

# S. J. McKee Archives



## Brandon College Platoon

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14257>

Part Of: Joseph H. Hughes collection  
Creator: Photographer: Davidson Studio  
Description Level: Item  
Series Number: 3-1997.1  
Item Number: 3-1997.1.66  
Accession Number: 3-1997  
Other Numbers: Hughes #81  
GMD: graphic  
Date Range: 1916  
Physical Description: 13.5" x 10.5" (b/w)  
Material Details: on matting  
Physical Condition: Photograph beginning to separate from matting  
History /  
Biographical:

Brandon College established a Canadian Officer Training Corps (COTC) program in 1916 and had enough students for a platoon that would join the 196th Western Universities Battalion's B Company. COTC logs for in the SJ McKee Archives show that at least 40 men regularly attended classes on campus during the 1916 winter term.

The Brandon Daily Sun published the names of 60 potential platoon recruits before they headed to Camp Hughes to train in the summer of 1916. Although Lt. J.R.C. Evans spearheaded the training of the COTC enlistees at Brandon College, he was found medically unfit for overseas service. In his stead, the son of the college's founder, Lt. William Carey McKee, lead the platoon to Camp Hughes where they joined the 196th Battalion. Of the 60 recruits identified in the local paper, 20 would not survive the war, including Lt. McKee. [ST/2016]

### Scope and Content:

Photograph shows a group of 40 men wearing WWI uniforms. The men have the Canada general service cap badge on their headdress. The officer in the centre of the group (i.e., the man with the cane) is J.R.C. Evans. The group of men are likely members of the first Brandon College Platoon, which joined the 196th Western Universities Battalion.

Name Access: J.R.C. Evans  
Subject Access: portraits  
First World War  
Great War  
Storage Location: Hughes oversize drawer  
Related Material: Daly House Museum  
The Clark Hall Scrapbook

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## Sarah Persis Johnson

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions9029>

Part Of: Maureen Johnson collection

Description Level: Item

Series Number: 10-2009

Item Number: 10-2009.17

Accession Number: 10-2009

GMD: graphic

Date Range: c. 1915

Physical Description: 865 x 1200 (175 KB)

Material Details: JPEG

History /

Biographical:

For biographical information on Sarah Persis Darrach see RG 1 Brandon College fonds, Series 9: Clark Hall women's residence.

Custodial History:

See collection level description of the Maureen Johnson collection (10-2009) for custodial history.

Scope and Content:

Portrait of Sarah Persis Johnson in military dress.

Notes: The photograph is signed "S. Persis Johnson."

Name Access: Sarah Persis Darrach

Subject Access: First World War

World War I

military

nursing

Storage Location: T:\Library\Archives\Shared.02\photos\2009 Accessions

Related Material: RG 1 Brandon College fonds, Series 9: Clark Hall women's residence

MG 1 1.9 Sarah Persis Darrach fonds

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## Maureen Johnson collection

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions9012>

Part Of:	RG 5 Western Manitoba Manuscript Collection
Description Level:	Collection
Accession Number:	10-2009, 14-2009
GMD:	multiple media
Date Range:	1908-c.1965; predominant 1915-1921
Physical Description:	32 photographs 1 sound recording 2 cm textual records
Material Details:	17 photographs are digital records
History / Biographical:	

Maureen Johnson (nee Sills) was born in Brandon, MB in 1936 and grew up in western Manitoba. She spent three years in Ethiopia (1958-1961) and two years in Houston, Texas before taking up permanent residence in Winnipeg, MB. She attended Brandon College in 1953-1954, living in the Tower Room of Clark Hall.

From 1960-1979, Johnson raised her family, volunteered in the St. Vital community and was Secretary to the Manitoba Schools Science Symposium (1973-1977). She worked in the Office of the President at the University of Manitoba from 1980 to 1996.

Johnson is a visual artist and photographer, and is a member of the Winnipeg Sketch Club, Manitoba Society of Artists and Winnipeg South Photo Club. Her work is on permanent display at Medea Gallery ([www.medeagallery.ca](http://www.medeagallery.ca)) where she has been a member since 1985. She also has work in the Rental Program at the Winnipeg Art Gallery.

For biographical information on Sarah Persis Darrach see RG 1 Brandon College fonds, Series 9: Clark Hall women's residence.

#### Custodial History:

The original photographs in accession 10-2009 are in the custody of Maureen Johnson in Winnipeg, MB. Copies were digitally scanned by Johnson and sent to the Archives in March 2009. The 1921 photographs of Brandon College students were given to Johnson by Eileen McKenzie, her aunt, who attended Brandon College at that time. The photos of Sarah Persis Darrach (Johnson's great-aunt and maternal grandmother's sister) are from her family albums.

All of the records in accession 14-2009, except for the 1920 Quill and the Clark Hall Rules 1912, were collected by Johnson during her time at Brandon College. The Quill issue belonged to Johnson's aunt Eileen McKenzie, a student at Brandon College in the early 1920s. The records were in Johnson's possession at her home until their donation to the McKee Archives in May 2009.

#### Scope and Content:

Accession 10-2009 consists of seventeen digital photographs. Seven photographs are of Sarah Persis Darrach (nee Johnson), taken primarily during her time as a nursing sister during World War I. Two photographs are of Eileen McKenzie. The remaining photographs depict students and student activities at Brandon College in the early 1920s.

Accession 14-2009 consists of a copy of the sound recording and program for Mr. College Spirit, a musical comedy presented by the Brandon College Literary Board and written by James Struthers and Kenneth Gunning. Accession also includes fifteen photographs from 1953-1954, when Johnson attended Brandon College. Subjects include: Freshie King and Queen; Graduation Banquets (1955, 1956); senior and lady sticks; Jim Casey Trophy; Grand March 1954; Capettes basketball team 1954; Glee Club 1953; Variety Night - Men's Chorus; Caps Football Team; Caps Hockey Team 1954; Cheerleaders 1954; Caps Basketball 1954; and Touques.

Textual records include graduation banquet and commencement programs, news clippings, programs for Variety Night and Be Your Age, a list of football cheers and a copy of the Fall Number of the 1920 Quill. Textual records also include two color photocopies: Clark Hall Rules 1912 and Johnson's Arts and Science Departments, Brandon College Registration card.

Notes:	History/Bio information and Custodial History provided by Maureen Johnson (April 2009). A review of the play, written by Kay Rowe, appeared in the March 6, 1953 issue of the Quill.
Name Access:	Sarah Persis Darrach Eileen McKenzie Brandon College Brandon General Hospital
Subject Access:	World War I First World War student activities snowshoeing
Location Original:	Maureen Johnson (Winnipeg)
Storage Location:	T:\Library\Archives\Shared.02\photos\2009 Accessions
Related Material:	RG 1 Brandon College fonds, Series 9: Clark Hall women's residence MG 1 1.9 Sarah Persis Darrach fonds MG 2 2.4 James Struthers fonds



## England

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions9027>

Part Of: Maureen Johnson collection

Description Level: Item

Series Number: 10-2009

Item Number: 10-2009.15

Accession Number: 10-2009

GMD: graphic

Date Range: c. 1915

Physical Description: 757 x 1046 (180 KB)

Material Details: JPEG

History /

Biographical:

For biographical information on Sarah Persis Darrach see RG 1 Brandon College fonds, Series 9: Clark Hall women's residence.

Custodial History:

See collection level description of the Maureen Johnson collection (10-2009) for custodial history.

Scope and Content:

Group photograph of four nurses and one male military officer standing in front of a brick building in England where Sarah Persis Johnson was stationed. Johnson is standing on the far right.

Name Access: Sarah Persis Darrach

Subject Access: First World War

World War I

military

nursing

medical

Storage Location: T:\Library\Archives\Shared.02\photos\2009 Accessions

Related Material: RG 1 Brandon College fonds, Series 9: Clark Hall women's residence

MG 1 1.9 Sarah Persis Darrach fonds

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## France

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions9028>

Part Of: Maureen Johnson collection

Description Level: Item

Series Number: 10-2009

Item Number: 10-2009.16

Accession Number: 10-2009

GMD: graphic

Date Range: c. 1915

Physical Description: 1200 x 975 (316 KB)

Material Details: JPEG

History /

Biographical:

For biographical information on Sarah Persis Darrach see RG 1 Brandon College fonds, Series 9: Clark Hall women's residence.

Custodial History:

See collection level description of the Maureen Johnson collection (10-2009) for custodial history.

Scope and Content:

Group photograph of twelve men, most dressed as civilians, and Sarah Persis Johnson in front of the Ward 18 building.

Notes: The building in this photograph may be the same building the Christmas in France (10-2009.14) photograph was taken.

Name Access: Sarah Persis Darrach

Subject Access: First World War

World War I

military

nursing

medical

Storage Location: T:\Library\Archives\Shared.02\photos\2009 Accessions

Related Material: RG 1 Brandon College fonds, Series 9: Clark Hall women's residence  
MG 1 1.9 Sarah Persis Darrach fonds

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## Christmas in France

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions9026>

Part Of: Maureen Johnson collection

Description Level: Item

Series Number: 10-2009

Item Number: 10-2009.14

Accession Number: 10-2009

GMD: graphic

Date Range: c. 1915

Physical Description: 1200 x 748 (220 KB)

Material Details: JPEG

History /

Biographical:

For biographical information on Sarah Persis Darrach see RG 1 Brandon College fonds, Series 9: Clark Hall women's residence.

Custodial History:

See collection level description of the Maureen Johnson collection (10-2009) for custodial history.

Scope and Content:

Photograph shows staff and possibly patients gathered around a dining table at Christmas.

The table is located in the hospital building. Other patients are visible in their beds. Sarah

Persis Johnson is standing second from the front on the right side of the table.

Name Access: Sarah Persis Darrach

Subject Access: First World War

World War I

military

nursing

medical

hospital

Storage Location: T:\Library\Archives\Shared.02\photos\2009 Accessions

Related Material: RG 1 Brandon College fonds, Series 9: Clark Hall women's residence

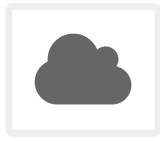
MG 1 1.9 Sarah Persis Darrach fonds

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## Gerry Beaubier collection

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13541>

Part Of: RG 5 Western Manitoba Manuscript Collection  
Description Level: Collection  
Accession Number: 11-2013  
GMD: electronic records  
Date Range: 1916-1917  
Physical Description: 35 digital photographs  
Material Details: JPEGs

### History /

#### Biographical:

Gerry Beaubier was born in Wainwright, Alberta to Beatty and Babe Beaubier. He completed his high school in Saskatoon, before receiving a BSc in Geography from Brandon University.

Before attending university Gerry served in the army as a special reserve, while working as a night clerk at the Bessborough Hotel in Saskatoon. His post-graduate career consisted primarily of work for Canada Agriculture, under the PFRA Branch (Prairie Farm Rehabilitation Administration). Later he would work as an Executive Manager, helping develop forage and range management programs for several post secondary schools, including, Assiniboine Community College, as well as schools in Red Deer, Lethbridge, and Saskatoon.

Gerry Beaubier married Joyce Abercrombie, of Saskatoon. Together they had two sons: Neil and Dean. Neil, an Account Advisor for the Royal Bank, was born in Regina, and currently works in Swift Current. Dean was born in Swift Current, received his PhD in Education and currently lives in Forrest working at Elton Collegiate.

The Beaubiers, who were originally from Ireland, emigrated to the Canadian West, making Gerry part of the fourth generation of his family to call the region home. His great-grandfather, along with his grandfather and great uncle were amongst the first one hundred settlers in Brandon. Together they first built the Beaubier House, a boarding house for early settlers and travellers. After it burnt down they began construction on the Beaubier Hotel, which stood at the corner of 8th Street and Princess Avenue in Brandon until August 17th, 2008. His grandfather, David Wilson Beaubier, continued to build and operate hotels throughout the prairies, including the Empire Hotels (of Brandon and Saskatoon) and The Park (Moose Jaw).

David Wilson Beaubier served as a secretary of the Orange Lodge of Manitoba. As an Orange Lodge Colonel, he worked with other Orange Lodge members, to recruit throughout the prairies for the purpose of World War One. For his efforts, David was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel, and later Captain of the 99th Manitoba Rangers. David's sons (Gerry's father, at University of Manitoba, and uncle at McGill), were both working towards undergraduate degrees when war broke out in 1914, and each would leave school to join their father at Camp Hughes.

#### Custodial History:

Gerry Beaubier collected these photos primarily in the years 2000-2011, largely from family and friends who knew of his interest in the topic. They were donated to the S.J. McKee Archives in 2011.

#### Scope and Content:

Collection consists of digital photographs of those who trained for battle in World War I at Camp Hughes and in Brandon, Manitoba. It also includes a digital copy of the cover of the Nominal Roll of Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers and Men, who departed from Brandon in 1917.

The photos, taken primarily at Camp Hughes, are of a number of battalions, including the 34th, 100th, 108th, 181st and 214th. The photo, PT in England, is a postcard sent home from Beaty Beaubier. The Massey Harris building seen on the right side of, WW1 B parade0001, was used to house troops throughout the war. The man standing alone at the front of the parade in, 181 Parade, is David Wilson Beaubier.

Notes: Information for the biographical and custodial histories was provided by Gerry Beaubier on September 25, 2013. Description by Dustin Lane (October 2013).

Name Access: Gerald Beaubier  
Gerry Beaubier  
Beaubier family  
Camp Hughes  
Brandon, MB  
Lieut. D. Slein  
Capt. C. Smith  
Capt. J. Strong  
Capt. Ridgeway  
Lieut. W. Smith  
Lieut. T. Williams  
Lieut. H. Craig  
Capt. S.R. Wallace  
Lieut. D.H. Beaubier  
David Wilson Beaubier  
Capt. E.L. Abbott  
Major E.R.C. Wilcox  
Major N.F. McCahey  
Lt.-Col. Sutherland  
Lt.-Col. Foster  
Major Lawless  
Major Collier  
Capt. J.D. Young  
Capt. A.E. Vanderpump  
Capt. J.E. West  
Capt. Munro  
Lieut. Watson  
Lieut. Johnstone  
Lieut. McIntosh  
Lieut. Cherry  
Lieut. Bryan  
Lieut. J.L. Evans  
Lieut. J. Kavanaugh

Lieut. I. Vipond  
Capt. Rutherford  
Lieut. Cluff  
Capt. Maples  
Lieut. Lane  
Lieut. E.C. Whitehead  
Lieut. R. Carleton  
Lieut. B.F. Beaubier  
Fincher  
Lieut. Beaver  
Lieut. McCool  
Lieut. A.P. Milk  
Lieut. Joseph Hardy  
Lieut. K. Spencer  
Lieut. J. Faulkner  
Lieut. F. Keall  
181st Battalion  
181st Brandon Overseas Battalion Band  
A. Gov. Lines 108th  
No. 13 Platoon 108th Battalion  
184th Battalion  
34th Fort Garry  
100th Battalion  
214th Battalion  
108th Signallers  
Stretcher Bearer Section 108th  
Machine Gun Section 108th Battalion  
181st Brandon Overseas Battalion

Subject Access:	armed forces military personnel barracks public ceremonies downtown historic sites railroads military services parades regional parks passenger trains Veterans railway stations train stations restaurants food services war World War I World War One First World War The Great War
Storage Location:	T: drive/shared 02/web photos