

S. J. McKee Archives



Margaret Menzies collection

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions12723>

Part Of:	MG 4 Brandon University Students
Description Level:	Collection
Accession Number:	13-2012
GMD:	multiple media
Date Range:	1959-2007; predominant 1983-2001
Physical Description:	18 cm textual records 1 photograph

History /

Biographical:

Margaret Menzies was born on July 30th, 1920, at a family farm located in Oakburn, Manitoba. She grew up on the family farm and attended school in both Oakburn and Shoal Lake. She married Donald Menzies on June 4th, 1941. Together they had four children. In 1959, the family moved to Brandon, Manitoba, where they lived for the rest of their lives.

Margaret Menzies was a longtime and active member of the International Toastmistress Club (ITC), and was also involved in the Consumers Association of Canada, Seniors for Seniors, as well as being a member of the Liberal Party of Canada and the Central United Church. Menzies did not graduate from high school in her early years, but managed to continue her education and receive a bachelor of arts degree from Brandon University at the age of 70.

Margaret Menzies passed away on June 9th, 2012.

Custodial History:

Records in the collection were brought to the S.J McKee Archives on July 13, 2012, by Gerald Brown, on behalf of the family of Margaret Menzies.

Scope and Content:

Collection contains of two scrapbooks created by Margaret Menzies. The scrapbooks contain various cards, itinerary's, and other documents associated with Menzies' membership in the International Toastmistress Club. The items in the scrapbooks date from the mid 1980's to the late 1990's.

Also included in the collection are four local history books. The first is a 100 year history of the town of Oakburn, Manitoba, from 1870 to 1970, published during celebrations of Manitoba's centennial in 1970. Next is a book about the history of the town of Shoal Lake, Manitoba, which was published in 1959 on the 50th anniversary of the founding of the town of Shoal Lake in 1909. The last two books are the first and second volumes of Ripples on the Lake, which cover the history of the Shoal Lake municipality from 1884. The first volume covers the first 100 years of the history of the Shoal Lake region, being published in 1984. The second volume was published in 2007, covering the history of Shoal Lake since 1984, as well as including new information that was not published in the 1984 version of the book.

Finally, the collection contains one photograph of Margaret Menzies receiving her bachelor of arts degree from Peter Hordern, dean of arts of Brandon University.

Notes: Biographical information provided by obituary entry in the Brandon Sun, June 16, 2012. Description by Tyler Warren (October 2012).

Name Access: Shoal Lake
Oakburn
International Toastmistress Club
Urban Acres Toastmistress Club

Subject Access: women's organizations
public relations
Leadership
communication
local histories

Storage Range: 2012 accessions

Related Material: International Toastmistress Club-Land O' Lakes Region fonds (15-2002)



Music and the Brandon Community fonds

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14430>

Part Of: MG 4 Brandon University Students

Description Level: Fonds

Accession Number: 8-2015

GMD: multiple media

Date Range: 2015

Physical Description: 5 audio recordings
1 cm textual records
6 electronic documents

Material Details: WAV files
Word documents

History /

Biographical:

Music in the Brandon Community was created by Brandon University student Richard Bee for the course Advanced Topics in Oral History. The project was conducted under advisement from Dr. Rhonda Hinthier, BU History Department. Interviews were conducted by Bee with members of the Brandon community - Bill Campbell, Elizabeth Grant, Bill and Sue-On Hillman, Ian Robinson and Bill Turner - between June 9-July 7, 2015, about their experiences in the local musical community.

Following the completion of the interviews, Bee created a transcript of the Hillman interview, at their request. Interview logs were created for all other interviews. Bee used the interviews to write an essay titled "Oral History and Community Music: A Case Study of Brandon, MB," which he submitted to Hinthier to meet course requirements.

Custodial History:

As part of the ethics approval for the project, records created were slated for donation to the SJ McKee Archives. Bee donated the materials to the McKee Archives in July 2015.

Scope and Content:

The collection consists of consent forms, interview logs, one interview transcript, a copy of Bee's case study and the six audio recordings of interviews conducted with community members.

All of the interviews detail the interviewee's experiences in and around Brandon regarding music in the community: Brent Campbell's interview discusses his life as a music teacher in Brandon, his life, and his participation in Brandon Jazz; Dr. Elizabeth Grant's interview discusses her life, her teaching career at Brandon University and her musical career, including the Brandon Conservatory Chorale, which she founded; Bill and Sue-On Hillman's interview discusses their lives individually and together, their careers, and how music influenced their lives; Ian Robinson's interview discusses the operation of Ted Good Music, his life and performances in Brandon; and Bill Turner's interview discusses his life, radio career, and the Brandon community.

Bee's case study primarily covers first-person accounts of people in the Brandon Community involved in music. It includes topics such as faculty at BU's School of Music, performance experiences, and personal experiences of interviewees in and around Brandon and Canada.

Notes:	Description by Hope Penner (September 2018) and Christy Henry
Finding Aid:	The interviews and interview logs are available in Brandon University's institutional repository, IRBU at: https://irbu.arcabc.ca/islandora/object/irbu%3ARBeeC
Storage Location:	2015 accessions, Archives server, IRBU
Related Material:	Western Manitoba Philharmonic fonds (8-2001) Brandon Folk, Music & Art Society fonds (17-2008)



Johnston and Ella McPherson and miscellaneous

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions4524>

Part Of:	Alfred Angus Murray McPherson collection
Description Level:	Box
File Number:	1.1 - 1.18
Accession Number:	21-2006
Other Numbers:	Box A
GMD:	multiple media
Date Range:	1884-1968

Scope and Content:

Contains the following files:

- 1.1 Johnston McPherson's drivers licenses and membership cards 1923-1963 (includes 2 photos)
- 1.2 Miss Ella McKay/Mrs. Johnston McPherson correspondence 1903-1919
- 1.3 Mrs. Johnston McPherson miscellaneous [1903-1968]
- 1.4 Mr. and Mrs. Johnston McPherson correspondence 1960 (includes "Story of the Brandon Hills" and "Fun and Happiness on Treasure Trail"
- 1.5 Mr. and Mrs. Johnston McPherson correspondence 1961
- 1.6 Mr. and Mrs. Johnston McPherson correspondence 1962-1963
- 1.7 (Possibly Johnston McPherson) hay account book 1902; same volume contains a travel diary
- 1.8 Johnston McPherson - Land Title (1910) and correspondence re: land purchase (1909)
- 1.9 Transcript of History of Justice, Manitoba 1956
- 1.10 Brandon Hills Busy Bees account book 1927-1934
- 1.11 Basil McDonald's land patent 1884
- 1.12 List of electors 1938
- 1.13 Brandon Hills School teacher's notebook 1927
- 1.14 List of electors in Glenwood [1915-1941] and Blanchard 1933
- 1.15 Unidentified correspondence [1902-1929]
- 1.16 Ella McPherson unsorted correspondence 1915-1952
- 1.17 Address book with newsclippings ca. 1940 (the bigger of the two address books)
- 1.18 Ella McPherson address book 1913-1939 (includes 2 photographs; was given to Ella McPherson by Ethel McPherson in 1913; the smaller of the two address books).

Storage Location: Margaret McPherson family fonds
Box 1



Wes Pentland

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions4525>

Part Of: Alfred Angus Murray McPherson collection
Description Level: Box
File Number: 2.1 - 2.12
Accession Number: 21-2006
Other Numbers: Box B
GMD: multiple media
Date Range: 1886-1951

History /

Biographical:

Thomas Elton Wesley (Wesley) Pentland, son of T.J. and Annie Isabel (McVety) Pentland, was born on October 21, 1889 in Justice, MB. He died on September 25, 1981 in Brandon, MB. Wesley married Harriet Mary Brownell on April 14, 1942 in Winnipeg, MB. They had no children.

Scope and Content:

Contains the following files:

- 2.1 Income tax forms 1939
- 2.1a Wes Pentland correspondence 1911-1917
- 2.2 Moore/Thomas deed of land 1886-1906
- 2.3 Postcards ca.1900 - ca.1910
- 2.4 Correspondence 1911-1946
- 2.5 Oil leases (Rio Bravo, Canadian Superior, Imperior) 1949-1950
- 2.6 Livestock records 1947-1951
- 2.7 Orange Lodge speech and visitations [1939]; dividend certificates 1939
- 2.8 Automobile club membership 1937-1944
- 2.9 Life insurance documents 1919-1945
- 2.10 Mortgage documents 1914-1922
- 2.11 School records [1911-1913]
- 2.12 Mrs. Wes Pentland (Harriet) fur insurance policy 1948

Notes: Part of the Alfred Angus Murray McPherson collection.
Storage Location: Alfred Angus Murray McPherson collection
Box 1



Wes Pentland; Elton municipality; reeve; school board

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions4526>

Part Of: Alfred Angus Murray McPherson collection

Description Level: Box

File Number: 3.1 - 3.24

Accession Number: 21-2006

Other Numbers: Box C

GMD: multiple media

Date Range: [19--] - 1980

History /

Biographical:

For biographical information on Wes Pentland, see the description for Box 2 of the Alfred Angus Murray McPherson collection.

Scope and Content:

Contains the following files:

- 3.1 Permit books 1951-1978 (missing 1971-1973)
- 3.2 Tax bills 1971-1980 (missing 1973)
- 3.3 House material costs
- 3.4 Carberry town planning 1961
- 3.5 Boundary hearing 1967
- 3.6 Manitoba Pool Elevators 1955-1962
- 3.7 Brandon General Hospital 1978-1979
- 3.8 Elton School - financial records 1960-1967
- 3.9 Elton schools 1961-1963
- 3.10 Pictures of Justice (located at the back of the box)
- 3.11 Hutterites 1957
- 3.12 Talks and debates ca.1923 - ca.1933
- 3.13 Elton-Cornwallis Joint Planning Commission 1968
- 3.14 Elton planning schemes 1970-1971
- 3.15 Manitoba Hospital Commission 1969
- 3.16 Farm expenses 1952, 1978-1979
- 3.17 School plans for Fraserwood and a Winnipeg school (blueprints)
- 3.18 Elton larger school area information 1959-1969
- 3.19 Elton (municipal records?) 1938-1964
- 3.20 Elton agricultural records 1924-1955
- 3.21 Wes Pentland photographs [n.d. (ca. 1970s?)]
- 3.22 Wes Pentland miscellaneous (lease, land analysis, Elton history) 1966, 1979
- 3.23 Letter from Clare Pentland re: hutterites 1957
- 3.24 Income tax 1940-1950 (2 files)

Notes: Part of the Alfred Angus Murray McPherson collection.
Storage Location: Alfred Angus Murray McPherson collection
Box 2



McPherson scrapbooks

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions4535>

Part Of: Alfred Angus Murray McPherson collection
Description Level: Box
File Number: 12.1 - 12.7
Accession Number: 21-2006
Other Numbers: Box L
GMD: multiple media
Date Range: 1879 - ca.1947
Physical Description: File 12.6 is very fragile and has some water damage that has warped the pages, but hasn't damaged the clippings.
Physical Condition: 12.5 cm

History /

Biographical:

For biographical information on Angus and Ethel McPherson see the description for Box 6 of the Alfred Angus Murray McPherson collection. For biographical information on Annie I. McVety (Pentland) see the description for Box 10 of the Alfred Angus Murray McPherson collection.

Scope and Content:

Contains the following files:

12.1 Angus McPherson album (clippings, poems, etc.) - MISSING

12.2 Ethel McPherson scrapbook 1920-1942

12.3 Ethel McPherson scrapbook 1942-1947

12.4 Ethel McPherson scrapbook 1941-1954 (loose entries)

12.5 Ethel McPherson scrapbook (loose entries)

12.6 Annie I. McVitie scrapbook (poems etc. on an old school register)

12.7 Annie I. McVitie poetry 1879

Notes: Part of the Alfred Angus Murray McPherson collection.

Storage Location: Alfred Angus Murray McPherson collection
Box 10



Alfred Angus Murray McPherson collection miscellaneous

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions4536>

Part Of: Alfred Angus Murray McPherson collection

Description Level: Box

File Number: 13.1 - 13.8

Accession Number: 21-2006

Other Numbers: Box M

GMD: multiple media

Date Range: 1883-1952

Physical Description: 25 cm

Scope and Content:

Contains the following files:

13.1 Georgina McPherson newspaper clippings 1897-1949 (arranged by Margaret McPherson in 1952)

13.2 Angus McPherson autograph album 1901

13.3 Ella McKay McPherson 1903

13.4 Jessie Sellers autograph album 1883

13.5 Postcard albums [early 1900's] - some are loose

13.6 Souvenir cards and photo album

13.7 Angus and Ethel McPherson photograph album 1909-1915

13.8 Photograph album [turn of the 20th century] - many of the photographs appear to be of Roseland, B.C.

Notes: Part of the Alfred Angus Murray McPherson collection.

Storage Location: Alfred Angus Murray McPherson collection

Box 10 (13.1)

Box 11 (13.2 - 13.8)