

# S. J. McKee Archives



## Spafford brothers 1909

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13734>

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection

Description Level: Item

Series Number: McG 9

Item Number: 20-2009.44

Accession Number: 20-2009

GMD: graphic

Date Range: 1909

Physical Description: 3.25" x 5.5" (b/w)

Material Details: postcard

History /

Biographical:

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Scope and Content:

Postcard is a studio portrait of the Spafford brothers. Alvie is seated, Harry is standing.

Notes: Writing on the front of the postcard reads: out of the past, Harry & Alvie Spafford, 1909 Winnipeg. The back of the postcard reads: Harry on left, Alvie on right, in our early, days, Railway.

Name Access: Harry Spafford

Alvie Spafford

Subject Access: portraits

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

## Images



## Spafford brothers in cowboy costumes

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13759>

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection

Description Level: Item

Series Number: McG 9

Item Number: 20-2009.70

Accession Number: 20-2009

GMD: graphic

Date Range: [19--]

Physical Description: 3.25" x 5.5" (b/w)

Material Details: postcard

## History /

### Biographical:

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### Scope and Content:

Postcard is a studio portrait of the Spafford brothers dressed as cowboys in chaps, bandanas, and hats. Harry is standing on the left and is reaching for a bottle resting on a stool. Alvie is standing on the right and is pointing a pistol at his brother. Behind the brothers is the back of train car that reads "leaving Winnipeg."

Notes:	Writing on the front of the postcard reads: Early railroad day in wpg, Harry on left, Alvie on right.
Name Access:	Harry Spafford Alvie Spafford Alva Spafford
Subject Access:	portraits cowboys costumes
Storage Location:	RG 5 photograph storage drawer 2 (hanging photos)

## Images

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## Spafford brothers hunting

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13763>

Part Of:	Fred McGuinness collection
Description Level:	Item
Series Number:	McG 9
Item Number:	20-2009.74
Accession Number:	20-2009
GMD:	graphic
Date Range:	1960
Physical Description:	3.5" x 3.5" (b/w)

## History /

### Biographical:

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### Scope and Content:

Photograph shows Harry Spafford and Ernie Bailey posing with their geese after a successful hunt. The men are standing in a backyard; the geese are hanging from a clothes line.

Notes: Writing on the back of the photograph reads: A Kindersley goose shoot.  
Harry Spafford on left, Alvie Spafford not shown, Ernie Bailey on left [sic.], 1960. Ernie was a CNR Engineer.

Name Access: Harry Spafford  
Alvie Spafford  
Alva Spafford

Subject Access: hunting  
duck hunting

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

## Images

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## Spafford brothers hunting trip

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13761>

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection  
Description Level: Item  
Series Number: McG 9  
Item Number: 20-2009.72  
Accession Number: 20-2009  
GMD: graphic  
Date Range: 1968  
Physical Description: 3.5" x 3.5" (b/w)

### History /

### Biographical:

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### Scope and Content:

Photograph shows the Spafford brothers posing with their mallard ducks after a successful hunt. The brothers are standing next to a residential garage with the ducks strung between them. Their guns are leaning against the garage.

Notes: Writing on the back of the photograph reads: Alvie & Harry 19 Mallard ducks near Whitewater Lake, October 1968, 1 short of our limit of 20, Harry on right.

Name Access: Harry Spafford  
Alvie Spafford  
Alva Spafford

Subject Access: hunting  
duck hunting

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

## Images

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## Spafford brothers at Oak Lake 1917

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13762>

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection

Description Level: Item

Series Number: McG 9

Item Number: 20-2009.73

Accession Number: 20-2009

GMD: graphic

Date Range: 1917

Physical Description: 4.5" x 2.75" (b/w)

History /

Biographical:

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Scope and Content:

Photograph shows the Spafford brothers posing with their geese after a successful hunt. The brothers are standing in front of a canvas tent with the birds strung between the tent poles.

Notes: Writing on the back of the photograph reads: Oak Lake 1917, lots of geese and ducks, Harry on right, Alvie on the left.

Name Access: Harry Spafford  
Alvie Spafford  
Alva Spafford  
Oak Lake

Subject Access: hunting  
duck hunting

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

## Images

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## 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:

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### 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)

## Images

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Harry Spafford on left  
Alvie      ✓ in center  
Alf      ✓ on extreme right  
about 1910



## Portrait of two women in winter dress c.1910

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13790>

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection

Description Level: Item

Series Number: McG 9

Item Number: 20-2009.25

Accession Number: 20-2009

GMD: graphic

Date Range: 1910

Physical Description: 3" x 4.75" (b/w)

Material Details: postcard

Physical Condition: Postcard is ripped and worn.

### Scope and Content:

Postcard is a studio portrait of two women dressed for winter. The woman on the left is standing and is wearing a long winter coat, a white fur stole muffler. The woman on the right is seated in a wicker chair. She is wearing a three-quarter length winter coat with a black fur collar and trim and muffler.

Notes: Back of postcard reads: Harry Finnegan Nov. 16 1910, Zella Russel..., Nov. 27 19...

Subject Access: portraits

winter

women

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

## Images

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## Block Brothers

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions11698>

Part Of: CKX fonds  
Creator: CKX  
Description Level: Item  
Item Number: 11-2010.B136b  
Accession Number: 11-2010  
GMD: graphic  
Date Range: 1967  
Physical Description: 1.5" x 1" (b/w)  
Material Details: Negative  
Custodial History:

See fonds level of the CKX records for custodial history.

Scope and Content:

Image of a Block Brother employee in consultation with a customer.

Name Access: CKX Television  
Block Brothers  
Subject Access: income tax services  
Storage Location: CKX fonds - 2010 accessions

### Images

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## Pestyk brothers

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions10194>

Part Of: RG 12 Brandon and Area Photograph Collection  
Creator: Photo - R. Constible  
Description Level: Item  
Series Number: 5  
Item Number: BAPC 5.8  
GMD: graphic  
Date Range: [196-?]  
Physical Description: 10" x 8" (b/w)  
Material Details: On matting

### History /

### Biographical:

The Pestyk brothers and the Tackaberry brothers, both immigrant families, cornered the market on custom made skates for professional hockey players in North America in the middle of the twentieth century. In 1937, following George Tackaberry's death, his widow sold his boot patent to C.C.M. (Canadian Cycle and Motor Company Limited). CCM used the design and name for its elite C.C.M. skate, known as Tacks. The Pestyk brothers lived north of Princess Avenue on 22nd Street in Brandon, MB. The Tackaberry brothers lived on 15th Street in Brandon, MB.

### Scope and Content:

Photograph of the Pestyk brothers in their workshop examining a boot mold with the name G. Gover written on it.

Name Access: Pestyk  
Tackaberry  
Subject Access: Hockey  
Artisan  
Storage Location: BAPC photograph drawer

## Images

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## Box Brothers - interior

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions11358>

Part Of: CKX fonds  
Creator: CKX  
Description Level: Item  
Item Number: 11-2010.B39  
Accession Number: 11-2010  
GMD: graphic  
Date Range: after 1954  
Physical Description: 2 negatives 1.5" x 1" (b/w) and 5" x 4" (b/w)  
Material Details: Negative  
Custodial History:

See fonds level of the CKX records for custodial history.

Scope and Content:

Image of the paint section of Box Brothers Hardware.

Name Access: CKX Television  
Box Brothers Hardware  
Subject Access: hardware stores  
Storage Location: CKX fonds - 2010 accessions

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## Brykaliuk Brothers (Minnedosa)

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions11504>

Part Of: CKX fonds  
Creator: CKX  
Description Level: Item  
Item Number: 11-2010.B84a  
Accession Number: 11-2010  
GMD: graphic  
Date Range: September 1963  
Physical Description: 2.5" x 2.5" (b/w)  
Material Details: Negative

### Custodial History:

See fonds level of the CKX records for custodial history.

### Scope and Content:

Image of two employees (the Brykaliuk Brothers?) standing in front of the garage of a British American dealer in Minnedosa.

Name Access: CKX  
Brykaliuk Brothers  
Minnedosa, Manitoba

Subject Access: businesses  
service stations  
commercial buildings  
automobiles  
cafes

Storage Location: CKX fonds - 2010 accessions

## Images

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## Brykaliuk Brothers (Minnedosa)

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions11511>

Part Of: CKX fonds  
Creator: CKX  
Description Level: Item  
Item Number: 11-2010.B84b  
Accession Number: 11-2010  
GMD: graphic  
Date Range: September 1963  
Physical Description: 2.5" x 2.5" (b/w)  
Material Details: Negative

### Custodial History:

See fonds level of the CKX records for custodial history.

### Scope and Content:

Image of a British American dealer (Brykaliuk Brothers?) in Minnedosa.

Name Access: CKX  
Brykaliuk Brothers  
Minnedosa, Manitoba  
Subject Access: businesses  
service stations  
commercial buildings  
automobiles  
cafes  
Storage Location: CKX fonds - 2010 accessions

## Images

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## Block Brothers exterior

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions11697>

Part Of: CKX fonds  
Creator: CKX  
Description Level: Item  
Item Number: 11-2010.B136a  
Accession Number: 11-2010  
GMD: graphic  
Date Range: 1967  
Physical Description: 1.5" x 1" (b/w)  
Material Details: Negative

### Custodial History:

See fonds level of the CKX records for custodial history.

### Scope and Content:

Image of the exterior of Block Brothers. The entrance to Empress Courts is next door.

Name Access: CKX Television  
Block Brothers  
Subject Access: commercial buildings  
Storage Location: CKX fonds - 2010 accessions

## Images

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## Pope Brothers, 181st Battalion

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14057>

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection  
Creator: Photographer: Bryant Studio, Winnipeg & Camp Hughes  
Description Level: Item  
Series Number: McG 9  
Item Number: 1-2015.127  
Accession Number: 1-2015  
GMD: graphic  
Date Range: 1916  
Physical Description: 3.5" x 5.5" (b/w)  
Material Details: postcard

### Scope and Content:

Postcard shows two men in WWI Canadian military uniform. One soldier is seated on a piano stool, the other stands behind him. The men have Canadian General Service cap and collar badges on their uniforms.

Notes: Photograph possibly of the Pope brothers, George Campbell and Roy Clendon Pope, uncles of Fred McGuinness.

Name Access: Camp Hughes

Subject Access: World War I  
military personnel  
military service

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

Arrangement:

McG 1.1 file 21

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## Bradley Brothers threshing crew of Wheatland, Manitoba

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions10110>

Part Of: RG 12 Brandon and Area Photograph Collection

Description Level: Item

Series Number: 1

Item Number: BAPC 1.4

GMD: graphic

Date Range: [19-?]

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

Material Details: On matting

Scope and Content:

Photograph shows the Bradley Bros. threshing crew of Wheatland, MB posing in a field. Faint writing in pencil on the back of the photo reads: Bill Le Paga(?), Tom B, Dave R., Andy R.

Subject Access:

- Agriculture
- farming
- agricultural machinery
- rural life
- threshing crews
- agricultural labourers

Storage Location: BAPC oversize storage drawer

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## Brandon College matriculation class 1910

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions2525>

Part Of: Brandon University Photograph Collection  
Creator: Photographer: Martels Ltd. Photographers  
Description Level: Item  
Series Number: 9  
Item Number: BUPC 9.48  
GMD: graphic  
Date Range: 1910  
Physical Description: 14" x 17" (b/w)  
Physical Condition: There is significant water damage along the right side of the photograph.

### Scope and Content:

Brandon College Matriculation Class of 1910 "Fide et Fiducia"

Top Row (L to R): J. B. Nield and Chas. Little (image destroyed by water damage)

Second Row (L to R): E. Vincent; L. Manzer; K. Hollies; A.J. Milton; A.J. Nordlund; D. Kennedy; A. Butchart; G.H. Calhoun; and C.K. Mathewson.

Third Row (L to R): S. Riggs; H.E. Cronquest; Dr Vining, M.A. (Supervisor); Dr. McDiarmid, M.A. (Principal); Dr McKee, B.A.; A.D. Anderson; and J.R. MacKay

Fourth Row (L to R): J. H. McKee (Con. Programme Com.); C. DeMille (Sec.); J.L. Campbell (Pres.); V. McPherson (Vice Pres.); and J.W. Sleight (Con. Debating Com.).

Bottom Row (L to R): H.H. Dennison; I. Hamilton; G.D. Herbert; J.E. Moffat; E.E. Whitman; and G.M. Grant.

Storage Range: BUPC oversize drawer 5



## Billy Muir's car c.1910

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13754>

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection  
Description Level: Item  
Series Number: McG 9  
Item Number: 20-2009.65  
Accession Number: 20-2009  
GMD: graphic  
Date Range: c.1910  
Physical Description: 5.5" x 3.5" (b/w)  
Material Details: postcard

## History /

### Biographical:

William "Billy" Muir came to Brandon in 1881 where he worked at the Coombs & Stewart general store. He became the proprietor of Brandon's first grocery store located on 138-6th Street. The building was demolished in 1952 (see Brandon Daily Sun 04 September 1952). According to correspondence in the McGuinness collection (see McG 1.2 File 22), Dr. Matheson brought the first car to Brandon, which he later sold to Muir. A note in McGuinness' papers (see McG 1.2 File 53) identifies the first motor car as a Hupmobile, which was purported to have arrived in Brandon in 1905. The Hupp Motor Car Company, however, is reported to have manufactured Hupmobiles between 1909 and 1940. Mrs. (Jessie) R.M. Coombs was Allena Strath's (nee Coombs) mother.

### Custodial History:

Donated to Fred McGuinness by Allena Strath (nee Coombs).

### Scope and Content:

Postcard shows a woman, identified as Mrs. (Jessie) Robert M. Coombs, seated behind the wheel of a motor car.

Notes: Back of postcard reads: Mother Mrs. R. [Robert] M. Coombs in Billy Muir's car, Brandon around 1908

Name Access: Billy Muir  
William Muir  
Mrs. Robert M. Coombs  
Jessie Coombs  
Wm. Muir General Grocer

Subject Access: Transportation  
cars  
automobiles  
motor cars

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

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## Alvie Spafford interview

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14463>

Part Of: Westman Oral History collection

Description Level: Item

Item Number: OH064.Spa

Accession Number: 35-1998

GMD: sound recordings

Date Range: December 3, 1981

Physical Description: 1 audio cassette [00:52:40]

History /

Biographical:

Alva Redell "Alvie" Spafford was born on March 15, 1891 at Enterprise, MB. He attended school at Victoria Lake and Henderson schools. Alvie left Enterprise in 1902, and moved to Bannerman, MB, where he farmed until 1936. He later moved to Boissevain, where he worked as a Rawleigh salesman, and then in 1942, he moved to Brandon and was employed as a conductor for the Canadian National Railway (CNR) until his retirement. Alvie married Frances Ethel Harrison (1895-1979) and they had three children: Carl, Edna and Raymond. Alvie Spafford died on August 25, 1985 in Brandon, MB. He is buried at Killarney and District 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 Alvie Spafford about his life, and early days in Manitoba. The interviewer is Effie McPhail.

Notes: History/bio information from the records and Spafford's obituary.  
Description by Christy Henry.

Language Note: English

Conservation: Preservation copy made 2021 (R. Hess)

Related Material: Fred McGuinness collection (1-2015)

### Audio Tracks

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## Alvie Spafford CNR retirement

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13765>

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection

Description Level: Item

Series Number: McG 9

Item Number: 20-2009.76

Accession Number: 20-2009

GMD: graphic

Date Range: 1956  
Physical Description: 5" x 3.5" (b/w)  
History /  
Biographical:

Harry Spafford (b. 22 Oct 1888, d. 10 May 1978) was born in Holmfield, 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:

Photograph shows [left to right] Carl Spafford, Alva Spafford, Ken Hawking, and Harry Spafford posing together in a banquet room. Ken Hawking is shaking Alvie's hand. On the table in front of the group is a suit case, which may be a possible retirement gift for Alvie from the CNR.

Notes: Writing on the back of the photograph reads: Carl S. [Spafford], Alva S. [Spafford], Ken Hawking, Harry Spafford right, 1956, at Alva's retirement.

Name Access: Alva Spafford  
Alvie Spafford  
Harry Spafford  
Carl Spafford

Subject Access: banquets

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

## Images

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## Brandon College class of 1913

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions8285>

Part Of: Brandon University Photograph Collection  
Creator: Photographer: Cole  
Description Level: Item  
Series Number: 9  
Item Number: BUPC 9.5b  
GMD: graphic  
Date Range: 1913  
Physical Description: 24" x 5" (b/w)  
Physical Condition: Robert Harvey's portrait has come loose of the backing. Matting is torn at base.

### History /

#### Biographical:

John B. Cole, who operated Cole's Photographic Studio, first at 656 15th Street and then at 831 Rosser Avenue, was a photographer in Brandon from c. 1911 to c. 1914.

#### Scope and Content:

Item consists of eleven oval shaped portraits of the members of Brandon College's graduating class of 1913. L to R: Lillian Wilhelmina Speers; Robert Harvey; James Robinson, Muriel Vivien McCamis; Tom Hare Harris; Leslie Alberta Ward; J.R.C. Evans; Evelyn J. Simpson; W.E. Wilkin; Archibald Gordon; and Constance Gunn.

Subject Access: class portraits  
portraits

Storage Range: BUPC oversize drawer 1

## Images

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