

S. J. McKee Archives



The Brandon Sun

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

History /

Biographical:

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

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

Custodial History:

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

Scope and Content:

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

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

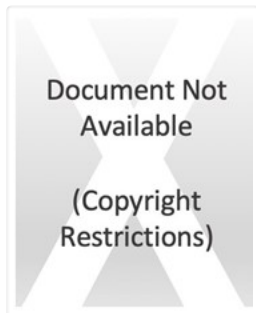
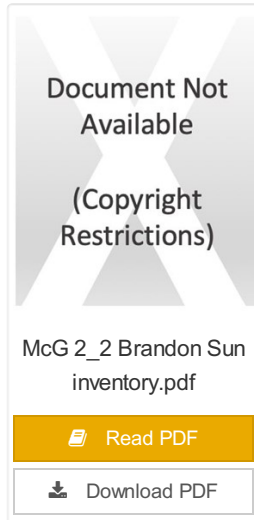
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Finding Aid:	A file level inventory is available

Storage Location: 2015 accessions

Arrangement:

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

Documents



The Wheat City: A Pictorial History of Brandon monograph

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

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

History /

Biographical:

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

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

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

Custodial History:

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

Scope and Content:

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

Notes:

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

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

Accruals: Closed

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Finding Aid: A file level inventory is available

Storage Location: 2015 accessions

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

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

Arrangement:

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

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Brandon Hardware Company Ltd.

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13695>

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection

Description Level: Item

Series Number: McG 9

Item Number: 20-2009.5

Accession Number: 20-2009

GMD: graphic

Date Range: [191-]

Physical Description: 8.5" x 6.5" (b/w)

Material Details: Reproduction

Scope and Content:

Photograph shows the Brandon Hardware Company Ltd. storefront at 641 Rosser Avenue on the corner of 7th Street. A billboard advertisement for Stephen's Pure Paints is on the 7th Street side of the building. A company delivery truck is parked on the street. Two men appear to be window shopping on the avenue side of the store.

Name Access: Brandon Hardware Company

Rosser Avenue

7th Street

Subject Access: storefront

store exteriors

hardware

Trucks

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

Images



Interior of dentist's office

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13710>

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection

Description Level: Item

Series Number: McG 9

Item Number: 20-2009.20

Accession Number: 20-2009
GMD: graphic
Date Range: 1906
Physical Description: 4.25" x 3.25" (b/w)
Custodial History:

John Dickson (b. 17 Mar 1854, Scotland; d.15 April 1926, Brandon) was considered one of Brandon's pioneer dentists. Dickson immigrated to Canada in 1857, where he lived in Hamilton, Ontario, for a number of years. Dickson then came to Manitoba and operated a grocery in Chater before he studied dentistry, graduating from the University of Minnesota in 1886. Dickson settled in Brandon where he married Anna Louise Harrison on 28 December 1891.

The couple had four children: Mrs. Irving Cross [Mary Louise, b.20 Dec 1892, Brandon; d. 22 Oct 1981, Saratoga, NY]; Dr. John Harrison Dickson [b. 26 Aug 1894, Brandon; d. 17 June 1956, Killarney]; Dr. Stanley Rodgers Dickson [b. 18 Feb 1896, Brandon; d. 25 July 1963, Brandon]; and Mrs. Emile Baldeschweiler [Isobel Marion Coates, b. 13 Nov 1900, Brandon; d.?.] of New York.

Sources: "Pioneer Dentist of Brandon in Dr. John Dickson," Brandon Daily Sun 16 Apr 1926 and Manitoba Vital Statistics database.

Scope and Content:

Photograph shows the interior of a dentist's office with dentist's chair and sink, as well as shelves and a table lined with medicines. This office is possibly that of Dr. John Dickson who had his practice at 804 Rosser Avenue.

Notes: Writing on the front of the photograph matting reads: December 1906.
Name Access: John Dickson
Subject Access: dentists
building interiors
Storage Location: RG 5 photograph storage drawer 2 (hanging photos)

Images





Royal George Hotel

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13712>

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection

Description Level: Item

Series Number: McG 9

Item Number: 20-2009.22

Accession Number: 20-2009

GMD: graphic

Date Range: 1912

Physical Description: 9.75" x 7.5" (b/w)

Physical Condition: photograph is torn and has scotch tape residue

Scope and Content:

Photograph shows the exterior of the Royal George Hotel located at 142-6th Street, Brandon. Striped awnings cover the second and third storey windows of the hotel. Dogs roam the sidewalk in front of the hotel. Advertisements cover the fence adjacent to the hotel and include: Fort McMurray town site settlement; Mortgage sale for city property; Starland Theatre featuring Miss Amy Lawrence, Soprano; Sherman Theatre; 15th Annual Horticultural Exhibition

Notes: Date ascertained from 15th Annual Horticultural Exhibition advertisement posted on fence adjacent to hotel. Address obtained from Henderson's Brandon City Directory for 1913.

Name Access: Royal George Hotel

Starland Theatre

Sherman Theatre

Horticultural Exhibition

6th Street

Subject Access: hotels

building exteriors

advertising

dogs

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

Images





Grand View Hotel interior

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13713>

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection

Description Level: Item

Series Number: McG 9

Item Number: 20-2009.23

Accession Number: 20-2009

GMD: graphic

Date Range: 1913

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

Material Details: on matting

Scope and Content:

Photograph shows the possible interior of the Grandview Hotel. A young man is working behind the counter that holds a cash register and tobacco display case. A calendar for March 1913 advertises O.L. Harwood's Insurance, Real Estate, and Loans. Below the hotel's 35-room call box is an advertisement for the Public Stenographers Company. A postcard stand holds cards of Brandon's courthouse and other prominent buildings.

Notes: Date ascertained from calendar above counter.

Name Access: Grand View Hotel

Public Stenographers Company

Subject Access: hotels

building interiors

advertising

tobacco

cigar dealer

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

Images





Grand View Hotel interior

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13714>

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection

Description Level: Item

Series Number: McG 9

Item Number: 20-2009.23a

Accession Number: 20-2009

GMD: graphic

Date Range: 1913

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

Physical Condition: photograph is torn

Scope and Content:

Photograph shows the possible interior of the Grandview Hotel. A young man is working behind the counter that holds a cash register and tobacco display case. A calendar for March 1913 advertises O.L. Harwood's Insurance, Real Estate, and Loans. Below the hotel's 35-room call box is an advertisement for the Public Stenographers Company. A postcard stand holds cards of Brandon's courthouse and other prominent buildings.

Notes: Date ascertained from calendar above counter. This photograph is a duplicate of 20-2009.23 but is in sharper focus. Grand View is written in pencil on the back of the photograph.

Name Access: Grand View Hotel

Public Stenographers Company

Subject Access: hotels

building interiors

advertising

tobacco

cigar dealer

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

Images





Horse team in front of Brandon Sun

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13717>

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection

Description Level: Item

Series Number: McG 9

Item Number: 20-2009.27

Accession Number: 20-2009

GMD: graphic

Date Range: [19--]

Physical Description: 4" x 3" (b/w)

Scope and Content:

Photograph shows a team of six horses attached to a sleigh in front of the Brandon Sun building on 10th Street.

Notes: Photograph appears to be a part of a sequence of photographs, see 20-2009.28 and 20-2009.29.

Name Access: Brandon Sun
10th Street

Subject Access: Transportation
horses
sleighs
newspapers

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

Images





Dominion Exhibition Display Building II and midway

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13726>

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection

Description Level: Item

Series Number: McG 9

Item Number: 20-2009.36

Accession Number: 20-2009

GMD: graphic

Date Range: 1913

Physical Description: 4.5" x 3.75" (b/w)

Scope and Content:

Photograph shows the midway at the 1913 Dominion Fair. Attractions include California Orange Juice stand and Patterson's Animal Trainer Show. The Dominion Exhibition Display Building II can be seen in the background.

Notes: Photograph appears to be a part of a sequence of photographs, see 20-2009.30 to 20-2009.40

Name Access: Dominion Fair
Dominion Exhibition
Dominion Exhibition Display Building II
Dome Building

Subject Access: fairs
exhibitions
building exteriors

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

Images



Interior of Cafe Aagaard

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13732>

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection

Description Level: Item

Series Number: McG 9

Item Number: 20-2009.42

Accession Number: 20-2009
GMD: graphic
Date Range: [1903-1923]
Physical Description: 5.5" x 3.5" (b/w)
Material Details: postcard

History /

Biographical:

Opened 1903. Closed 1923. Building became the Oak Theatre ca. 1930. Reopened as Towne Cinema ca. 1980 after being closed for many years. The building has since been demolished.

Scope and Content:

Postcard shows the interior of the lunch counter and cashier register at Cafe Aagaard located at 29-8th Street Brandon.

Notes: Writing on the front of the postcard reads: Lunch Counter Cafe Aagaard, 29 Eighth St., Brandon, Man. The back of the postcard reads: Cafe Aagaard, Largest, Oldest and Best in Brandon. The postcard is addressed to Mrs. K.L. McGregor, 157-4th St.

Name Access: Aagaard's
Cafe Aagaard
8th Street

Subject Access: restaurants
lunch counters
building interiors
store interiors
restaurant interiors
cafes

Brandon business buildings & facilities before 1940

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

Related Material: Lawrence Stuckey collection 1-2002.3.1E9

Images



Mrs. McVicar, Brandon's first postmistress

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13733>

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection

Description Level: Item



Series Number: McG 9
Item Number: 20-2009.43
Accession Number: 20-2009
GMD: graphic
Date Range: [1920-1930s]
Physical Description: 3" x 4.75" (b/w)

History /

Biographical:

Mrs. McVicar was Brandon's/Grand Valley's first postmistress. Biographical details about Mrs. McVicar can be found in a newspaper clipping [F.A. ROSSER, "Sunbeams – The Birds Dived Down Like Fighters on Gopher," Brandon Sun, September 16, 1978, 3] in McG 4.1 File 67.

Custodial History:

Photograph was brought to Fred McGuinness by Owen Anderson of Cypress River, Manitoba.

Scope and Content:

Photograph is a portrait of Mrs. McVicar sitting outside of her home in Texas.

Notes: Writing on the back of the photograph consists of greetings and salutations to the unknown recipients. Photograph "finished by Edrington's Studio, Weslaco, Texas."

Name Access: Mrs. McVicar

Subject Access: portraits
postmasters
postmistresses
post offices
Pioneers

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

Images





Sewer pipe installation along 700 block of Rosser Avenue

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13736>

Part Of:	Fred McGuinness collection
Description Level:	Item
Series Number:	McG 9
Item Number:	20-2009.46
Accession Number:	20-2009
GMD:	graphic
Date Range:	ca. 1906
Physical Description:	6.5" x 4.25" (b/w)
Material Details:	on matting
Physical Condition:	Photographs have been glued to a backing board that has warped over time

Scope and Content:

Photograph shows street view of north side of Rosser Avenue, primarily the 700 block, along which sewer pipe is being laid. Visible buildings and businesses include: The Fleming Block with Lowes Brothers Clothing and Manitoba Farmers Hedge and Wire Fence Company, the Beaubier Block and its Empire Hotel, A.M. Percival (a grocer), the Brandon Hardware Company (600 block), and the Arlington Hotel (500 block) are visible along the north side of the avenue. The Bank of Hamilton Building is on the southeast corner of 8th Street and Rosser Avenue.

Notes:	Writing on the front of the photograph matting reads: 290. Page appears to be from a photo album.
Name Access:	Fleming Block Empire Hotel D.W. Beaubier Block A.M. Percival Brandon Hardware Company Arlington Hotel Lowes Brothers Clothing
Subject Access:	Street scene downtown grocers storefronts building exteriors sewage construction
Storage Location:	RG 5 photograph storage drawer 2 (hanging photos)

Images





City of Brandon's parade float, 1927, Canada's Diamond anniversary

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13741>

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection

Description Level: Item

Series Number: McG 9

Item Number: 20-2009.52

Accession Number: 20-2009

GMD: graphic

Date Range: 1927

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

Scope and Content:

Photograph shows the City of Brandon parade float pulled by two clydesdale horses. The parade is in honour of the diamond anniversary of Canada's Confederation. The float is decorated with wheat sheaves, the city's coat of arms, and the words "education" and "health" adorn a pergola or arbour in the centre of the float. Seven people are on the float and appear to be in costume. An Aboriginal man is dressed in full regalia, one man appears to be in academic robes, another dressed as a farmer. One woman appears to be dressed like a nurse while another may be wearing a pioneer costume.

Notes: Writing on the back of the photograph reads: Brandon City's foat in 1927, Celebrating 60 years of Confederation, The lady in white is Miss Ann Carnahan who was on the city staff for a number of years and now resides in Victoria. She is my husbands [sic.] sister.

Subject Access: **parades**
Transportation
parade floats
horses
Confederation
anniversaries
Diamond anniversary

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

Images





Brandon Collegiate class photo

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13746>

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection

Description Level: Item

Series Number: McG 9

Item Number: 20-2009.57

Accession Number: 20-2009

GMD: graphic

Date Range: [19--]

Physical Description: 5" x 3.25" (b/w)

History /

Biographical:

The Brandon Collegiate was built in 1907 and officially opened in 1908. Architect W.A. Elliott designed the building, which was faced with brick from Wisconsin (order 65,000 bricks). Located at 527 Louise Avenue, it ceased to be Brandon Collegiate Institute (BCI) in the summer of 1974. It was renamed New Era School on the recommendation of Marion Pye, who was a teacher at BCI in its last years. The name "New Era" was also the name of the BCI yearbook.

Custodial History:

Sent to Fred McGuinness from Martin Kavanagh of Brandon.

Scope and Content:

Photograph is an outdoor class picture of Brandon Collegiate Institute students standing on the front steps of the school.

Notes: History/bio information obtained from Lawrence Stuckey descriptions and the Manitoba Historical Society website. The negative for this photograph can be found in McG 1.2 File 19.

Name Access: Brandon Collegiate

Subject Access: schools

class portraits

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

Images



Brandon street cars in front of Winter Fair Building on 10th Street

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13753>



Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection
Description Level: Item
Series Number: McG 9
Item Number: 20-2009.64
Accession Number: 20-2009
GMD: graphic
Date Range: 1913
Physical Description: 5.5" x 3.5" (b/w)
Material Details: postcard
Physical Condition: Postcard is discoloured around the edges

History /

Biographical:

According to the Brandon Daily Sun (07 May 1913), the first three street cars (Nos. 10, 9, and 7) arrived in Brandon on the evening of May 6, 1913. The cars were shipped via Canadian National Rail to Brandon from Winnipeg and stored at the railway siding on McTavish Avenue between 8th and 9th Streets. The daily paper (15 May 1915) reported that a test run for the street cars was scheduled for May 16, 1913. The City Clerk published a public notice in the paper (29 May 1913) announcing the formal opening of the "Brandon Municipal Street Railway" for on Monday, June 2, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at city hall where the cars would be displayed.

Custodial History:

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

Scope and Content:

Postcard depicts three municipal street cars parked on the 10th Street tracks in front of the Winter Fair Building. In front of the cars are a group of men wearing suits, hats, and top coats. Two automobiles are parked alongside the street cars. According to Archivist Emeritus Tom Mitchell, the group of men are members of the Brandon Municipal Street Railway Committee. The chairman of the committee, Harry Cater, can be seen in the center-left of the group wearing a watch fob. The committee had assembled for a test run of the street car service, which the Brandon Daily Sun reported to have occurred on Sunday, May 16, 1913.

Notes: Back of postcard reads: First Street Car in Brandon in front of Winter Fair building 1910.

Name Access: Brandon Municipal Railway
Winter Fair Building
Harry Cater
10th Street

Subject Access: street cars
Transportation
cars
automobiles

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

Related Material: Lawrence Stuckey collection 1-2002.3.112

Images





Brandon General Hospital nurses uniform

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13755>

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection

Description Level: Item

Series Number: McG 9

Item Number: 20-2009.66

Accession Number: 20-2009

GMD: graphic

Date Range: 1970

Physical Description: 3.5" x 3.5" (colour)

Custodial History:

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

Scope and Content:

Photograph shows a young woman wearing a period nursing sister's uniform/costume. The uniform is attributed to the Brandon General Hospital c.1918.

Notes: Back of photograph reads: B.G.H. uniform 1918

Name Access: Brandon General Hospital

Subject Access: nurses

costumes

uniforms

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

Images



Coombs & Stewart general store c. 1881

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13756>

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection

Description Level: Item

Series Number: McG 9

Item Number: 20-2009.67

Accession Number: 20-2009
GMD: graphic
Date Range: c.1881
Physical Description: 6.5" x 5" (b/w)
Material Details: on matting
Physical Condition: Photograph is stained and water damaged. A newspaper clipping about William (Billy) Muir is glued to the top left hand corner of the mat. The image is exfoliated in the right hand corner. The negative has been reverse printed.

History /

Biographical:

Coombs & Stewart opened the first general store in Brandon in 1881, which was located on 6th Street and Pacific Avenue. According to G.F. Barker (Brandon: A City, 1977, 291), William (Billy) Muir worked at the store until he opened his own grocery store in 1888.

Custodial History:

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

Scope and Content:

Photograph shows the Coombs & Stewart general store located on the corner of Pacific Avenue and 6th Street. A group of men pose in front of the wood-framed store.

Notes: Back of photograph reads: One of first stores in Brandon, Coombs...[?]

Name Access: Coombs & Stewart
Pacific Avenue
6th Street
Wm. Muir General Grocer

Subject Access: Pioneers
general stores
building exteriors
store exteriors
horses
grocery stores
Brandon business buildings & facilities before 1940

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

Related Material: Lawrence Stuckey collection 1-2002.3.1E13

Images





William Muir General Grocer building

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13757>

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection
Description Level: Item
Series Number: McG 9
Item Number: 20-2009.68
Accession Number: 20-2009
GMD: graphic
Date Range: post-1888
Physical Description: 4.5" x 7.5" (b/w)
Material Details: on matting
Physical Condition: Matting is bent and has a thumbtack hole.

History /

Biographical:

According to G.F. Barker (Brandon: A City, 1977, 291), William (Billy) Muir worked at Coombs & Stewart's on Pacific Avenue until he opened his own grocery store in 1888. The shop was located at 143-6th Street, Brandon, and was demolished for a parking lot in 1952.

Custodial History:

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

Scope and Content:

Photograph shows the "Wm. Muir General Grocer" building on 6th Street. Two men pose in the doorway of the store. The man on the left is likely William Muir. Barrels are lined on the boardwalk in front of the store. Apples and mason jars can be seen in the shop's windows.

Notes: Front of photograph reads: Sixth Street between Rosser - Princess. Back of photograph reads: Billy Muir's Store, 143 6th Street Brandon - 57 years in business in this location. An address label affixed to the back of the mat reads: Mrs. James Strath, Box 421, Souris, Man.

Name Access: Coombs & Stewart
Pacific Avenue
6th Street
Wm. Muir General Grocer

Subject Access: Pioneers
general stores
building exteriors
store exteriors
grocery stores
Brandon business buildings & facilities before 1940

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

Related Material: Lawrence Stuckey collection 1-2002.3.1E18

Images



Barber George Irwin in shop

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13767>

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection

Description Level: Item

Series Number: McG 9

Item Number: 20-2009.78

Accession Number: 20-2009

GMD: graphic

Date Range: [1909?]

Physical Description: 6" x 4" (b/w)

Physical Condition: Photograph is scratched

History /

Biographical:

Gordon Irwin (1878 - 1968) was a long-time barber in Brandon, Manitoba. Irwin was born in Allenbank, Ontario. He married Elizabeth Jane Rollings (b. 04 Dec 1880, Napanee, ON; d. 24 Jul 1976, Brandon, MB) in Malton, Ontario, on January 11, 1905, and the couple moved to Brandon shortly thereafter. According to Henderson's Brandon City Directories, Gordon Irwin worked as a barber, for more than 49 years, in various establishments throughout the city. Notable shops include: the Imperial Hotel (1906), the CPR Barbers (1913-1923), Heise's (1929-1935), Kidds (1930-1941), and Robert Fowles (1949-1955). The Irwins celebrated their diamond anniversary in 1965, which was photographed and profiled in the Brandon Sun (14 Jan 1965, 8). According to his Brandon Sun obituary (19 April 1968, 12), Gordon Irwin passed away in Brandon on April 17, 1968, and was interred in the Rosewood Cemetery.

The decorative ceiling and border are consistent with another photograph of a tobacconist's shop in the McGuinness collection (see 20-2009.1). According to Henderson's 1909 Brandon City Directory, Gordon Irwin - a barber - and tobacconist J.S. Rosby shared at storefront at 919 Rosser Avenue. This address is situated on the north side of Rosser Avenue, adjacent to a laneway. It is possible that the back of the shop overlooks the Grand Union Hotel on the corner of Pacific Avenue and 10th Street.

Scope and Content:

Photograph shows the interior of a barber shop. Three barbers are posing by their chairs and two customers are receiving a shave. The barber in the centre has been identified as Gordon Irwin. A display for Rudolf's Patent Pipes is in the foreground. An ornate tin ceiling and elaborate border are visible in the photograph. Framed pictures hang above the mirror, including an advertisement for undertakers Vincent & Macpherson (1901-1906).

Notes:	Writing on the back of the photograph reads: Dave Dick says centre barber is Gordon IRWIN, location may have been about 813 Rosser. May have been Kidd's Barber Shop. Harold Tackaberry confirms IRWIN. McGUINNESS.
Name Access:	Gordon Irwin J.S. Rosby Rosser Avenue
Subject Access:	store interiors building interiors barbers barber shops
Storage Location:	RG 5 photograph storage drawer 2 (hanging photos)
Related Material:	McG 20-2009.1

Images



Queen's Hotel on the corner of 10th Street and Rosser Avenue

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Part Of:	Fred McGuinness collection
Description Level:	Item
Series Number:	McG 9
Item Number:	20-2009.89
Accession Number:	20-2009
GMD:	graphic
Date Range:	1883
Physical Description:	7.25" x 4.25" (b/w)
Material Details:	on matting
Physical Condition:	Left hand corner of mat is bent. Mock-up instructions are written in pencil at the bottom right hand corner. Portions of the photograph itself are marked with pen.

History /

Biographical:

The Queen's Hotel was located on the corner of Rosser Avenue and Tenth Street (Steen & Boyce, 1882. Brandon, Manitoba, Canada and Her Industries. Steen & Boyce Publishers Printers & Binders, 81.). Therefore this photo appears to display Rosser Avenue looking east. P.E. 11/06/09

Scope and Content:

Photograph shows early Rosser Avenue under construction between 9th Street and 10th Street in the 1880s. Buildings that line the avenue are wood framed and there are wooden boardwalks in front of a few structures. On the north side of Rosser Avenue signs for Fortier & Bucke Commision Agents and Transit House (Hotel) can be seen. On the south side of Rosser Avenue, the Queen's Hotel and Robinson Brothers and Company groceries and dry goods store are open for business. A family appears to be standing on the stoop at the dry goods store. A boy is lounging in the entryway of the Queen's Hotel. A man is standing on a wooden plank that extends across the dirt road of Rosser Avenue between the dry goods store and the commission agents' shop.

Notes:	The back of the photograph reads: FRED McGUINNESS
Name Access:	Queen's Hotel Rosser Avenue Fortier & Bucke Commision Agents Transit House Robinson Brothers and Company
Subject Access:	downtown construction Brandon Street Scenes Before 1940 hotels hardware stores street scenes store exteriors building exteriors grocery stores general stores dry goods
Storage Location:	RG 5 photograph storage drawer 2 (hanging photos)
Related Material:	Lawrence Stuckey collection 1-2002.3.1C17

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