

# S. J. McKee Archives



## Farm income and farm life : a symposium on the relation of the social and economic factors in rural progress

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/specialcollections219>

Part Of:	RG 4 Manitoba Pool Elevator fonds
Collection:	Manitoba Pool Elevator Library Collection
Creator:	American Country Life Association Sanderson, Ezra Dwight, 1878-1944 Kolb, John H. (John Harrison), b. 1888 American Farm Economic Association
Description Level:	Item
Item Number:	Archives 14-7.1-9
Item Number Range:	Archives 14-7.1-9
Responsibility:	prepared by a joint committee : Dwight Sanderson, chairman and editor, John H. Kolb, M. L. Wilson, representing the American country life association, Andrew Boss, F. D. Farrell, O. G. Lloyd, representing the American farm economics association ; published by means of a grant from the Institute of social and religious research
Start Date:	1927
Date Range:	1927
Publication:	New York : The University of Chicago Press for the American country life association
Physical Description:	xi, 324 p. ; 24 cm
Subject Access:	Farm life Agriculture Economic aspects Social problems Sociology Rural United States Social conditions
Storage Location:	Box 7.1 - Historical III
Storage Range:	Box 7.1 - Historical III



## A farm electrification programme : report of Manitoba Electrification Enquiry Commission, 1942

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/specialcollections51>

Part Of:	RG 4 Manitoba Pool Elevator fonds
Collection:	Manitoba Pool Elevator Library Collection
Creator:	Manitoba. Electrification Enquiry Commission
Description Level:	Item
Item Number:	Document Man. Co. Man. Elec. Enquiry 1942 Archives 14-7.2-1
Item Number Range:	Document Man. Co. Man. Elec. Enquiry 1942 Archives 14-7.2-1
Start Date:	1943
Date Range:	1943
Publication:	Winnipeg, Man. : King's Printer
Physical Description:	211 p. : ill. ; 26 cm
Notes:	Bibliography: p. 209-211
Subject Access:	Rural electrification Manitoba
Storage Location:	Box 7.2 - Manitoba I (Archives copy)
Storage Range:	Box 7.2 - Manitoba I (Archives copy)



## Farms and farmers in an urban age

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/specialcollections43>

Part Of: RG 4 Manitoba Pool Elevator fonds  
Collection: Manitoba Pool Elevator Library Collection  
Creator: Higbee, Edward Counselman, 1910  
Description Level: Item  
Item Number: HD 1761.H53  
Archives 14-4-28  
Item Number Range: HD 1761.H53  
Archives 14-4-28  
Responsibility: Edward C. Higbee  
Start Date: 1963  
Date Range: 1963  
Publication: New York : Twentieth Century Fund  
Physical Description: 183 p. : ill. ; 23 cm  
Notes: Includes bibliography  
Subject Access: Agriculture Economic aspects United States  
Rural-urban migration United States  
Storage Location: Box 4-Historical I (Archives copy)  
Storage Range: Box 4-Historical I (Archives copy)



## The city man's guide to the farm problem

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/specialcollections134>

Part Of: RG 4 Manitoba Pool Elevator fonds  
Collection: Manitoba Pool Elevator Library Collection  
Creator: Cochrane, Willard Wesley, 1914  
Description Level: Item  
Item Number: Archives 14-4-2  
Item Number Range: Archives 14-4-2  
Responsibility: [by] Willard W. Cochrane  
Start Date: 1966  
Date Range: 1966  
Publication: New York ; Toronto : McGraw-Hill Book Company  
Physical Description: 242 p. ; 20 cm  
Notes: Bibliographical footnotes  
Subject Access: Agriculture Economic aspects United States  
United States Rural conditions  
Storage Location: Box 4-Historical I  
Storage Range: Box 4-Historical I



## Prelude to legislation to solve the growing crisis in rural transportation : prepared for the Committee on Agriculture and Forestry, United States Senate

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/specialcollections127>

Part Of: RG 4 Manitoba Pool Elevator fonds  
Collection: Manitoba Pool Elevator Library Collection  
Creator: United States. Congress. Senate. Committee on Agriculture and Forestry  
United States. Dept. of Agriculture. Economic Research Service  
National Area Development Institute  
Description Level: Item  
Item Number: Archives 14-2-24  
Item Number Range: Archives 14-2-24  
Start Date: 1975  
Date Range: 1975  
Publication: Washington : U.S. Govt. Print. Off  
Physical Description: viii, 351 p. ; 23 cm  
Notes: At head of title: 94th Congress, 1st session. Committee print  
Bibliography: p. 350-351  
Part I. Transportation in rural America : an analysis of the current crisis in rural transportation / prepared by The Economic Research Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture -- Part II. Meeting rural transportation needs / prepared by The National Area Development Institute Lexington, Kentucky  
Subject Access: Rural transportation United States  
Transportation and state United States  
Farm produce Transportation United States  
United States Rural conditions  
Storage Location: Box 2 - Transportation 1  
Storage Range: Box 2 - Transportation 1



## Ruth and Archie MacLachlan fonds

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions10093>

Part Of: RG 1 Brandon College fonds  
Description Level: Sub-series  
Series Number: MG 2 2.33  
Accession Number: 23-2009  
GMD: multiple media  
Date Range: 1930-1934  
Physical Description: 27 cm textual records  
13 b/w photographs  
Physical Condition: Very good. Some of the letters written in pencil are a little faded.

## History /

### Biographical:

Ruth Alverda Wade was born July 11, 1912 in Brandon, MB to James and Etta Alverda. She had two younger siblings: sister Gwen and brother Sherry. The Wade family resided at 1837 Princess Avenue, Brandon, MB. Ruth graduated from Brandon College with the Class of 1933.

During her time at Brandon College Ruth met Archie MacLachlan. Archibald James MacLachlan was born in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan in 1907. He had four brothers: Howard, Edgar, Bruce, Curly and Stirling. When Archie was quite young the MacLachlan family moved to Alberta. Archie came to Brandon c. 1930 to attend Brandon College. During the summers of his years at Brandon College Archie held pastoral charges in Alberta. The first two summers were spent in the Peace River Country and the second two in Etzikom in Southern Alberta. This is the period during which the letters in the fonds were written.

Ruth Wade married Archie MacLachlan on September 19, 1934 in Brandon, MB. Following the wedding the couple moved to Hamilton, ON. Archie graduated from McMaster University with his Bachelor of Divinity degree in 1937. During this period their daughter Joann Ruth was born. After his ordination as a Baptist Minister the family moved to North Bay where Archie was minister for four years. The next six years were spent in Vancouver as Archie worked as minister at Fairview Baptist Church in Vancouver. The couple's sons Archibald James and Lachlan Wade were also born during this period.

At the end of the Second World War Archie decided to go back to school. The family travelled to Brandon, where Ruth and the children remained for part of a year while Archie went ahead to Andover Newton to enroll and find a parish that would support him while he went to school. The family was reunited in Penacook, New Hampshire; they lived there for two years while Archie completed his Masters in Sacred Theology. After a brief additional period of study at Harvard University, the MacLachlan family returned to Canada, settling in Toronto while Archie finished his second Masters degree (Psychology) and held positions as interim minister and then assistant minister at York Minster Church. Following the two years in Toronto they moved to Winnipeg.

Eventually Archie left the church ministry and became Chaplain at the Hamilton Psychiatric Hospital. He also continued to train students in Pastoral Education through the courses he had begun at the Divinity College of McMaster University. He remained at the Hospital until his retirement.

During their married life Ruth was kept busy raising the couple's children and with her work as a minister's wife, particularly her work in the community. She sat on a number of community boards, including positions as President of the Baptist Convention of Ontario and Quebec and a member of the Board of Governors for McMaster University's Divinity School.

Ruth MacLachlan died on October 29, 1983 in Mississauga, ON.

Archie married Kathleen Marie (Green) French (b. January 22, 1908, d. June 1, 1998) on June 20, 1987. Archie MacLachlan died in December 1997.

### Custodial History:

Records were in the possession of Ruth and Archie MacLachlan until their deaths. At that time the records were inherited by their daughter Joann. Joann MacLachlan donated the records to the McKee Archives on October 24, 2009 at a donation event held as part of Homecoming 2009.

#### Scope and Content:

Fonds consists of approximately 197 letters written by Ruth and Archie to each other during the spring and summers of 1932, 1933 and 1934. The letters were written during the courtship of the couple and contain details not only on about their lives in Brandon and Alberta but also more personal information about their relationship, families and future plans. Because Ruth and Archie were students at Brandon College during this period the letters also often reflect on events and personalities related to the College, as well as their own personal studies.

Fonds also contains a scrapbook compiled by Ruth during her Brandon College years. It includes photographs, newspaper clippings, graduation cards, event programs, place cards and other ephemera. There are also a few miscellaneous documents - McMaster University examination papers, handwritten sheet music, postcards - that appear to have belonged to Archie. Fonds also contains a graduation photograph of Ruth.

Notes: Description by Christy Henry. History/Bio information taken from Joann MacLachlan's book Ruth and Archie: Brandon and Brandon College 1932-1934.

Name Access: Ruth Wade  
Ruth MacLachlan  
Archie MacLachlan  
Addrene Edwards  
Dorreene McGuinness  
Brandon  
Brandon College  
Trochu, Alberta  
Etzikom, Alberta  
First Baptist Church

Subject Access:	land vehicles Christianity city life rural life convocations Correspondence crime post-secondary education mountains pastoral activities postal service parsons religious officials Radio Broadcasts tennis rail transportation weather social events music clothing theology hobbies liberal arts horses road transportation travels touring depression era
Language Note:	Some of the letters contain German phrases.
Storage Location:	Textual records: 23-2009
Related Material:	Photographs: RG 5 photograph storage drawer Ruth and Archie's daughter Joann edited the letters into a book entitled Ruth and Archie: Brandon and Brandon College 1932-1934. A copy of the book is located in the Rare Book collection of the John E. Robbins Library, Brandon University. William Ridley Sheridan Wade collection (28-2007)
Arrangement:	<p>The letters are arranged in chronological order with all of Archie's letters to Ruth for a particular year grouped together, followed by Ruth's letters to Archie for that same year. For preservation purposes photographs in the scrapbook have been removed and placed in photograph storage, with their corresponding scrapbook page number noted on the back. Because of the fragile condition of the scrapbook a note has been made concerning the original location of many items that have become detached from their original location in the scrapbook. These items remain with the remnants of the scrapbook in one archival housing. Note that Ruth did not place items on every page so the numbering is not sequential for scrapbook items. Some items were loose at the back of the scrapbook and therefore have no corresponding page number.</p>



## Hay baling

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions10107>

Part Of: RG 12 Brandon and Area Photograph Collection

Description Level: Item

Series Number: 1

Item Number: BAPC 1.1

GMD: graphic

Date Range: c. 1976

Physical Description: 3.25" x 5.25" (b/w)

Scope and Content:

Photograph shows a farmer using a New Holland bale wagon (1048).

Name Access: New Holland

Subject Access: Agriculture

farming

agricultural machinery

rural life

Storage Location: BAPC photograph drawer

## Images

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## Hay baling

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions10108>

Part Of: RG 12 Brandon and Area Photograph Collection

Description Level: Item

Series Number: 1

Item Number: BAPC 1.2

GMD: graphic

Date Range: c. 1976

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

Scope and Content:

Photograph shows a farmer baling hay using a New Holland bale wagon.

Name Access: New Holland

Subject Access: Agriculture

farming

agricultural machinery

rural life

Storage Location: BAPC photograph drawer

### Images

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## R.H. Leigh's threshing machine

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions10109>

Part Of: RG 12 Brandon and Area Photograph Collection

Description Level: Item

Series Number: 1

Item Number: BAPC 1.3

GMD: graphic

Date Range: 1903

Physical Description: 6.5" x 8.25" (b/w)

Scope and Content:

Photograph shows R.H. Leigh's threshing machine and crew during harvest.

Name Access: R.H. Leigh

Subject Access: Agriculture

farming

agricultural machinery

rural life

threshing crews

agricultural labourers

Storage Location: BAPC photograph drawer

### Images

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## Bradley Brothers threshing crew of Wheatland, Manitoba

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

Part Of: RG 12 Brandon and Area Photograph Collection

Description Level: Item

Series Number: 1

Item Number: BAPC 1.4

GMD: graphic

Date Range: [19-?]

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

Material Details: On matting

Scope and Content:

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

Subject Access:

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

Storage Location: BAPC oversize storage drawer

### Images

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## Train to Forrest, MB

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions10147>

Part Of: RG 12 Brandon and Area Photograph Collection

Description Level: Item

Series Number: 3

Item Number: BAPC 3.1

Accession Number: 4-1999

GMD: graphic

Date Range: 1890

Physical Description: 5.5" x 8.25" (b/w)

Material Details: On backing board

Custodial History:

Donated to the Brandon College Library by Hilda Hesson in 1967.

Scope and Content:

Photograph of an "outing" by train to Forrest, MB. Writing on the back of the photo states that the man in the striped blazer is very likely T. Mayne Daly. Photo was taken at the Great North West Railway station.

Name Access: Forrest, MB

Thomas Mayne Daly

Great North West Railway

Subject Access: rail transportation

train stations

recreation

Storage Location: BAPC photograph drawer

Related Material: A copy of the photograph is also held by the Archives of Manitoba

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## Train station at Forrest, MB

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions10148>

Part Of: RG 12 Brandon and Area Photograph Collection  
Description Level: Item  
Series Number: 3  
Item Number: BAPC 3.2  
Accession Number: 4-1999  
GMD: graphic  
Date Range: c. 1890  
Physical Description: 5.5" x 7.75" (b/w)  
Material Details: On backing board  
Custodial History:

Donated to the Brandon College Library by Hilda Hesson in 1967.

### Scope and Content:

Photograph of a train waiting at the Great North West Railway station at Forrest, MB.

Name Access: Forrest, MB  
Great North West Railway  
Subject Access: train stations  
trains  
rail transportation  
Storage Location: BAPC photograph drawer

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## Great Northern Railway near Bunclody, MB

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions10152>

Part Of: RG 12 Brandon and Area Photograph Collection

Description Level: Item

Series Number: 3

Item Number: BAPC 3.6

GMD: graphic

Date Range: [19--]

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

History /

Biographical:

Bunclody, MB was located near Souris, MB. The bridge in question crossed the Souris River.

Custodial History:

Photograph was donated by a "Mrs. Wilson" in 1989.

Scope and Content:

Photograph shows a portion of the Great Northern Railway track with the Bunclody bridge in the background. Also visible are a couple of houses, railway cars, lumber and part of the Souris River. The photograph was taken in early winter or early spring.

Name Access: Great Northern Railway

Bunclody, MB

Souris River

Subject Access: rail transportation

bridges

Rivers

manmade geographic features

Storage Location: BAPC photograph drawer

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## Mrs. Scott's residence, Kemnay 1893

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13689>

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection  
Creator: Photographer: Irwin  
Description Level: Item  
Series Number: McG 9  
Item Number: 6-2008.3  
Accession Number: 6-2008  
GMD: graphic  
Date Range: 1893  
Physical Description: 9.5" x 7" (b/w)  
Material Details: On matting  
Physical Condition: Foxing on matting and photograph, primarily along edges of photograph  
Custodial History:

Mona McKinnon (nee Corkish) gave photograph to Colleen McGuinness who, in turn, gave it to her father, Fred McGuinness in 2007.

### Scope and Content:

Photograph shows Mrs. Scott's residence in Kemnay, Manitoba. Members of the family along with two horse-drawn buggies are clearly visible along the front of the house. A possible church appears to the right of the house in the background.

Notes: Writing on the back of the photograph reads: Margaret Brown Scott, Mother in law to, Frank McGee Sr.

Name Access: Kemnay, MB  
Margaret Brown Scott

Subject Access: residences  
early transportation  
buggies  
churches  
Rural Manitoba

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

### Images

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## Manitoba Hardware and Lumber Company, Hamiota

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13908>

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection

Description Level: Item

Series Number: McG 9

Item Number: 20-2009.218

Accession Number: 20-2009

GMD: graphic

Date Range: 1900s

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

Material Details: reproduction

### Custodial History:

Given to Fred McGuinness by George Creighton, 1980?

### Scope and Content:

Photograph shows two men seated in a sleigh pulled by two oxen. Behind the men is a wooden building with a M.H. & L Co. Ltd. sign on its side.

Notes: Writing on the front of the photograph reads: 7.3.80. file family letters. picture of dad's store at Hamiota. M.H. & L. > Manitoba Hardware & Lumber Co. George Creighton gave me this. McG.

Name Access: Manitoba Hardware and Lumber Company

Hamiota, Manitoba

Subject Access: hardware stores

lumber manufacturing

winter

Transportation

early transportation

Rural Manitoba

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

### Arrangement:

From 20-2009 #4 plastic envelope #2

## Images

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## George and Mary Porterfield

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14008>

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection

Description Level: Item

Series Number: McG 9

Item Number: 1-2015.78

Accession Number: 1-2015

GMD: graphic

Date Range: [1920s]

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

Custodial History:

Photograph given to Fred McGuinness by Helen Turner

Scope and Content:

Photograph shows a man - George Porterfield - and woman - Mary Porterfield - posing with a vehicle on a farm property.

Notes: Writing on the back of the photograph reads: Taken in the Summer at one of the neighbour homes George & myself. Note attached to the back of the photograph reads: George & Mary got married on June 6th 1923 and lived on the farm. This is their first car.

Name Access: George Porterfield

Subject Access: Transportation

automobiles

motor cars

farms

rural life

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

Arrangement:

McG 1.2 file 20

### Images

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## Mrs. Osmond (of Harding, MB) in her kitchen

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14164>

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection

Creator: Photographer: Burton Strange



Description Level: Item  
Series Number: McG 9  
Item Number: 1-2015.233  
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:

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 Baisingstoke, 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 sitting at a kitchen table with a cup of coffee before her.

Notes: Label accompanying photograph reads: Mrs. Osmond, a resume of the good days over a cup of coffee

Name Access: Hilda Rosa Osmond  
Hilda Osmond  
Harding, Manitoba

Subject Access: kitchens  
building interiors  
Pioneers

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

#### Arrangement:

McG 4.1 File 49

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**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:

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 & 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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## Mrs. Osmond and family (Harding, MB)

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14166>

Part Of:	Fred McGuinness collection
Creator:	Photographer: Burton Strange
Description Level:	Item
Series Number:	McG 9
Item Number:	1-2015.235
Accession Number:	1-2015
GMD:	graphic
Date Range:	1974
Physical Description:	4.25" x 3.25" (b/w)
Physical Condition:	Photograph is stained

## History /

### Biographical:

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### Custodial History:

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

### Scope and Content:

Photograph shows Mrs. Osmond, her daughter Nellie, and her daughter's husband Glen Mossey standing before a vehicle in a farm yard.

Notes: Label accompanying photograph reads: from the right Mrs. Osmond daughter & son in law Glen Mossey & wife

Name Access: Hilda Rosa Osmond  
Hilda Osmond  
Glen Mossey  
Nellie Mossey  
Harding, Manitoba

Subject Access: farms

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

### Arrangement:

McG 4.1 File 49

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## Murray's Garage (Neepawa) - exterior

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14338>

Part Of:	CKX fonds
Creator:	CKX
Description Level:	Item
Series Number:	M
Item Number:	11-2010.M7a
Accession Number:	11-2010
GMD:	graphic
Date Range:	1954
Material Details:	Negative

## History /

### Biographical:

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 but 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.

### Custodial History:

See Fonds level description for custodial history

### Scope and Content:

Image is of Murray's Garage exterior view. The photo was taken from across the street. There are a series of signs on the building "Firestone" on the peak of the building, "Murray's used cars" on the roof, and "Murrays Pontiac, Buick, GMC, Trucks" down the front of the building above the main entrance. Murray's Garage appears to be next to a Texaco station.

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