

S. J. McKee Archives



Western Manitoba Home Econocmic Association fonds

http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14324

Part Of: RG 5 Western Manitoba Manuscript Collection

Description Level: Fonds
Accession Number: 13-2010

GMD: textual records

Date Range: 1971-2010

History / Biographical:

The inaugural meeting of the Western Manitoba Home Economics Association (WMHEA) was held in September 1971, with 48 members. In 1973, the WMHEA members voted to affiliate with the Canadian Home Economics Association (CHEA).

Custodial History:

Records were in the possession of Margarite Hughes and other officers of the Western Manitoba Home Economic Association prior to their donation to the SJ McKee Archives on July 17, 2010.

Scope and Content:

Fonds includes: minutes (September 1971 - May 2010); lists of executive members; membership lists; financial records; newsletters; scrapbooks; correspondence; records of special events; miscellaneous publications; and organizational banners.

Notes: Description by Tom Mitchell

Storage Location: 2010 accessions



Plains-Western Gas Company

http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions3948

Part Of: RG 6 Brandon University fonds

Description Level: File
Series Number: 4.2
File Number: 360

GMD: textual records

Date Range: 1970 Physical Description: 1 file

Scope and Content:

File consists of correspondence.

Storage Location: RG 6 Brandon University fonds

Series 4: Office of the Vice-President

4.2 Office of the Vice-President (Administration & Finance)

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Women's auxillary, university

http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions3975

Part Of: RG 6 Brandon University fonds

Description Level: File
Series Number: 4.2
File Number: 387

GMD: textual records
Date Range: 1970-1971

Physical Description: 1 file

Scope and Content:

File consists of correspondence, pamphlets and notices for various Brandon University departments/services/events, a membership list of the Brandon University Women's Auxillary, news releases, a Department of Extension report, a draft questionnaire, a detailed account of building structures past/present/future on Brandon University campus, and the listing of artists in the "150 years of Art in Manitoba" exhibit.

Name Access: Clark Hall

Brodie Building
Music Building

A.E. McKenzie Building

Evans Theatre
Robbins Library

Subject Access: historical

campus buildings

Storage Location: RG 6 Brandon University fonds

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T.R. Wilkins collection

http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions4298

Part Of: RG 1 Brandon College fonds

Description Level: Sub-series
Series Number: MG 1 1.4
Accession Number: 3-2016

GMD: textual records

Date Range: 1911?-1940

Physical Description: 7 cm

History / Biographical:

Thomas Russell Wilkins was born in Toronto in 1891. He received his B.A. from McMaster University in 1912, and became the Science Master at Woodstock College the following year. In 1916, he and his wife Olive moved to Chicago, where Wilkins was an instructor of Physics at the University of Chicago. The next year he served as a master signal electrician in the U.S. Signal Corps. During World War I, Wilkins completed pioneer research for the United States Navy, which led to the development of pulse sonar devices in the 1920s. He had also been researching the possibilities of a wireless telephone.

Wilkins and his wife moved to Brandon in 1918, where he took up the position of Professor of Physics. During his time at Brandon College, Wilkins introduced the latest technology to classrooms, designed the original Science Building, and along with the Brandon Citizen's Committee, seucured building funds for the Citizen's Science Building.

Receiving his Ph.D. from the University of Chicago in 1921, Wilkins resigned from Brandon College in 1925 to pursue postgraduate study at Cambridge University. In 1926, he began research at the University of Rochester, where he also took up the position of Professor of Physics. From 1930 to 1938, he acted as the Director of the Institute of Optics.

Widely known for his work in the fields of cosmic rays and atomic disintegration, in April 1939, Wilkins announced the perfection of a camera that was able to record the "footprints" of invisible atoms after they collide. In October 1939, he received a medal from the Royal Photographic Society of Great Britain recognizing his work regarding the use of photographic emulsions in the study of radium. The following year, Wilkins perfected a camera that could determine the energy levels inside the nuclei of stable chemical elements. He received a grant from Sigma Xi, the National Society for the Promotion of Scientific Research, in November of 1940.

Wilkins married twice. The first marriage, to Olive Anges Cross took place on June 17, 1913. Olive Wilkins died suddenly on May 13, 1937, at the age of 45. Wilkins married Susan Gwendolyn Whidden, the daughter of former Brandon College president Dr. H.P. Whidden, in 1938.

Thomas Russell Wilkins died suddenly of a heart attack on December 10, 1940, on his way back to his laboratory after a faculty meeting. He was 49 years old.

Custodial History:

Records were accessioned by the McKee Archives in 1998. Prior custodial history is unknown.

Scope and Content:

T. Russell Wilkins' reocrds contain correspondence between himself and Mrs. Wilkins and Dr. Whidden concerning their employment with Brandon College. There are letters between the two men regarding the building of the Science Building in 1920. There is also a copy of the Canadian Baptist. Besides programmes and a picture, there is also correspondence between various people. Dr. Wilkins kept the papers he had written for various classes at McMaster University in the years 1911 and 1912. There is a "toast to the ladies" that he delivered at a banquet of some sort, that gives an interesting view on how Wilkins, and possibly other men of his time, viewed women. There are numerous newspapers clippings, and several pages taken from journals such as Popular Mechanics, Popular Electricity and others. Dr. Wilkins was at the top of his field of study. He was an extremely bright man who managed to create some very useful tools of science. His papers are interesting and informative to read.

Notes: History/Bio information taken from Campus News May 1990

Name Access: Olive Wilkins

Thomas Wilkins

H.P. Whidden

Subject Access: science building

science

scientific development

Storage Location: 2016 accessions



Esther Magdalene Moore collection

http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions4299

Part Of: RG 1 Brandon College fonds

Description Level: Sub-series
Series Number: MG 1 1.5
Accession Number: 4-2016

GMD: textual records

Date Range: 1911?-1960?

Physical Description: 8 cm

History / Biographical:

Esther Moore was born in Norfolk, Nebraska and moved to Canada at age 3. There is a vague reference to her being related to the composer Dvorak in The Quill of 1913. She registered as a music student at Brandon College in 1909. In 1910, Miss Moore received a medal for sight-reading and accompanying in Edmonton. She took her examinations of the Toronto Conservatory of Music in 1910, and her Senior examinations in 1911. She completed her theory work in 1913, as well as finishing the academic requirements. In 1913, Esther Moore became the first graduate of the Music department at Brandon College. After graduation, Miss Moore taught music in Unity, as well as being the choirleader and organist. She returned to her home in Olds, Alberta for a rest from teaching. However, she was not idle for long. She took up teaching again, and she was the organist and choirleader at church. She also began a Glee Club. Between these responsibilities Miss Moore finished a course in the Household Science Department at the Olds Agricultural College. She returned to Brandon College to take postgraduate work, becoming the first Brandon College student to receive her L.T.C.M. in 1916. In 1922 Miss Moore began to teach piano at Brandon College. She received her Bachelor of Music in 1925, and her Master of Music in 1926.

Custodial History:

Records were accessioned by the McKee Archives in 1998. Prior custodial history is unknown.

Scope and Content:

Esther Moore's records consist of newspaper clippings, recital programmes, concert programmes, and commencement programmes. As well, there are dance cards, invitations, tickets, and the programme for the annual Graduation Banquet for several years. There are Track and Field programmes and a ribbon. There are also Alumni Luncheon programmes for a few years. There is an issue of The Western Baptist from 1926, and the programmes for the installation of Dr. Robbins as President and the opening of the Arts and Library building and the J.R.C. Evans Lecture Theatre in 1960. There is also a letter from William L. Wright, director of the music department at Brandon College.

Name Access: Esther Moore

W.L. Wright

J.R.C. Evans Lecture Theatre

John E. Robbins

Subject Access: School of Music

rectials concerts

commencement graduation banquet

programmes

arts and library building

Storage Location: 2016 accessions



Western Manitoba Centennial Auditorium collection

http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions4848

Part Of: RG 5 Western Manitoba Manuscript Collection

Description Level: Collection
Accession Number: 1-1998

GMD: textual records

Date Range: 1966-1968

Physical Description: 6 cm

History / Biographical:

The construction of the Western Manitoba Centennial Auditorium was considered first during a meeting of the Brandon City Council in 1953. In 1962, the City of Brandon was given permission by Manitoba Premier Duff Roblin to proceed with the construction of the auditorium as a centennial project to celebrate Canada's centennial in 1967. Constructed on the Brandon University campus, the auditorium was completed in early 1969.

Custodial History:

This collection was accessioned by the McKee Archives in 1998. Previous custodial history is unknown.

Scope and Content:

Collection consists of one scrapbook with newspaper clippings and pamphlets about the Western Manitoba Centennial Auditorium and its construction.

Notes: CAIN No. 202571
Subject Access: Princess Alexandra

Mr. D. R. MacKay Mayor Magnacca

Western Manitoba Centennial Auditorium

Brandon Manitoba

centennial projects

auditoriums

Storage Location: 1998 accessions
Storage Range: 1998 accessions



Keystone Centre development and construction fonds

http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions4854

Part Of: RG 5 Western Manitoba Manuscript Collection

Description Level: Collection
Accession Number: 22-1998

GMD: textual records

Date Range: 1957-1974; predominant 1970-1974

Physical Description: 36 cm

History / Biographical:

The idea of the Keystone Centre was first mentioned in 1958, at a meeting of the board of directors of the Manitoba Winter Fair. The Manitoba Winter Fair wanted a new facility because the old Wheat City Arena had a leaking roof and a deteriorating west wall. The old facility also had limited space and the Winter Fair felt it needed more space for expansion. The Provincial Exhibition of Manitoba also had problems with their facilities, such as old barns and poor display areas. The idea of the Keystone Centre was put on hold until 1969, when the boards of the Provincial Exhibition and the Manitoba Winter Fair joined together as the Provincial Exhibition Association of Manitoba and the Wheat City Arena was sold and demolished. The original estimate for the cost of the Keystone Centre facilities was \$4.5 million and funding would be proportioned so that the federal and provincial governments would each put in one-third of the money, with the rest coming from local donations. The financial campaign for the Keystone Centre began in 1970, and construction began in November 1970. The grand opening of the Centre was in March 1973, and coincided with the Royal Manitoba Winter Fair of that year.

Custodial History:

This fonds was accessioned by the McKee Archives in 1998. Prior custodial history is unknown.

Scope and Content:

Fonds contains many folders full of correspondence, financial statements, meeting minutes and other documents relating to the development and construction of the Keystone Centre from 1970-1974, including those from the Keystone Executive Committee, as well as the Building Committee. Fonds also contains one folder that pertains to the Brandon Area Agricultural Development Survey from 1959. This folder contains the names and locations of all farmers in the Brandon area in 1959. The Brandon Area Agricultural Development Survey was created in 1959, in order to make farming in the Brandon area more profitable. The survey was aided by Doane Agricultural Service from St. Louis, Missouri, who had success creating agricultural development programs in the United States. Fonds also contains folders from the Provincial Exhibition with correspondence, pamphlets, estimates, and studies from the 1960's. There is also one folder belonging to the Manitoba Winter Fair, which contains correspondence and financial statements relating to the Wheat City Arena. Fonds also contains information pertaining to the proposals made in the 1960's, for the building of the Keystone Centre, as well as one folder about the Keystone campaign from 1970-73. There is also one folder about the opening of the Keystone Centre, which contains newspaper clippings and guest lists. Finally, the fonds contains information about a court case involving Albert Bobyk and Robert Stewart. Stewart was the project manager for the Building Committee and Bobyk worked on the Keystone Center. The fonds includes a report about the trial of the two men who were charged with fraud involving their work on the Keystone Centre.

Notes: CAIN No. 202608

Subject Access: Ray Forbes

Fred McGuinness

Brandon Area Agricultural Development Survey

Doane Agricultural Service Inc

Agricultural & Homemaking School of Brandon

Royal Manitoba Winter Fair

Provincial Exhibition of Manitoba

South-Western District Agricultural Society

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Manitoba Department of Agriculture

City of Brandon

Keystone Committee

Keystone Building Committee

agriculture
architecture
exhibitions
swine farming
sheep farming

cereal grain farming

winter fairs

rural life

Storage Location: 1998 accessions
Storage Range: 1998 accessions



Inventory of Archival Material in Western Manitoba project fonds

http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions4884

Part Of: RG 5 Western Manitoba Manuscript Collection

Description Level: Collection
Accession Number: 29-2006

GMD: textual records

Date Range: 1987-1991

6 cm

History / Biographical:

Physical Description:

In the summer of 1986, faculty members at Brandon University developed a project aimed at identifying the archival records that existed in public and private collections throughout western Manitoba. A grant was secured from the Manitoba Heritage Federation, and reseachers were employed to travel throughout the region to identify and record the wide variety of records. The results of their work was a four volume set of inventories.

Custodial History:

W.R. Morrison left the university in 1991. At the time he gave Tom Mitchell copies of volumes 1-3. In 2006, John Everitt provided the archives with a copy of volume 4.

Scope and Content:

Fonds consists of four volumes: 1987, 1988, 1989 and 1991. The inventories were generated through extensive research at various centres throughout western Manitoba. Each inventory contains a record of archival materials held by individuals, organizations and/or municipalities throughout the region.

Notes: Description by Christy Henry and Tom Mitchell.

Storage Location: 2006 accessions
Storage Range: 2006 accessions



Western Diversification- Awaiting Response

http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions5035

Part Of: RG 6 Brandon University fonds

Description Level: File

Series Number: MG 3 1.14.1

File Number: 123

GMD: textual records

Date Range: Oct. 1990, Nov. 1991

Physical Description: 1 file

Scope and Content:

File consists of correspondence

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MG 3 Brandon University Teaching and Administration

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Western Div.

Series Number:

http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions5107

Part Of: RG 6 Brandon University fonds

Description Level: File

MG 3 1.14.1

File Number: 185

GMD: textual records
Date Range: 1988-1992

Physical Description: 1 file

Scope and Content:

File consists of correspondence

Storage Location: RG 6 Brandon University fonds

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Western Grain Stabilization

http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions5363

Part Of: RG 6 Brandon University fonds

Description Level: File

Series Number: MG 3 1.14.1

File Number: 424

GMD: textual records
Date Range: 1987-1988

Physical Description: 1 file

Scope and Content:

File consists of correspondence

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Canada/ Western Europe

http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions5395

Part Of: RG 6 Brandon University fonds

Description Level: File

Series Number: MG 3 1.14.1

File Number: 458

GMD: textual records
Date Range: 1978-1984

Physical Description: 1 file

Scope and Content:

File consists of correspondence

Storage Location: RG 6 Brandon University fonds

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GRANTS: Seniors with Mental Handicaps in South Western Manitoba

http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions5480

Part Of: RG 6 Brandon University fonds

Description Level: File

Series Number: MG 3 1.14.1

File Number: 543

GMD: textual records

Date Range: 1990 Physical Description: 1 file

Scope and Content:

File consists of grant info.

Storage Location: RG 6 Brandon University fonds

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Western Region Peer Helpers Assoc. NH&W

http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions5517

Part Of: RG 6 Brandon University fonds

Description Level: File

Series Number: MG 3 1.14.1

File Number: 580

GMD: textual records

Date Range: 1992 Physical Description: 1 file

Scope and Content:

File consists of grant info.

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Western Region Advisory Board NH&W

http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions5518

Part Of: RG 6 Brandon University fonds

Description Level: File

Series Number: MG 3 1.14.1

File Number: 581

GMD: textual records

Date Range: 1993 Physical Description: 1 file

Scope and Content:

File consists of grant info.

Storage Location: RG 6 Brandon University fonds

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Western Tour

http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions5534

Part Of: RG 6 Brandon University fonds

Description Level: File

Series Number: MG 3 1.14.1

File Number: 597

GMD: textual records

Date Range: 1992 Physical Description: 1 file

Scope and Content:

File consists of agenda, faxes

Storage Location: RG 6 Brandon University fonds

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C-44 Western Grain Transp. Act

http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions5583

Part Of: RG 6 Brandon University fonds

Description Level: File

Series Number: MG 3 1.14.1

File Number: 646

GMD: textual records

Date Range: Mar. 1985- June 1985

Physical Description: 1 file

Scope and Content:

File consists of correspondence

Storage Location: RG 6 Brandon University fonds

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Western Canada

http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions5631

Part Of: RG 6 Brandon University fonds

Description Level: File

MG 3 1.14.1

File Number: 695

GMD: textual records

Date Range: 1990 Physical Description: 1 file

Scope and Content:

Series Number:

File consists of correspondence

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To Attend 2nd Western Hemisphere Conference of Parliamentarians on Population and Development Quito, Ecuador March 6-9, 1990

http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions5670

Part Of: RG 6 Brandon University fonds

Description Level: File

Series Number: MG 3 1.14.1

File Number: 734

GMD: textual records

Date Range: 1990 Physical Description: 1 file

Scope and Content:

File consists of correspondence, agendas, notes re: speaking engagement/trip

Storage Location: RG 6 Brandon University fonds

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150th Anniversary of Weather Observing in Canada Aug. 1990

http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions5677

Part Of: RG 6 Brandon University fonds

Description Level: File

Series Number: MG 3 1.14.1

File Number: 741

GMD: textual records

Date Range: 1990 Physical Description: 1 file

Scope and Content:

File consists of correspondence, agendas, notes re: speaking engagement/trip

Storage Location: RG 6 Brandon University fonds

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