafford passed away in Burnaby, BC, and is interred in the Ocean View Cemetery. (Source: see obituary in McG 4.1 File 66)

Alva/Alvery/"Alvie" Reddell/Riddell/Ridall Spafford (b. 15 Mar 1891, d. 23 Aug 1985) was born in Enterprise, Manitoba, in the R.M. of Turtle Mountain. In 1911, he married Francis Ethel Harrison (d. 1979) in Killarney and had three children. Alvie farmed in Bannerman from 1902 to 1936, after which he moved to Boissevain to work as a Rawleigh salesman. In 1942, the family moved to Brandon where Alvie worked as a conductor with the CNR until his retirement. Alva Spafford passed away at the age of 94 at the Brandon General Hospital. His funeral was held in Killarney, Manitoba. (Source: Obituary, Brandon Sun, 23 Aug 1985)

#### Scope and Content:

Postcard is a group photograph of some of the members of the Spafford family standing on the front steps of a residence. The four women and four men are dressed in heavy coats and jackets.

Notes: Writing on the front of the postcard reads: Harry Spafford on left, Alvie Spafford in centre, Alf Spafford on extreme right, about 1910; The back of the postcard is addressed to Mrs. Alva (Francis) Spafford of Bannerman, Manitoba. Alvie Spafford has written a brief note to his wife, Francis. The postmark reads November 23, 1912, Winnipeg, Manitoba. The names Aunt Ida, -- --, Uncle Harry, Alf, and Alva are written in pen at the top of the postcard.

Name Access: Harry Spafford  
Alvie Spafford  
Alva Spafford  
Alfred Spafford

Subject Access: portraits  
cowboys  
costumes

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

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## Flora Cowan

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13861>

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection

Description Level: Item

Series Number: McG 9

Item Number: 20-2009.172

Accession Number: 20-2009

GMD: graphic

Date Range: [19--]

Physical Description: 5" x 7" (b/w)

Material Details: reproduction

History /

Biographical:

Mrs. Flora Cowan (1902-1986) was born on July 15, 1902 in Edinburgh, Scotland. She was the daughter of Adam and Helen Cruickshank and immigrated to Brandon with her parents in 1927. She married E.C. Cowan, and they had two children, Franklin and Ruth. From 1953 until Brandon College became Brandon University, she served as the Dean of Women. In 1966 she received the Good Citizenship Award of the Golden Boys of Manitoba. She was a member of the I.O.D.E. and a life-member of the International Peace Garden, and the Provincial Council of Women. From 1954 to 1970 Mrs. Cowan served as a member of the Brandon City Council and was the first woman to be appointed acting mayor. She was also the Chairman of the Board for Fairview Home, Inc. In 1967, Mrs. Cowan received the Trillium Business and Professional Club Woman of the Year Award. She was also a member of several other community committees. The women's residence at Brandon University, Flora Cowan, is named in her honour. In December 1980, Mrs. Cowan finally retired from her many positions. She died in Brandon on September 25, 1986 at the age of 84.

Scope and Content:

Photograph is a portrait of Flora Cowan

Name Access: Flora Cowan

Subject Access: portraits

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

Related Material: Trillium Business and Professional Women's Club records

Arrangement:

From 2009 loose photos, from File 13

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## Registration Day

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions1709>

Part Of: Brandon University Photograph Collection

Description Level: Item

Series Number: 6

Item Number: 6.7.8

GMD: graphic

Date Range: post-1963

Physical Description: 5.25" x 7.25" (b/w)

Physical Condition: Left side of the photograph has been trimmed.

Scope and Content:

Photograph of three female students registering as residents of the Women's Residence at Brandon University. Behind counter: Flora Cowan.

Name Access: Flora Cowan

Subject Access: registration

student activities

campus life

Storage Location: Faculty activities photo box

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