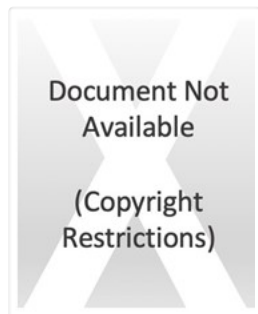


S. J. McKee Archives



The Brandon Sun

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13662>

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| Other Title Info: | Title based on the contents of the subseries |
| Part Of: | Fred McGuinness collection |
| Description Level: | Sub-series |
| Series Number: | McG 2.2 |
| Accession Number: | 1-2015 |
| GMD: | textual records |
| Date Range: | c. 1966 - 2010 |
| Physical Description: | Approximately 63.5 cm of textual records |

History /

Biographical:

In November 1966, McGuinness was hired as vice-president to the Brandon Sun. He moved to Brandon with his family and had a career with the paper until his death in 2011. During his years with the Sun, McGuinness wrote a tri-weekly "Sunbeams" (sometimes spelled "Sun Beams") column using the nom-de-plume F.A. [Fifth And] Rosser. Sunbeams was similar to McGuinness' "Lighthouse" column for The Medicine Hat News; commenting on a variety of current events, Sunbeams also included book reviews, local events, and reminiscences.

Upon his retirement in January 1987, McGuinness was made publisher emeritus of the Brandon Sun. A week after his retirement, he began writing a new column for the Sun, called the "Diary." Initially a bi-weekly column, which was made into a weekly column in 2009, McGuinness continued writing the "Diary" until his hospitalization in 2010. The Diary column was primarily a historical retrospective of Brandon, although it also touched on broader topics of interest to McGuinness during the time period.

Custodial History:

Accession 1-2015 contains records created and collected over the course of McGuinness' career as a newspaper journalist and freelance writer. The Estate of Fred McGuinness donated the materials to the SJ McKee Archives circa 2011. The Archives accessioned the records in 2015.

Scope and Content:

The subseries contains records created and collected by Fred McGuinness during his time as a journalist, editor, and freelance writer with the Brandon Sun. The records consist of scrapbooks of Sunbeams columns, Sunbeam drafts, Diary drafts, article proofs, column research, and correspondence.

Notes: Readers' correspondence pertaining to McGuinness' time with the Brandon Sun can be found in Fred McGuinness' personal papers, subseries McG 1.2 Correspondence. Possible research for his Sunbeam and Diary columns may be found in McG 4.1 Local history research and McG 2.3 Neighborly News (File 3)

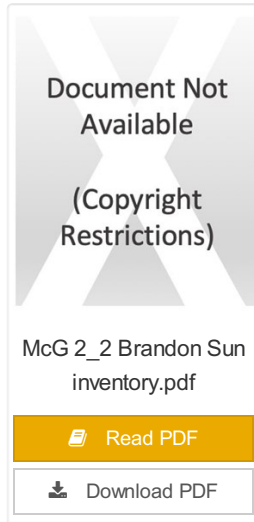
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| Accruals: | Closed |
| Finding Aid: | A file level inventory is available |

Storage Location: 2015 accessions

Arrangement:

Arrangement was artificially created by the Archives. Subseries has been re-arranged according to publication period

Documents



The Wheat City: A Pictorial History of Brandon monograph

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13676>

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| Other Title Info: | Title based on the contents of the subseries |
| Part Of: | Fred McGuinness collection |
| Description Level: | Sub-series |
| Series Number: | McG 5.6 |
| Accession Number: | 1-2015 [formerly 6-2008 and 20-2009 and unprocessed Fred McGuinness collection] |
| GMD: | textual records |
| Date Range: | c. 1987 - 1988 |
| Physical Description: | Approximately 6 cm of textual records |

History /

Biographical:

These records were produced between 1987 and 1988, the researching and writing period for *The Wheat City: A Pictorial History of Brandon* monograph. Published in 1988 by Western Producer Books (Saskatoon, Saskatchewan), *The Wheat City* is a 117-page soft cover book, containing black and white images.

Western Producer Books pitched the book's concept to Fred McGuinness in the fall of 1987. This book was part of the publisher's "city series" which focused on smaller cities such as Medicine Hat and Prince Albert. It was estimated that the book would contain a 6,000-word introduction followed by approximately 80 archival photographs of Brandon spanning from early settlement to the late 1950s/early 1960s.

Brandon University history major Pam Svistovski worked as McGuinness' research assistant and McGuinness obtained images for the book from his own personal collection, the Brandon Sun, Lawrence Stuckey, the Archives of Manitoba, and the Western Pictorial Index.

Custodial History:

Records were collected and created by McGuinness during the writing phase of the monograph *The Wheat City*. The materials were donated to the SJ McKee Archives by the Estate of Fred McGuinness circa 2011. The Archives accessioned the records in 2015.

Scope and Content:

The subseries consists of textual records and photographs created and collected during the production of the monograph *The Wheat City*. It includes correspondence, newspapers articles, drafts and black and white photographs from the Archives of Manitoba, Western Canada Pictorial Index, and *Illustrated Souvenir of Brandon*.

Notes:

Information in the history/biography was obtained from *The Wheat City's* acknowledgements and a letter to Mr. Fred McGuinness from Western Producer Books, dated September 24, 1987 (McG 5.6, File 11)

Where known, archival reference numbers for photographs obtained from the Archives of Manitoba and the Western Canada Pictorial Index and considered/used in *The Wheat City* have been provided in the item level description

Accruals: Closed

Repro Restriction: Images published in the monograph and stored in files copyright protected by their respective organizations

Finding Aid: A file level inventory is available

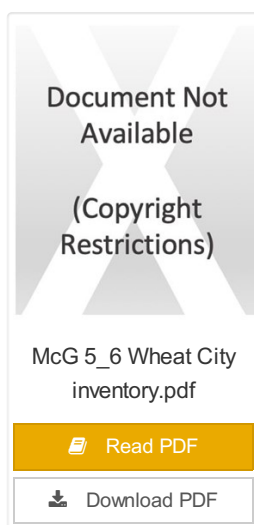
Storage Location: 2015 accessions

Related Material: Clarence Hopkin collection
Lawrence Stuckey collection
Jack Stothard collection

Fred McGuinness would write/publish about a topic in a number of forums. Therefore, it is possible research materials pertaining to this monograph may be found in the Fred McGuinness collection subseries: Correspondence (McG 1.2), Brandon Sun (McG 2.2) Miscellaneous freelance (McG 3.2), Local history research (McG 4.1), Manitoba: The Province & The People (McG 5.4), and Manitoba Enterprise (McG 5.5)

Arrangement:

Arrangement was artificially created by the Archives. Subseries has been re-arranged according to picture sources



Laurie East interview

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14456>

Part Of: Westman Oral History collection

Description Level: Item

Item Number: OH044.Eas

Accession Number: 35-1998

GMD: sound recordings

Date Range: December 4, 1981

Physical Description: 1 audio cassette [00:09:15]

History /

Biographical:

Laurence Overton "Laurie" East was born in the municipality of Odanah on the west half of 29-13-18, on March 13, 1911. He attended Tremaine and Roseneath schools and worked on the family farm, eventually leaving school to work due to his father's ill health and then taking over the operation in 1936, after his father died. Laurie retired from farming in 1976. Laurie married Bernice McDonald (1916-2006), a teacher, on July 4, 1942. They had no children. Laurie's hobbies were music, dancing and travel; he took part in local entertainment and taught square dancing classes. He was a member of the Hunterville United Church, serving on the board and volunteering as Sunday School Superintendent or teacher. In the 1940s, Laurie was part of local committees to secure telephone and postal service. From 1970-1983, he was a member of Elton Municipal Council. Shortly after joining the council, Laurie was appointed as a representative to the library board; he joined representatives from Minnedosa and Minto councils, as there was support in the region for the organization and establishment of a regional library. Laurie East died on April 18, 2003 in Brandon, MB and is buried at the Rapid City Cemetery.

Custodial History:

As part of the Westman Oral History Collection, this collection was accessioned by the McKee Archives in 1998. The original tapes from the Westman Oral History project were deposited in the Brandon Public Library. Copies of these originals were made by Margaret Pollex of the Brandon University Language Lab at the request of Eileen McFadden, University Archivist in the early 1990s. These copies compose the collection held in the McKee Archives.

Scope and Content:

Item is an audiocassette tape containing an interview with Laurie East about the Minnedosa Regional Library. Interviewer is Mae Johnson.

Notes: History/bio information from the records and East's obituary. Transcript by Simon Richard (2020). Description by Christy Henry.

Language Note: English

Audio Tracks

Documents

Westman Oral History Collection

Interview Date: 1985-12-04

Narrator (Interviewee): Laurie East

Interviewer: Mrs. Mae Johnson

Location: Rapid City, Manitoba

Transcriber: Simon Richard

Date Transcribed: 2020-05-01


Recording Format: Cassette


Length of Recording: 00:09:15

[00:17]

Mae Johnson: [Interviewee's] Father's name is... The following is a transcript of the interview with Laurie East. [Interviewee's] father was born in the municipality of Oshawa on the west half of 202.318. [Interviewee's] father was educated at the Trueman and Rosebank schools. [Interviewee's] father worked with the father on the family farm until the father's death, but then took over the farm operation. [Interviewee's] father, who, farmed the home farm until 1983 and he then built a home on part of north-west 202.318. [Interviewee's] father and his wife Rosebank will reside. [Interviewee's] father became a member of the Oshawa council, January 1984, 1978, he was appointed to the library board as the representative member from the

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