

# S. J. McKee Archives



## Alfred Angus Murray McPherson collection miscellaneous

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions4540>

Part Of: Alfred Angus Murray McPherson collection

Description Level: Box

File Number: 17.1 - 17.30

Accession Number: 21-2006

Other Numbers: Box Q

GMD: textual records

Date Range: 1862 - ca.1970

### Scope and Content:

Contains the following files:

17.1 Trail B.C. advertisement 1911

17.2 Angus McPherson beaver license 1900's

17.3 "The Angels of Mons" by Lieutenant Dougald MacEchern

17.4 Brandon General Hospital school graduation invitations 1925 and 1927

17.5 Machinery catalogues [1909-1928]

17.6 Watkins Stock Raisers manual [1920's]

17.7 List and map of Indian Reserves and Metis communities 1959

17.8 Wes Pentland Orange Lodge documents and materials 1862-1940

17.9 Brandon Collegiate reunion ribbon October 9, 1908

17.10 Victory Loan documents 1943-1945

17.11 Boys and Girls Service Clubs exhibit ribbons 1927

17.12 Prize lists for Justice Boys and Girls Clubs 1923-1926

17.13 Voluntary War Aid bulletin #12 [World War One]

17.14 "Canada's War Record" July 1942

17.15 Douglas war memorial unveiling ceremony programme November 17, 1922

17.16 Travel: Waghorns Guide 1898; Manitoba Driver's Guide 1935; southland Chicago-Florida train route and schedule 1916-1917; Manitoba road map 1941-1942; CPR western lines timetables 1918

- 17.17 Movie programme for "Gone with the Wind" [1939]
- 17.18 Magazine insert of funeral of Edward VII from Illustrated London News May 24, 1910
- 17.19 Manitoba Telephone Systems directory with provincial exchanges March 1930
- 17.20 Brandon Sun articles re: Brandon Hills picnic 1963
- 17.21 "The Academy Critic" December 1909
- 17.22 Weldon's Famous Dress catalogue [1920's]
- 17.23 Alex M. Brown, Pharmacist calendar 1935
- 17.24 Empire contest from the Winnipeg Free Press (undated)
- 17.25 Annie I. Pentland speech re: Barbara Heck
- 17.26 Electoral division of Landsdowne Municipality map 1949
- 17.27 Speech on wheat sales (author unknown)
- 17.28 Site and situation project on Brandon history (author unknown) [1970's]
- 17.29 Annual report from Protestant Orphans' Home 1937
- 17.30 Orange Lodge memorabilia (gavel, pin) 1881-1933

Notes: Part of the Alfred Angus Murray McPherson collection.

Storage Location: Margaret McPherson family fonds  
 Box 14 (Files 17.1-17.29)  
 Box 15 (File 17.30 and Orange Lodge ribbons and certificates)



## Alfred Angus Murray McPherson collection

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions4523>

Part Of: RG 5 Western Manitoba Manuscript Collection

Description Level: Collection

Accession Number: 21-2006

Other Numbers: Formerly the Margaret McPherson family fonds

GMD: multiple media

Date Range: 1862-1978

Physical Description: 4 m

Physical Condition: Some of the older materials are fragile.

History /  
 Biographical:

Alfred Angus Murray McPherson was born February 15, 1923 in Brandon, MB. The middle son of Angus and Annie Ethel (Pentland) McPherson, Murray grew up on the family farm in the Brandon Hills District. Following high school he obtained a B.Sc. degree from Brandon College, before enrolling in the Faculty of Education at the University of Manitoba in 1947 where he received his B.Ed. and M.Ed. Murray completed his Ph.D. in Educational Curriculum in 1955.

1975 at Michigan State University.

Murray's teaching career began at Brandon College as a chemistry instructor. After the year of teacher training he taught in Daupin Collegiate, then Luxton Junior High School and St. Johns High School in Winnipeg. In 1962, Murray joined the University of Manitoba Faculty of Education where he taught methods in mathematics and served as Head of the Department of Curriculum: Mathematics and Natural Sciences for sixteen years, before assuming the position of Co-ordinator of Student Teaching. During his career Murray co-edited a series of textbooks for elementary grades and was a strong supporter of the Manitoba Association of Mathematics Teachers. Following his retirement in 1988, Murray volunteered with Creative Retirement, Mentors Club and Habitat for Humanity. He also remained active in the United Church.

Murray McPherson married Margaret Elinore Raven on July 14, 1951 in Winnipeg. Margaret Elinore (Raven) McPherson was born in Winnipeg, MB on March 11, 1927. Educated at the University of Manitoba, where she earned a B.Sc. (1947), a Dip. Education (1948) and a B.Ed. (1966), Margaret taught school in Dauphin (1948-1953) and the Winnipeg School Division (Spring 1954). Together they had two children: John Angus Murray McPherson (b. March 19, 1955), an orthopedic surgeon in Winnipeg, and Kathryn May McPherson (b. November 20, 1957), a professor of history at York University, Toronto. Alfred Angus Murray McPherson died on November 25, 2001 at the Charleswood Care Centre in Winnipeg, MB. Margaret continues to live in Winnipeg, MB.

The MacPherson family originally came from the County of Sutherlandshire in the north of Scotland. The need for wool during the Napoleonic Wars resulted in the "Highland Clearances" of the early 1800's, which forced the small farmers or "crofters" to leave their farms and to move to the villages, such as Kildonan, Helmsdale and Golspie along the east coast.

In 1814, Hugh MacPherson (1779-1843) with his wife Anne Sutherland (1783-1857) and their family, immigrated to Nova Scotia and acquired a farm at Watervale, a community on the West River at Pictou. Following the issue of the land title, the "Mac" spelling of MacPherson became "Mc."

Alexander McPherson, the son of Hugh and Anne, married Elizabeth Murray at West River on April 10, 1840. They lived on the family farm at Watervale where they had a family of eleven children, a number of whom died in infancy. Their oldest son Hugh (1845-1916) and their youngest, Johnston (1857-1944), later came to Brandon Hills, MB.

Angus Sellars McPherson, a son of Hugh and Margaret (Sellars) McPherson, was born in Brandon Hills, MB on March 1, 1884. A farmer in the area his whole life, Angus married Annie Ethel Pentland in 1913. Together they had three sons: Howard, Murray and Kenneth. Angus died at Brandon General Hospital on September 5, 1953.

Alfred Angus Murray McPherson's mother, Annie Ethel (Pentland) McPherson, was born into a family that originally came from the ancient Scottish Midlothian or the more modern County of Edinburgh, from the Pentland Hills County, and in and around the towns of Pentland and Carrington. Around the year 1700, at the time of the large movement of immigrants from Scotland and England into Northern Ireland, several families of the clan settled in counties Down and Arnaugh in Ireland.

Between 1790 and 1820, a number from both Scotland and Ireland immigrated to Canada settling mainly in Eastern Ontario in the Counties of Hastings, Lennox and Addington and on Amherst Island. Around 1860, some moved to Huron County in Western Ontario to carve homes out of the bush. In 1881, Thomas James Pentland came from Goderich to Manitoba and settled near Douglas. He had learned the trade of a blacksmith and found one was needed so badly he gave up the intention to homestead and built a shop northwest of Douglas, on the South East quarter of Section 17-11-17. He later added a store and house there.

On July 22, 1885, Thomas James Pentland and Annie Isobel McVety were married at the home of the bride's parents at High Bluff and lived northwest of Douglas until 1890, when he made a deal with Isaac and Fred Lewis. Thomas took their homesteads on Section 14-12-18 and they took over the store, which they moved to Oakenside. T.J. Pentland continued to farm there until his death in June of 1919. T.J. Pentland was elected to the Council of the RM of Elton for Ward 1 in the fall of 1884 and served three years as councilor and fourteen years as Reeve.

The McVety and Owens families both came from County Fernanagh, Northern Ireland to Ontario during the first half of the nineteenth century. Henry McVety and Elizabeth Owens were married March 11, 1856, at Belgrave and lived at Morris until the spring of 1882, when they moved to High Bluff, Manitoba and fifteen years later to Bagot. In 1882, their daughter Annie Isobel came to Douglas to teach at the first Elton School situated 2.5 miles north and 1 mile east of present Douglas.

The family of Thomas and Annie Pentland consisted of three sons and three daughters. Fred, who served overseas in the 78th Battalion in the First World War and was killed in September 1917; Harry, who farmed in Justice until 1922, then lived in Brandon until his death in 1948; Ethel (Mrs. Angus McPherson), now living in Brandon; Evelyn (Mrs. N.C. Thompson) now living in Brandon; Wesley, living at Justice on the home farm; and Grace who died in 1908.

Harry Pentland's son, H. Clare Pentland, was born October 17, 1914, on a farm near Justice, MB, where Harry had taken up farming. Clare graduated from Brandon College in 1940, with an Economics degree and attended the University of Oregon, where he completed a Master's degree in 1942. He obtained his Ph.D. from the University of Toronto in 1961. His dissertation was later published as "Labour and Capital in Canada 1650-1860." A noted economist and a founder of the history of labour in Canada, H. Clare Pentland died on October 13, 1978.

#### Custodial History:

Prior to the death of Murray McPherson, Margaret McPherson's husband, he and his daughter Katherine McPherson, professor of history at York University, searched through various farm houses previously occupied by members of the McPherson family and gathered together family archival materials to safeguard them from destruction. These materials were transferred to the McPherson residence in Winnipeg and upon the death of Murry McPherson, Margaret became the sole custodian of the records. The decision to place the records at the McKee Archives was arrived at for two reasons. First, the records relate to the Brandon Hills and the history of this region. Second, Murray McPherson attended Brandon College in the 1940s, and felt kinship with the institution. The records came to the McKee Archives courtesy of the good offices of Diane Hageland of the Association for Manitoba Archives. Margaret McPherson donated the records to the McKee Archives on May 4, 2006.

#### Scope and Content:

Fonds consists of personal and business records for various members of the McPherson and Pentland families. These were generated in the course of settlement in the Brandon Hills, travel, participation in the First World War and various forms of associational life, in particular the Orange Lodge. The fonds includes correspondence, financial records/ledgers, legal documents, postcards, photographs, scrapbooks, greeting cards, livestock records, Brandon College Sickles, school records, electoral records, diaries, membership records, certificates, income tax records, ration cards, notebooks, newsclippings, autograph albums, poetry, receipts and speeches.

Notes: Biographical information for the fonds was provided by Margaret McPherson. Processing done by Deidra Wallace and Christy Henry summer/fall 2006. Description by Christy Henry. Numerous spellings of the surname "McVety" appear in the fonds, including McVetie and McVitie. The oldest documented spelling in documents of a legal nature is McVety. This spelling therefore will appear throughout the finding aid.

Accruals: Further accruals expected.

Storage Location: 2006 accessions

Storage Range: 2006 accessions

Arrangement:

Original file order has been maintained, while some boxes have been combined to provide a more suitable environment for the preservation of print materials. The boxes have been renumbered accordingly. Due to the original file order, however, the file numbers in the database have been prefaced by their original box numbers. For example, File 3.5 refers to the fifth file of the original third box.



**Angus McPherson; Murray McPherson; Hugh McPherson;  
Georgie McPherson; Hattie McPherson Morrison; George  
Richardson**

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions4538>

Part Of: Alfred Angus Murray McPherson collection

Description Level: Box

File Number: 15.1 - 15.15

Accession Number: 21-2006

Other Numbers: Box O

GMD: textual records

Date Range: 1909-1956

Physical Description: 17 cm

History /

Biographical:

For biographical information on Angus McPherson and Hattie McPherson Morrison see the description for Box 6 of the Alfred Angus Murray McPherson collection.

For biographical information on Murray McPherson see the fonds level description for the Alfred Angus Murray McPherson collection.

For biographical information on Hugh McPherson see the description for Box 5 of the Alfred Angus Murray McPherson collection.

For biographical information on Georgie McPherson see the description for Box 4 of the Alfred Angus Murray McPherson collection.

There is no biographical information for George Richardson.

Scope and Content:

Contains the following files:

15.1 Medical receipts 1945-1950

15.2 Miscellaneous farm receipts 1945-1950

15.3 Cattle and grain papers 1941-1953

15.4 Correspondence 1943-1951

15.5 Insurance 1909-1952

15.6 Angus McPherson wills 1937-1953

15.7 Angus McPherson - income tax forms and papers 1946-1956 (includes Farmers Income Tax Guides and Farm account book)

15.8 Murray McPherson correspondence 1934-1956

15.9 Hugh McPherson - blank form for Fenian Raid Volunteer Bount Act 1912

15.10 Miscellaneous 1929-1950

15.11 Angus McPherson income tax forms and papers 1943-1947

15.12 Income tax forms/papers 1943-1947 for George Richardson (1947), George McPherson and Hattie McPherson

15.13 Angus McPherson - income tax forms 1918

15.14 Receipts 1947

15.15 Receipts 1949

Notes: Part of the Alfred Angus Murray McPherson collection.

Storage Location: Alfred Angus Murray McPherson collection  
Box 13



## Angus and Ethel McPherson; Johnston and Ella McPherson; Hattie McPherson

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions4529>

Part Of: Alfred Angus Murray McPherson collection

Description Level: Box

File Number: 6.1 - 6.20

Accession Number: 21-2006

Other Numbers: Box F

GMD: textual records

Date Range: 1895-1972

Angus Sellers McPherson, son of Hugh and Margaret (Sellers) McPherson, was born March 1, 1884 in Brandon Hills, MB. He died on September 5, 1953 in Brandon, MB. Angus married Ethel Pentland on July 16, 1913. Together they had three sons: Howard Johnston McPherson (m. Jessie Walsh); Alfred Angus Murray McPherson (m. Margaret Raven); and Kenneth George McPherson (m. Mary Spratt).

Ethel (Pentland) McPherson was born May 7, 1890 to Thomas (T.J.) and Annie Isabel (McVety) Pentland. Raised at Justice, MB, Ethel was a graduate of the Winnipeg Normal School; she taught for a number of years at Orange Hall and Brandon Hills. After her husband's death, Ethel remained on the family farm with her sons until she moved to Brandon in 1957. She died on September 20, 1976, in Brandon, MB.

Johnston McPherson, son of Hugh and Margaret (Sellers) McPherson, was born February 7, 1879 in Nova Scotia. He died on September 17, 1966 in Brandon, MB (Johnston McPherson was the last of the original party that settled the Brandon Hills). From 1896 until 1914, he farmed at Brandon Hills. Johnston married Ella Harvey McKay on July 26, 1918. They had no children.

Ella Harvey McKay, daughter of Simon and Sarah McKay, was born September 5, 1885 at Brandon Hills. Her family moved to Alberta and then British Columbia sometime after her birth. Ella worked in Trail, B.C. for Consolidated Mining and Smelting, before her marriage to Johnston "Jack" McPherson. She died on November 25, 1971 in Brandon, MB.

Harriet (Hattie) McPherson Morrison, daughter of Hugh and Margaret (Sellers) McPherson, was born at Watervale, NS in 1877. She attended Brandon Hills and Central School in Brandon before receiving her teacher training; she taught school at Chatfield and Dunrea. Hattie married Robert Morrison at Brandon Hills in 1920 and together they had two children: Robert Morrison Jr. (m. Lila Berdux) and Margaret Morrison (m. George Walton). The family owned a farm at Rounthwaite until 1964, at which point Hattie and Robert moved to Brandon. Hattie died in Brandon, MB in 1965.

Scope and Content:

Contains the following files:

- 6.1 Angus McPherson financial records 1909-1955
- 6.2 Angus McPherson greeting postcards
- 6.3 Angus McPherson non-greeting postcards
- 6.4 Ethel McPherson ration cards [1939-1945]
- 6.5 Ethel McPherson non-greeting postcards
- 6.6 Ethel McPherson insurance documents 1959-1968
- 6.7 Angus McPherson financial documents 1912-1962
- 6.8 Ethel McPherson correspondence 1914-1972 (some undated)
- 6.9 Angus McPherson correspondence 1899-1957 (some undated)
- 6.10 Johnston McPherson correspondence 1895-1970
- 6.11 Johnston McPherson financial records 1907-1928
- 6.12 Johnston McPherson non-greeting postcards
- 6.13 Johnston and Ella McPherson correspondence 1918-1956
- 6.14 Johnston and Ella McPherson correspondence 1957-1959 (some undated)
- 6.15 Ella McPherson correspondence 1920-1971
- 6.16 Hattie McPherson correspondence 1908-1919
- 6.17 Hattie McPherson/Mrs. Robert Morrison correspondence 1920-1935
- 6.18 Hattie McPherson greeting postcards
- 6.19 Ethel McPherson Normal School notebook
- 6.20 Ethel McPherson diaries

Notes: Part of the Alfred Angus Murray McPherson collection.

Storage Location: Alfred Angus Murray McPherson collection  
Box 4 (6.1 - 6.12)  
Box 5 (6.13 - 6.20)



## Johnston and Ella McPherson and miscellaneous

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions4524>

Part Of: Alfred Angus Murray McPherson collection

Description Level: Box

File Number: 1.1 - 1.18  
Accession Number: 21-2006  
Other Numbers: Box A  
GMD: multiple media  
Date Range: 1884-1968

Scope and Content:

Contains the following files:

- 1.1 Johnston McPherson's drivers licenses and membership cards 1923-1963 (includes 2 photos)
- 1.2 Miss Ella McKay/Mrs. Johnston McPherson correspondence 1903-1919
- 1.3 Mrs. Johnston McPherson miscellaneous [1903-1968]
- 1.4 Mr. and Mrs. Johnston McPherson correspondence 1960 (includes "Story of the Brandon Hills" and "Fun and Happiness on Treasure Trail"
- 1.5 Mr. and Mrs. Johnston McPherson correspondence 1961
- 1.6 Mr. and Mrs. Johnston McPherson correspondence 1962-1963
- 1.7 (Possibly Johnston McPherson) hay account book 1902; same volume contains a travel diary
- 1.8 Johnston McPherson - Land Title (1910) and correspondence re: land purchase (1909)
- 1.9 Transcript of History of Justice, Manitoba 1956
- 1.10 Brandon Hills Busy Bees account book 1927-1934
- 1.11 Basil McDonald's land patent 1884
- 1.12 List of electors 1938
- 1.13 Brandon Hills School teacher's notebook 1927
- 1.14 List of electors in Glenwood [1915-1941] and Blanchard 1933
- 1.15 Unidentified correspondence [1902-1929]
- 1.16 Ella McPherson unsorted correspondence 1915-1952
- 1.17 Address book with newspaper clippings ca. 1940 (the bigger of the two address books)
- 1.18 Ella McPherson address book 1913-1939 (includes 2 photographs; was given to Ella McPherson by Ethel McPherson in 1913; the smaller of the two address books).

Storage Location: Margaret McPherson family fonds  
Box 1



## Alfred R. McDiarmid

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions9044>

Part Of: RG 11 Lawrence Stuckey fonds

Description Level: Item

Series Number: 3.1

Item Number: 1-2002.3.1A15

Accession Number: 1-2002

GMD: graphic

Date Range: [19-]

Physical Description: 3 1/2" x 5"

Material Details: Negative

### History /

#### Biographical:

Dr. McDiarmid served as mayor in 1919.

#### Custodial History:

For custodial history see the collection level description of the Lawrence Stuckey collection.

#### Scope and Content:

Item is a portrait of Brandon mayor Dr. Alfred McDiarmid.

Name Access: Alfred R. McDiarmid

Subject Access: government  
political figures  
mayors  
mayors of Brandon

Repro Restriction: The McKee Archives is the copyright holder for the Stuckey materials.

Storage Location: Lawrence Stuckey collection

## Images

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## Henry Forbes Angus

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions2123>

Part Of: Brandon University Photograph Collection

Description Level: Item

Series Number: 8

Item Number: 8.A.9

GMD: graphic

Date Range: c. 1914

Physical Description: 3.5" x 4.25" (b/w)

History /

Biographical:

Henry Forbes Angus (1891-1991) graduated from McGill University in 1911 and in 1914 he went to Oxford University. His studies were interrupted by the First World War. In 1919, he joined the faculty of the University of British Columbia in the Economics Department. Angus was likely an associate of William Burton Hurd, a faculty member at Brandon College and former student at Oxford University (around the same time that Angus attended that institution).

Scope and Content:

Portrait of Henry Forbes Angus, a member of the Canadian Expeditionary Force during World War I.

Related Material: Angus family fonds at the University of British Columbia Archives.



## Andy Murray

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions1215>

Part Of: Brandon University Photograph Collection

Description Level: Item

Series Number: 4

Item Number: 4.193

GMD: graphic

Date Range: [197?]

Physical Description: 4" x 5.8" (b/w)

Scope and Content:

Photograph of the Brandon University Bobcat Andy Murray in action against the Winnipeg Wesmen at the Brandon Arena.

Name Access: Andy Murray  
Brandon Arena

Subject Access: Hockey  
team sports

### Images

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## Murray MacDonald

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions1254>

Part Of: Brandon University Photograph Collection

Description Level: Item

Series Number: 4

Item Number: 4.233

GMD: graphic

Date Range: c. 1950

Physical Description: 2.75" x 3.75" (b/w)

Scope and Content:

Portrait of Brandon College Caps player Murray MacDonald.

Name Access: Murray MacDonald

Subject Access: Hockey

### Images

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## Eleanor Murray

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions2360>

Part Of: Brandon University Photograph Collection

Description Level: Item

Series Number: 8

Item Number: 8.M.26

GMD: graphic

Date Range: 1949

Physical Description: 2.75" x 4" (b/w)

Physical Condition: Photograph is glued to a piece of cardboard and the glue has caused some discoloration of the image. The surface of the photograph is cracking.

### Scope and Content:

Graduation portrait of Eleanor Murray, class of 1949.



## Murray Adaskin

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions4080>

Part Of: RG 6 Brandon University fonds

Description Level: File

Series Number: 6.5.1

File Number: 18

GMD: textual records

Date Range: May 1972

Physical Description: 1 file

### Scope and Content:

File consists of a draft parchment and Adaskin's citation.

Storage Location: RG 6 Brandon University fonds  
Series 6: Senate Office  
6.5 Convocation Services, Baccalaureates Services, Banquets



## Murray Evans

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions8829>

Part Of: Brandon Folk, Music & Art Society, Inc.

Description Level: Item

Fonds Number: 17-2008

Item Number: 17-2008.30

Accession Number: 17-2008

GMD: graphic

Date Range: 1986-1987

Physical Description: 3.5" x 5" (colour)

Scope and Content:

Photograph shows Murray Evans, songwriter and first festival Artistic Director, and unidentified performer onstage; 1986 or 1987 festival.

Storage Range: RG 5 photograph storage drawer



## Murray's Garage (Souris)

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13108>

Part Of: CKX fonds  
Creator: CKX  
Description Level: Item  
Series Number: S  
Item Number: 11-2010.S109b  
Accession Number: 11-2010  
GMD: graphic  
Date Range: after 1954  
Physical Description: 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 Murray's Garage.

Name Access: CKX  
Murray's Garage  
Subject Access: businesses  
car lots  
cars  
building exteriors  
signs and signboards

Storage Location: CKX fonds - 2010 accessions

## Images

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## Murray's Garage (Souris)

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13109>

Part Of: CKX fonds  
Creator: CKX  
Description Level: Item  
Series Number: S  
Item Number: 11-2010.S109a  
Accession Number: 11-2010  
GMD: graphic  
Date Range: after 1954  
Physical Description: 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 Murray's Garage.

Name Access: CKX  
Murray's Garage  
Subject Access: businesses  
cars  
building exteriors  
signs and signboards

Storage Location: CKX fonds - 2010 accessions

## Images

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## R. Murray Simmons

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions2435>

Part Of: Brandon University Photograph Collection

Description Level: Item

Series Number: 8

Item Number: 8.S.6

GMD: graphic

Date Range: 1966

History /

Biographical:

Simmons taught Philosophy and Religious Studies at Brandon College/University from 1947-1971. Simmons was made Professor Emeritus in 1971. He died November 13, 1978.

Scope and Content:

Portrait of R. Murray Simmons.



## Donald Murray Wilkie

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions2491>

Part Of: Brandon University Photograph Collection

Description Level: Item

Series Number: 8

Item Number: 8.W.3

GMD: graphic

Date Range: 1965

Physical Description: 2.5" x 3.5" (b/w)

Scope and Content:

Graduation portrait of Donald Wilkie, class of 1965.



## Earl Murray interview

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14553>

Part Of: Westman Oral History collection

Description Level: Item

Item Number: OH236.Mur

Accession Number: 35-1998

GMD: sound recordings

Date Range: May 16, 1983

Physical Description: 1 audio cassette [00:45:00]

History /

Biographical:

Melvin Earl Murray was born on October 16, 1901 in Neepawa, MB and he lived his entire life in there. Earl left school at the age of 15 to assist an uncle on the farm; he was one of a number of young men who took the place of men who were called to serve in the armed services during the First World War. He worked with his father on his farm until starting a transportation business locally in 1927. In 1932, he obtained a contract with General Motors to sell G.M. products. Subsequently he contracted to sell IHC farm machinery and later added a contract as distributor of Thomas school buses for the Province of Manitoba. Earl married Margaret Mary McIntosh (1902-1994) on November 5, 1924 and together they had one son, Gerald. Earl was active in church and community affairs, service clubs and sporting circles. Among his awards were The Town of Neepawa Honorary Citizen award, The Golden Boy award, The Red Cross Service award, a Chamber of Commerce award, Motor Dealers awards provincially and nationally and Her Majesty The Queen Silver Anniversary award. Earl Murray died on September 4, 1986 in Brandon, MB. He is buried at Riverside 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 Earl Murray about automobiles in Neepawa since the early days. The interviewer is Winnie Cheetham.

Notes: History/bio information taken from the records, the Neepawa local history "Heritage" and Murray's obituary. Description by Christy Henry.

Language Note: English

### Audio Tracks

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## Murray's Farm Equipment (Souris)

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13110>

Part Of: CKX fonds  
Creator: CKX  
Description Level: Item  
Series Number: S  
Item Number: 11-2010.S108  
Accession Number: 11-2010  
GMD: graphic  
Date Range: after 1954  
Physical Description: 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 Murray's Farm Equipment.

Name Access: CKX  
Murray's Farm Equipment  
Subject Access: businesses  
building exteriors  
signs and signboards  
cars  
Tractors  
farm implements  
Storage Location: CKX fonds - 2010 accessions

## Images

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## Souris sponsors - Murray's Garage

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13176>

Part Of: CKX fonds  
 Creator: CKX  
 Description Level: Item  
 Series Number: S  
 Item Number: 11-2010.S75  
 Accession Number: 11-2010  
 GMD: graphic  
 Date Range: 1968  
 Physical Description: 1.5" x 1.5" (b/w)  
 Material Details: Negative

### Custodial History:

See fonds level of the CKX records for custodial history.

### Scope and Content:

Image of Murray's Garage building.

Name Access: CKX  
 Murray's Garage  
 Subject Access: building exteriors  
 businesses  
 cars  
 automobile dealerships  
 service stations  
 signs and signboards

Storage Location: CKX fonds - 2010 accessions

## Images



## Murray's Garage (Neepawa) - exterior

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14337>

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History /

Biographical:

Murray's Garage opened in 1932 by Melvin Earl Murray. The business was later renamed Murray's of Neepawa in 1964.

Custodial History:

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Scope and Content:

Murray's Garage opened in 1932 by Melvin Earl Murray. Before it's opening in 1932 the building was used as a truck and storage facility, the business opened for automotive sales after Earl Murray had recieved a contract by General Motors in 1932. The first sale of a vehicle occurred in 1933 when a customer from Winnipeg bought a Pontiac vehicle. During the first few years of operation Earl Murray served as the Office Manager, Parts Manager, and Salesman. In 1934 an additional contract with the International Harvester Co. giving license to the additional sale of farm equipment. This new expansion resulted in the hiring of other staff to handle Parts and Service while the sales of the farm machinery remained Earl's responsibility.

The business aquired many contracts over the course of its existence as such new propoerties were aquired to allow for this expansions and new additions were added to the original building. When the new addition was near completion an explosion occured which resulted in 100% loss of the original building as well as all the contents it enclosed. Luckily, the fire department was able to save most of the new addition. A sizable loan was required for the buisness to rebuild after this disaster. Once the business was open again, car sales, need for parts, and service volume increased resulting in the complete recovery of the buisness.

In 1940 due to the war the purchase of new vehicles was limited to emergency service, it was at this time that General Motors added the Cheverolet-Oldsmobile to their contracts. Shortly after this a tornado hit the building causing substantial damage however it was soon repaired and business resumed.

Earl's son, Gerald, had worked in the business since his return from the war in 1945. He schooled in in Flint Michigan at a General Motors Business Institute to assist his father with the business. In 1960 Gerald took a course in Detroit Michigan in a Post Graduate School of Modern Merchandising and Management. After his completion of this course Gerald moved back to Neepawa and took of the position of Sales Manager at his fathers garage. The business was later renamed Murray's of Neepawa in 1964 when Earl handed the keys to the business over to his son Gerald.

Notes: Description by Jillian Combs. Information from Manitoba Hisotrical Society,

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