

# S. J. McKee Archives



## Christmas Tree Farm negative set 2, frames 1A to 8A

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14181>

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection

Description Level: Item

Series Number: McG 9

Item Number: 1-2015.250

Accession Number: 1-2015

GMD: graphic

Date Range: [1980s-1990s]

Physical Description: 1.5" x 1.5" (b/w)

Material Details: negatives

History /

Biographical:

Fred McGuinness is popularly known for his work as the prairie essayist for CBC Radio's Morningside with Peter Gzowski, a position he held for 17 years. Many of McGuinness' Morningside essays were autobiographical in nature. He often reported about life on Christmas Tree Farm, a section of land where he and his wife, Christine, built their dream home in the late 1970s. The couple planted a Christmas tree farm on the property and Christine maintained an extensive kitchen garden, while Fred tended honey bees. Life on the farm made its way into radiobroadcasts, Neighborly News columns, and the book "Letters from Section 17: A Collection of Morningside Essays" (Winnipeg: Great Plains Publishing, 1999).

Scope and Content:

Set consists of 8 negatives showing a delivery of saplings to the McGuinness property, Christmas Tree Farm, Section 17

Name Access: Christmas Tree Farm

Section 17

Brandon Building Movers Ltd

Subject Access: residences

farms

trees

Transportation

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

Arrangement:

RR #8 photos

## Christmas Tree Farm negative set 1, frames 0 to 26

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14180>



Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection  
Description Level: Item  
Series Number: McG 9  
Item Number: 1-2015.249  
Accession Number: 1-2015  
GMD: graphic  
Date Range: [1980s-1990s]  
Physical Description: 1.5" x 1.5" (b/w)  
Material Details: negatives

#### History /

#### Biographical:

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#### Scope and Content:

Set consists of 27 negatives showing different views of the McGuinness property, Christmas Tree Farm, Section 17

Name Access: Christmas Tree Farm  
Section 17

Subject Access: residences  
farms  
trees

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

#### Arrangement:

RR #8 photos

### Images

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## Fred McGuinness at Christmas Tree Farm

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13895>

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection

Description Level: Item

Series Number: McG 9

Item Number: 20-2009.206

Accession Number: 20-2009

GMD: graphic

Date Range: 1980s

Physical Description: 4.75" x 3.25" (b/w)

Scope and Content:

Photograph shows Fred McGuinness planting trees at Christmas Tree Farm, Section 17.

Name Access: Fred McGuinness

Christmas Tree Farm

Subject Access: farming

trees

forestry

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

Arrangement:

From 20-2009 #4 plastic envelope #1

### Images

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## Fred McGuinness weighing beehive at Christmas Tree Farm

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13896>

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection

Description Level: Item

Series Number: McG 9

Item Number: 20-2009.207

Accession Number: 20-2009

GMD: graphic

Date Range: 1980s

Physical Description: 4.75" x 3.25" (b/w)

Scope and Content:

Photograph shows Fred McGuinness weighing a beehive at Christmas Tree Farm, Section 17.

Notes: Writing on back of photograph reads: McG weighing a hive during a rearch program

Name Access: Fred McGuinness  
Christmas Tree Farm

Subject Access: farming  
beehives  
apiaries

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

Arrangement:

From 20-2009 #4 plastic envelope #1

### Images

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## Christmas Tree Farm - road

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14182>

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection

Description Level: Item

Series Number: McG 9

Item Number: 1-2015.251

Accession Number: 1-2015

GMD: graphic

Date Range: [1980s-1990s]

Physical Description: 5.25 " x 3.5" (colour)

History /

Biographical:

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Scope and Content:

Photograph shows a view of the road along the McGuinness property, Christmas Tree Farm, Section 17.

Notes: See McG 9 1-2015.249 corresponding negative #4

Name Access: Christmas Tree Farm

Section 17

Subject Access: residences

farms

trees

winter

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

Arrangement:

RR #8 photos

## Images

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## Christmas Tree Farm - landscape

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14189>

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection

Description Level: Item

Series Number: McG 9

Item Number: 1-2015.258

Accession Number: 1-2015

GMD: graphic

Date Range: [1980s-1990s]

Physical Description: 5.25 " x 3.5" (colour)

History /

Biographical:

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Scope and Content:

Photograph shows a landscape view from the McGuinness property, Christmas Tree Farm, Section 17.

Notes: Negative accompanies photo

Name Access: Christmas Tree Farm

Section 17

Subject Access: residences

farms

winter

landscapes

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

Arrangement:

RR #8 photos

### Images

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## Christmas Tree Farm contact sheet

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14179>

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection

Description Level: Item

Series Number: McG 9

Item Number: 1-2015.248

Accession Number: 1-2015

GMD: graphic

Date Range: [1980s-1990s]

Physical Description: 10" x 8" (b/w)

History /

Biographical:

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Scope and Content:

Contact sheet shows scenes from Christmas Tree Farm including: honey jars, the McGuinness personal library, home, and planted trees

Name Access: Christmas Tree Farm

Section 17

Subject Access: residences

farms

trees

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

Arrangement:

RR #8 photos

## Images

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## Christmas Tree Farm - aerial view

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13964>

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection

Description Level: Item

Series Number: McG 9

Item Number: 1-2015.36

Accession Number: 1-2015

GMD: graphic

Date Range: [2009]

Physical Description: 11" x 8.5" (colour)

Material Details: reproduction

Scope and Content:

Colour photocopy shows an aerial view of the Fred McGuinness property - Christmas Tree Farm - on section 17.

Name Access: Christmas Tree Farm

Subject Access: residences

aerial photographs

farms

Storage Location: McGuinness oversize storage drawer (1-2015)

Arrangement:

From RR #3 family letters

### Images

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## Christmas Tree Farm - beehive scale

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14188>

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection

Description Level: Item

Series Number: McG 9



Item Number: 1-2015.257  
Accession Number: 1-2015  
GMD: graphic  
Date Range: [1980s-1990s]  
Physical Description: 5.25 " x 3.5" (colour)

History /

Biographical:

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Scope and Content:

Photograph shows beehive scale on the McGuinness property, Christmas Tree Farm, Section 17.

Notes: Negative accompanies photo

Name Access: Christmas Tree Farm  
Section 17

Subject Access: residences  
farms  
winter  
beehives  
apiaries

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

Arrangement:

RR #8 photos

## Images

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## Threshing at Blight's Farm

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13842>

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection

Description Level: Item

Series Number: McG 9

Item Number: 20-2009.153

Accession Number: 20-2009

GMD: graphic

Date Range: 1925

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

Material Details: reproduction

Custodial History:

Donated to Fred McGuinness by G. Baldock in 1971

Scope and Content:

Photograph shows threshing equipment and wagon carts filled with hay.

Notes: Writing on back of photograph reads: At Willow Creek and Assiniboine River, 1925.

Name Access: Blight's Farm

Subject Access: farming  
threshing crews  
Tractors  
vehicles

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

Arrangement:

From 2009 loose photos, from File 13

### Images

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## Threshing at Blight's Farm

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13843>

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection

Description Level: Item

Series Number: McG 9

Item Number: 20-2009.154

Accession Number: 20-2009

GMD: graphic

Date Range: 1925

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

Material Details: reproduction

Custodial History:

Donated to Fred McGuinness by G. Baldock in 1971

Scope and Content:

Photograph shows Mr. Blight standing on a hay wagon while he feeds the threshing machine. Lance Blight is standing in the foreground.

Notes: Writing on back of photograph reads: 3 prints [20-2009.153 to 20-2009.155]. Threshing at Blight's farm Willow Creek at Chater. Lance Blight of [sic] front his father on the rack. 1925.

Name Access: Blight's Farm

Subject Access: farming  
threshing crews  
Tractors  
vehicles

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

Arrangement:

From 2009 loose photos, from File 13

### Images

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## Christmas Tree Farm - house, closeup

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14184>

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection

Description Level: Item

Series Number: McG 9  
Item Number: 1-2015.253  
Accession Number: 1-2015  
GMD: graphic  
Date Range: [1980s-1990s]  
Physical Description: 5.25 " x 3.5" (colour)

History /

Biographical:

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Scope and Content:

Photograph shows an overview of the house on the McGuinness property, Christmas Tree Farm, Section 17.

Notes: See McG 9 1-2015.249 corresponding negative #7

Name Access: Christmas Tree Farm  
Section 17

Subject Access: residences  
farms  
trees  
winter  
building exteriors

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

Arrangement:

RR #8 photos

## Images

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## Christmas Tree Farm - house, overview

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14185>

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection



Description Level: Item  
Series Number: McG 9  
Item Number: 1-2015.254  
Accession Number: 1-2015  
GMD: graphic  
Date Range: [1980s-1990s]  
Physical Description: 5.25 " x 3.5" (colour)

History /

Biographical:

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Scope and Content:

Photograph shows an overview of the house on the McGuinness property, Christmas Tree Farm, Section 17.

Notes: See McG 9 1-2015.249 corresponding negative #12

Name Access: Christmas Tree Farm

Section 17

Subject Access: residences

farms

trees

winter

building exteriors

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

Arrangement:

RR #8 photos

## Images

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Christmas Tree Farm - house, overview

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14186>



Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection  
Description Level: Item  
Series Number: McG 9  
Item Number: 1-2015.255  
Accession Number: 1-2015  
GMD: graphic  
Date Range: [1980s-1990s]  
Physical Description: 5.25 " x 3.5" (colour)

#### History /

#### Biographical:

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#### Scope and Content:

Photograph shows an overview of the house on the McGuinness property, Christmas Tree Farm, Section 17.

Notes: See McG 9 1-2015.249 corresponding negatives #16 to #22

Name Access: Christmas Tree Farm  
Section 17

Subject Access: residences  
farms  
trees  
winter  
building exteriors

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

#### Arrangement:

RR #8 photos

### Images

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Christmas Tree Farm - back of house



<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14187>

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection

Description Level: Item

Series Number: McG 9

Item Number: 1-2015.256

Accession Number: 1-2015

GMD: graphic

Date Range: [1980s-1990s]

Physical Description: 5.25 " x 3.5" (colour)

History /

Biographical:

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Scope and Content:

Photograph shows an overview of the house on the McGuinness property, Christmas Tree Farm, Section 17.

Notes: Negative accompanies photo

Name Access: Christmas Tree Farm

Section 17

Subject Access: residences

farms

trees

winter

building exteriors

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

Arrangement:

RR #8 photos

## Images

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## Christmas Tree Farm - back yard and plantings

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14183>

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection

Description Level: Item

Series Number: McG 9

Item Number: 1-2015.252

Accession Number: 1-2015

GMD: graphic

Date Range: [1980s-1990s]

Physical Description: 5.25 " x 3.5" (colour)

History /

Biographical:

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Scope and Content:

Photograph shows a view of the backyard of the McGuinness property, Christmas Tree Farm, Section 17. Christmas tree plantings can be seen in the background.

Notes: See McG 9 1-2015.249 corresponding negative #1

Name Access: Christmas Tree Farm

Section 17

Subject Access: residences

farms

trees

winter

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

Arrangement:

RR #8 photos

### Images

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## Threshing at Blight's Farm

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13841>

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection

Description Level: Item

Series Number: McG 9

Item Number: 20-2009.152

Accession Number: 20-2009

GMD: graphic

Date Range: 1925

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

Material Details: reproduction

Custodial History:

Donated to Fred McGuinness by G. Baldock in 1971

Scope and Content:

Photograph shows two women at a tractor. One is cranking the engine, the other is seated at the wheel.

Notes: Writing on back of photograph reads: "Threshing. Blights Farm Willow Creek at Chater. My mother at crank. Now over 90 living at 403-12th Street. G. Baldock 1971. 1925."

Name Access: Blight's Farm

Subject Access: farming

women

threshing crews

Tractors

vehicles

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

Arrangement:

From 2009 loose photos, from File 13

### Images

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## Threshing at Blight's Farm

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13844>

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection

Description Level: Item

Series Number: McG 9

Item Number: 20-2009.155

Accession Number: 20-2009

GMD: graphic

Date Range: 1925

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

Material Details: reproduction

Custodial History:

Donated to Fred McGuinness by G. Baldock in 1971

Scope and Content:

Photograph shows a harvest scene in the Assiniboine Valley. Stacks of wheat are in the process of being loaded into horse-drawn wagon carts. A threshing machine is set-up in the field next to an empty wagon. A woman in 1920s-era clothing is walking in the field.

Notes: Writing on back of photograph reads: 3 prints [20-2009.153 to 20-2009.155]. Threshing at Blight's farm Willow Creek at Chater. Lance Blight of front his father on the rack. 1925.

Name Access: Blight's Farm

Subject Access: farming

threshing crews

Tractors

vehicles

wagons

horses

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

Arrangement:

From 2009 loose photos, from File 13

### Images

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## Mrs. Osmond on her tractor



<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14167>

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection  
Creator: Photographer: Burton Strange  
Description Level: Item  
Series Number: McG 9  
Item Number: 1-2015.236  
Accession Number: 1-2015  
GMD: graphic  
Date Range: 1974  
Physical Description: 4.5" x 6.5" (b/w)  
Physical Condition: Photograph is stained

#### History /

#### Biographical:

Mrs. Hilda Rosa Osmond (nee Bridgeman) was born in Hampshire, England in 1888 to parents Edwin Samuel Bridgeman (b.16 Jul 1852; d. 19 June 1922, Brandon) and Rosa Holkham (b. 26 Mar 1859; d. 27 May 1927, Brandon). Edwin was a sailor and Rosa was a dressmaker.

Following the death of her brother Edwin Frederick Bridgeman (1886-1890), the family immigrated to Canada in 1891. The Bridgeman's took the train to Griswold, Manitoba, and settled near Edwin's brother, Albert Bridgeman, and together they farmed the N 1/2 of 36-12-23. The Bridgeman's had three more children, Ellen Grace (b. 27 Jan 1893; d. 22 Feb 1893), Harry Volantine/Valentine (b. 14 Feb 1894), and Charlie Cuthbert (b. 03 Aug 1896; d. 25 Aug 1901). Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Bridgeman retired in 1913 and moved to Brandon where they lived until their respective deaths. The couple are interred in the Brandon Municipal Cemetery.

Hilda married William Arthur Osmond (b. 1867; d. 26 Oct 1943) of Basingstoke, England, on 31 Jan 1913. They had a daughter Nellie who later married Glen Mossey. The family continued to farm the property on section 36.

Hilda Rosa Osmond passed away in 1980 at the age of 91. She is interred in the Greenwood Cemetery near Harding, Manitoba, where her husband and siblings also rest.

(Sources: England, Births and Christenings, 1538-1975. Salt Lake City, Utah: FamilySearch, 2013 [online]; Findagrave.com; Harding History Committee, Home to Harding 1879-1981 (Brandon: Leech Printing, 1981; Manitoba Vital Statistics Database)

#### Custodial History:

Photograph given to Fred McGuinness by Burton Strange of Kenton, 25 Nov 1974

#### Scope and Content:

Photograph shows Mrs. Osmond and her dog in front of her tractor that she purchased in 1947.

Notes: Label accompanying photograph reads: Mrs. Osmond tractor & her 26 year old tractor  
Name Access: Hilda Rosa Osmond  
Hilda Osmond  
Harding, Manitoba  
Subject Access: Tractors  
farming  
Storage Location: RG 5 photograph storage drawer 2 (hanging photos)  
Arrangement:  
McG 4.1 File 49



**Mrs. Osmond (of Harding, MB) with dog and tractor**

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14165>

Part Of:	Fred McGuinness collection
Creator:	Photographer: Burton Strange
Description Level:	Item
Series Number:	McG 9
Item Number:	1-2015.234
Accession Number:	1-2015
GMD:	graphic
Date Range:	1974
Physical Description:	3.25" x 4.5" (b/w)
Physical Condition:	Photograph is stained

## History /

### Biographical:

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### Custodial History:

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### Scope and Content:

Photograph shows Mrs. Osmond and her dog in front of her tractor that she purchased in 1947.

Notes: Label accompanying photograph reads: Mrs. Osmond tractor & dog

Name Access: Hilda Rosa Osmond

Hilda Osmond

Harding, Manitoba

Subject Access: dogs

Tractors

farming

Pioneers

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

### Arrangement:

McG 4.1 File 49

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