

# S. J. McKee Archives



## Personal papers

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13655>

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| Other Title Info:     | Title based on the contents of the series |
| Part Of:              | Fred McGuinness collection                |
| Description Level:    | Series                                    |
| Series Number:        | McG 1                                     |
| Accession Number:     | 1-2015                                    |
| GMD:                  | textual records                           |
| Date Range:           | c. 1910 - 2010                            |
| Physical Description: | Approximately 1.1 m of textual records    |

### History /

#### Biographical:

See collection level description for history/biography for information on Fred McGuinness.

For history/biography information on McGuinness family members, see subseries McG 1.1 Family papers and letters.

#### 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 series contains records created and collected by Fred McGuinness during his years in the Canadian navy, college, and as a journalist, editor, and freelance writer. The series has been divided into four subseries, including: (1) Family papers and letters, (2) Correspondence, (3) Business papers, and (4) Certificates and scrapbook.

Records in subseries McG 1.1, Family papers and letters, were created and collected by members of the McGuinness family. These records include materials from paternal and maternal sides of the McGuinness' family (see subseries for specific details about individual McGuinness family members.)

The second subseries, McG 1.2 Correspondence subseries, contains readers' and business correspondence collected by Fred McGuinness during his time as an editor and journalist. Many of McGuinness' readers reminisce about Brandon's local history in their letters to him.

The third subseries, McG 1.3 Business correspondence, includes financial statements from Fred McGuinness Limited (1991-1997, 2008-2009).

The fourth subseries, McG 1.4 Certificate and scrapbook, includes certificates for McGuinness' professional career and volunteer work. The scrapbook contains photographs and records from McGuinness' years with the Royal Canadian Navy and his time at St. Paul's College, as well as loose clipping from McGuinness' time at The Medicine Hat News.

Notes: Additional correspondence pertaining to his newspaper, freelance, and broadcast career can be found in the respective series and subseries

Accruals: Closed

Finding Aid: File level inventories for each subseries are available. See individual subseries' descriptions

Storage Location: 2015 accessions

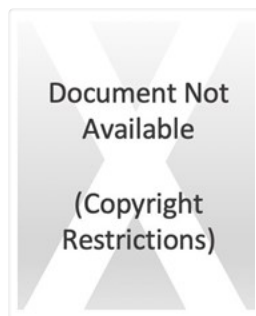
Related Material: McGuinness retained correspondence from readers' responding to his Sunbeams, Diary, and Neighborly News columns (see McG 2 Newspaper career). Additional local history references can be found in the McGuinness research (McG 4.1 Local history research) and monograph (MG 5) series

Arrangement:

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

McG 1 Personal papers

- McG 1.1 McGuinness family papers and letters
- McG 1.2 Fred McGuinness correspondence
- McG 1.3 Fred McGuinness Ltd. business documents
- McG 1.4 Fred McGuinness certificates and scrapbook



## McGuinness family papers and letters

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13656>

Other Title Info: Title based on the contents of the subseries

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection

Description Level: Sub-series

Series Number: McG 1.1

Accession Number: 1-2015

GMD: textual records

Date Range: c. 1916 - 2010

Physical Description: Approximately 18 cm of textual records

History /

Biographical:

See collection level description for history/biography information on Frederick George McGuinness.

Frederick George McGuinness' maternal grandparents were John POPE (b. 28 January 1852 – d. 24 January 1923) and Mary DARROCH (b. 24 May 1861 – d. 18 September 1942). Canadian Census records for 1906 show John was born in England and immigrated to Canada in 1870. Mary was born in Wellington, Ontario.

John and Mary married in Brandon on 11 July 1888. The POPE family was considered one of Brandon's pioneer families and all nine children were born in Brandon: Fred McGUINNESS'

mother Isabella Louisa POPE, John "Jack" Stuart/Stewart POPE, Annie Ruby POPE, Alice Jane POPE, George Campbell POPE, Henry Victor James POPE, Roy Clendon POPE, Hugh Edward POPE (b. 23 February 1901 – d. 9 November 1904), and Albert William POPE (b. 1 April 1903 – d. 17 November 1904).

According to the Brandon City Henderson Directories, maternal patriarch John POPE worked as a bartender in the Brunswick Hotel (in 1906), the King Edward Hotel (from 1907-1911), and the Royal George Hotel (by 1913-14). He later became an employee at the Empire Brewing Company (1921). The 1901 Canadian Census records both his brother George (b. 23 October 1843), working as a contractor, and his sister-in-law Ella DARROCH (b. 16 August 1872) as living with the POPE family. It appears George stayed with the family for a decade.

Isabella Louisa POPE (b. 09 July 1889 – 16 December 1966) worked as clerk and stenographer with the Dominion Express Company between 1907 and 1909. It was there that she likely met her future husband, William Frederick McGUINNESS, whom she married in Brandon on 2 November 1910. The 1911 Canadian Census shows William, Louisa and their one-month old daughter Mary Charlotte living with Louisa's parents on 629 9th Street in Brandon. William was working as cashier with Dominion Express Company at the time. [See William Frederick McGuinness below for more information about Louisa and William.]

By 1916, the POPE family was living at 708 10th Street, while Louisa and William McGUINNESS were living at their home at 337 17th Street. All of the Pope brothers listed the Tenth Street address as their home and their military accomplishments are mentioned in Fred McGuinness' popular short story "The Button Bag" that was read on CBC's Morningside radio program and later published in his book *Letters from Section 17* (1999).

John "Jack" Stuart/Stewart POPE (b. 18 March 1891 – 5 March 1971) managed the Empire Hotel's News Stand in 1909. From 1913 to 1914, he was a clerk with the Grand View Hotel. Jack married Helen Frances FINNEGAN on 1 May 1914. On 7 November 1916, Jack enlisted with the Canadian Field Artillery's 76th Depot Battery in Winnipeg (regimental # 12501611). His attestation papers list his occupation as a packer, likely with the Empire Brewing Company, a company to which he would return after the war. The 1921 Canadian Census lists Jack as single and living at his parent's Tenth Street home. By 1931, Jack was working as a foreman with the Empire Beverage Company. Jack's listings in Henderson's Brandon City Directories are sporadic throughout the 1930s and 1940s but it appears he was an employee with the Empire Beverage Company until 1941. Jack was listed as an engineer working at the Brandon Sanatorium from 1947 to 1949. Jack died on 5 March 1971 and was interred in the Veterans' Section of the Brandon Municipal Cemetery (Section 27, Block C, Plot 124); his grave marker affiliates him with the 181st Battalion.

Anna "Annie" Ruby POPE (3 August 1892 – 26 December 1971) was listed as a dressmaker in Henderson's Brandon City Directory for 1919. Shortly thereafter, she would become a long-term employee with Yaegers Furs (from 1921 onwards) working as an operator and fur finisher. After her father's death in 1923, Annie moved with her mother and brothers to 228 15th Street. She lived at that address until her death on 26 December 1971. She passed away in Yorkton, Saskatchewan (where her surviving sister Mrs. Alice Jane Murray lived), and was interred in the Brandon Municipal Cemetery (Section 6, Block B, Plot 11). The furrier Yaegers Furs Ltd. closed its shop early in her honour.

Alice Jane POPE (MURRAY) (b. 8 May 1894 – d. 11 May 1983) was a binder, folder, and stenographer with Cox Printing Copy from 1914 to 1919. She married Alexander Leo Murray on 8 October 1919 and moved with her husband, a butcher and grocery merchant, to Kenora, Ontario. Alice died in 1983 in Yorkton, Saskatchewan.

George Campbell POPE (b. 13 December 1896 – d. 3 September 1918) was listed as an employee of the Empire Brewing Company from 1913 to 1914 in the Brandon City Henderson Directories. His attestation papers identify him as a chemist's assistant. George had been

with 99th Manitoba Rangers for six years prior to enlisting with the 181st Battalion on 12 February 1916 (regimental # 855132). Once overseas, George was transferred to the 44th Battalion. He was killed in action six weeks before the war's end on 3 September 1918. His Commonwealth War Grave is in the Chapel Corner Cemetery (Pas de Calais, France).

Henry "Harry" Victor James POPE (b. 15 February 1897 – d. 18 September 1952) was another Pope brother to work with the Empire Brewing/Beverage Company. Harry became a long-term employee of the brewer, working with the company from 1917 to 1951. During that time, the Brandon City Henderson's Directories list Harry as a bottler (1925-31) and Vice President (1933, 1941-45). He briefly left the company in 1945 to work as a foreman with the Bell Bottling Company, and again in 1952. Harry never married. He lived with his sister in their family home until his death in 1952. He is interred in the Brandon Municipal Cemetery (Section 6, Block B, Plot 63).

Roy Clendon POPE (b. 4 April 1899 – d. 03 March 1966) enlisted with the City of Brandon's 181st Battalion on 3 April 1916 (regimental # 865466). He listed his occupation as bridge builder on his attestation papers. Once overseas, Roy was transferred to the 44th Battalion. He would survive the war and was awarded a Military Medal on 3 July 1919. After the war he became an employee with the Canadian Northern Railway (CNR) (1921-23). Roy became a carpenter by trade (1925-1945). He served as the secretary to the Kinsmen Club from 1931-33 and worked briefly with the RCAF as a laborer in 1943. By 1949 he had a wife, Anne, and moved from his family home to live at 623 23rd Street. He worked as a clerk and caretaker of the Land Titles Office from 1951-54. Roy is buried in the Brandon Municipal Cemetery (Section 6, Block B, Plot 65).

Fred McGuinness' paternal grandparents were Frederick Anthony McGUINNESS (b. August 1857-1862 – d. 5 March 1933) and Anna Charlotte GALLAGHER (b. 19 September 1861/1863/1864 – d. 10 March 1948). Born to Irish parents, Canadian Census records list England (1891, 1901) and Newfoundland (1911) as birthplaces for F.A. McGuinness. He immigrated to Canada in 1864 or 1865 and married Charlotte GALLAGHER in 1882. His wife, Charlotte, was born in Ontario. The couple had four children: William Frederick McGUINNESS, Ernest Albert McGUINNESS, Annie May McGUINNESS, and Frederick Gallagher McGUINNESS. The family moved to Manitoba in 1900 and while in Brandon, Frederick Anthony worked as a CPR conductor from 1906 to 1924/25. He would die in Brandon two weeks before his eldest son, William, succumbed to illness. He is interred in the Brandon Municipal Cemetery (Section 22, Block D, Plot 46).

William Frederick McGUINNESS (b. 22 August 1884 – d. 18 March 1933) was born in Ottawa and graduated with honors from the Willis School of Accountancy in that city. He moved with his family to Manitoba and worked as a cashier with the CPR Express Office from 1900 to 1905. From 1906 to 1911, he worked as a clerk with the Dominion Express Company. In 1910, William married Isabella Louisa POPE and they would have six children: Mary Charlotte, Dorreene Louise, Kathleen Ruth, Frederick George, Orma Grace, and Carol. From 1914-1919, W.F. McGuinness was the secretary-treasurer of the Hanbury Hardware Company; by 1921, he was the general manager. In 1925, W.F. McGuinness was manager of the Manitoba Hardware Company Limited and by 1927 he was the Company's secretary-treasurer. He was also a member of a number of service clubs and fraternal organizations. From 1919-1923, he served as a director of the Manitoba Winter Fair and Fat Stock Show, representing the Manitoba Poultry Association. He was also a Mason and was involved with Brandon's Council of the Board of Trade, Brandon Curling Club (1927 treasurer), and the Lawn Bowling Club. W.F. McGuinness passed away at the age of 49 after suffering from an infection for eight months, a complication resulting from influenza. He is interred in the Brandon Municipal Cemetery (Section 22, Block D, Plot 48).

While in Brandon, Ernest Albert McGUINNESS (b. 10 July 1886 – d. 30 August 1943) worked as a CPR ticket agent from at least 1906 to 1916. He was also a well-known baritone in the community. Ernest married Evelina G. DOLMAGE in Souris on 7 August 1912. They would

have three daughters: Anna Charlotte, Maire, and Mrs. Edward May. Ernest moved to Winnipeg with his family in 1916 and lived there until his death in 1943. He is interred in the McGUINNESS family plot in the Brandon Municipal Cemetery (Section 22, Block D, Plot 48).

Annie May McGUINNESS (b. 23 December 1888 – d. 23 March 1948) was born in Carleton, Ontario. She worked as a laundress at the Brandon Asylum in 1907. She became a stenographer and worked with a number of firms, including George White Sons and Company in 1913, A.G. Buckingham in 1917, Coldwell Coleman and Kerr from 1919-43, and Kerr, McQuarrie & Meighen in 1945. Annie was a member of the First Presbyterian Church and a charter member of the Heather Club. She died in Brandon at the age of 59, and was interred in the Brandon Municipal Cemetery (Section 22, Block D, Plot 22).

Frederick Gallagher McGUINNESS (b. 1891 – d. 23 May 1968) was born in Ottawa, Ontario. While in Brandon, he was a student (1911) and secretary of Boys' Work for the YMCA in 1913. He moved to Winnipeg where he graduated from the Manitoba Medical College in 1917. On 3 December 1917, Lieutenant F.G. McGuinness enlisted with the Canadian Army Medical Corps in Winnipeg. He served in France with the Royal Army Medical Corps and was a Medical Officer attached with the Ninth Royal Irish Fusiliers. Lt. McGuinness survived the war and returned to Winnipeg where he married Myrtle Eva WHITE in Winnipeg on 12 September 1922. They would have a son Jim "Jimmy" and a daughter Elizabeth (SHANNON). Dr. McGuinness practiced in Obstetrics and Gynecology and taught at the University of Manitoba's Medical School from 1923 onwards. He was instrumental in helping his nephew, Frederick George McGUINNESS return to school after he was injured in the Second World War. Dr. McGuinness died in Winnipeg at the Deer Lodge Hospital following a lengthy illness.

Frederick George McGUINNESS had five sisters, three older and two younger. The eldest sister, Mary Charlotte McGuinness (b. 1 May 1911 – d. 02 December 1973), was born in Portage la Prairie. While in Brandon, she worked as a music teacher from 1937 to 1943 and was an organist with Knox United Church from 1941 to 1943. She married Reverend Henry John Herbert OLDFIELD (b. 4 June 1914, Saanich – d. September 2007, Victoria). They had two sons, John and William Frederick "Fred" (b. 1945 – d. 21 August 1986). Mary passed away in Coquitlam, BC.

Dorreene "Doney" Louise McGUINNESS (b. 31 December 1912 – d. 16 February 1976) was born in Virden, Manitoba. She married Dr. Robert INGLIS (b. 17 April 1913 – d. November 1982) and had four children. Dorreene passed away in Estevan, Saskatchewan and is buried in Souris Valley Memorial Gardens.

Kathleen Ruth McGUINNESS (b. 12 September 1915 – d. 15 September 1963) was born in Brandon, Manitoba. She worked as an operator with Government Phones from 1937 to 1941 and as a clerk with CPR Telegraphs from 1943 to 1951. In 1951, she was President of the Trillium Business and Professional Women's Club. She died in Brandon at the age of 48, and was interred in the Brandon Municipal Cemetery (Section 22, Block D, Plot 50).

Orma Grace McGuinness (b. 13 January 1925 – d. 3 January 2013) was born in Brandon. She had trained as a nurse by 1947. She married George Edmond LONGPHEE (b. 9 September 1924, Souris, PEI – d. 7 May 2002, Sidney, BC) in Brandon on 1 June 1948. They had five children. Orma passed away in Sidney, BC.

Carol McGUINNESS married Herbert YOUNG on 16 January 1954 and had two children. She is the last surviving McGuinness sister of Frederick George McGuinness.

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#### Scope and Content:

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Records in the subseries consist of newspaper clippings, correspondence, financial papers, legal documents, and military records .

**Notes:** Biographical information about the Pope-McGuinness families was obtained from the following: Manitoba Vital Statistics Database for birth, marriages, deaths; 1901, 1906, 1911 Canadian Censuses for immigration dates, addresses, occupations; Henderson's Brandon City Directory (1906-1955) for addresses and occupations; obituaries published in the Brandon Daily Sun, Brandon Sun, and Winnipeg Free Press.

**Accruals:** Closed

**Finding Aid:** File level inventory is available

**Storage Location:** 2015 accessions

**Related Material:** McGuinness wrote about his family and published snippets in his newspaper columns (see McG 2 Newspaper career series), articles (see McG 3.2 Miscellaneous freelance) and monographs (see McG 5 series). His book, Letters from Section 17: A Collection of Morningside Essays is autobiographical in nature

Trillium Business and Professional Women's Club records

#### Arrangement:

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

## Documents

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## Brandon Collegiate Institute men's basketball team

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14009>

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection

Description Level: Item

Series Number: McG 9

Item Number: 1-2015.79

Accession Number: 1-2015

GMD: graphic

Date Range: 1937

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

Custodial History:

Photograph given to Fred McGuinness by Jack Stothard?

Scope and Content:

Photograph shows the 1936-1937 men's Brandon Collegiate Basketball team posing in the studio with their coach. A trophy cup is displayed next to a basketball.

Notes: Writing on the back of the photograph reads: Brandon Collegiate Inst.  
Brandon, Man, 5" by 3", 5" by 3", 5" by 3".

Name Access: Brandon Collegiate Institute

Subject Access: basketball

sport trophies

team sports

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

Arrangement:

McG 4.1 file 63

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## Joseph H. Hughes collection - photographs

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions8344>

Part Of: Joseph H. Hughes collection

Description Level: Series

Series Number: 3-1997.1

Accession Number: 3-1997

GMD: graphic

Date Range: 1886-1960

Physical Description: 84 photographs

### Scope and Content:

Accession 3-1997 (84 photographs, various diplomas; 1886-1960) contains a variety of photographs of buildings and streetscapes of the 100 block of Tenth Street and various Hughes properties in the city. In addition, there are photographs of the "Founders of Hughes and Co," a parade on Tenth Street in 1924, the Wheat City Business College Hockey Team 1912, three photographs of the Port of Churchill in 1931, three photographs of threshing crews on Hughes and Company property, a Great War military contingent from Brandon including JRC Evans, and four family photographs.

Notes: Initial processing Jessica Taylor (winter 2007).

Storage Location: RG 5 photograph storage drawer and oversize

Storage Range: RG 5 photograph storage drawer and oversize





## Experimental Farm, Brandon postcard

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13874>

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection  
Creator: Published by Christie's Bookstore, Brandon, Man.  
Description Level: Item  
Series Number: McG 9  
Item Number: 20-2009.184  
Accession Number: 20-2009  
GMD: graphic  
Date Range: 1910s  
Physical Description: 3.5" x 5.5" (colour)  
Material Details: postcard

### Scope and Content:

Photograph shows the buildings of the superintendent and barns of the Brandon Experimental Farm (now Brandon Research Station)

Notes: Part of "Christie's Brandon Series of Six Colored Picture Postcards of Brandon, Manitoba, The Crown Series, Published by Christie's Bookstore, Brandon, Man." [note: missing sixth postcard]. Writing on the front of the photograph reads: Experimental Farm, Brandon. Man.

Name Access: Experimental Farm  
Brandon Research Station

Subject Access: farms  
Agriculture

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

### Arrangement:

From 20-2009 File 9

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## Threshing outfit

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14271>

Part Of: Joseph H. Hughes collection  
Creator: Photographer: Boynton & Eaton, Reston  
Description Level: Item  
Series Number: 3-1997.1  
Item Number: 3-1997.1.73  
Accession Number: 3-1997  
Other Numbers: Hughes #72  
GMD: graphic  
Date Range: [1912-1914]  
Physical Description: 9.5" x 7.5" (b/w)  
Material Details: on matting  
Physical Condition: Photograph is stained

### Scope and Content:

Photograph shows four horse teams with four men, posing with wood-framed wagons as they are being loaded with hay from the field.

Notes: Manitoba Historical Society places Boynton & Eaton in Reston from 1912-1914

Subject Access: harvesting  
threshing crews  
Agriculture

Storage Location: Hughes oversize drawer

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## Brandon, the Wheat City postcard

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13864>

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection

Creator: Photographer: Sandy Black

Description Level: Item

Series Number: McG 9

Item Number: 20-2009.174

Accession Number: 20-2009

GMD: graphic

Date Range: 1980-1990s

Physical Description: 5.75" x 3.75" (colour)

Material Details: postcard

### Scope and Content:

Postcard is of a combine bailing hay in the north end of Brandon at the junction of First Street and Veterans' Way. The Brandon city skyline is in the background and the orange Pioneer Grain elevator can be seen on the left side of the postcard.

Notes: Writing on the front of the postcard reads: Brandon, The Wheat City.  
Back of the postcard reads: Brandon the Agricultural and Industrial center for southwestern Manitoba; Photo by Sandy Black; Printed in Brandon, Manitoba, Canada, by Leech Printing Ltd.

Name Access: City of Brandon

Subject Access: downtown

Agriculture

harvesting

farm implements

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

### Arrangement:

From 20-2009 #1 File 13 Sunbeams

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