

S. J. McKee Archives



Promotional materials, 1988 festival

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions8758>

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

Description Level: File

Fonds Number: 17-2008

File Number: 6

Accession Number: 17-2008

Start Date: 1988

End Date: 1988

Date Range: 1988

Material Details: textual records

Scope and Content:

File consists of promotional materials, press clippings, volunteer schedules, budgets, invoices from 1988 festival.

Name Access: Drew Caldwell

Murray Evans



Records and planning documents

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions8861>

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

Description Level: File

Fonds Number: 17-2008

File Number: 15

Accession Number: 17-2008

Start Date: 2003

End Date: 2005

Date Range: 2003-2005

Material Details: textual records

Scope and Content:

File consists of meeting agendas, minutes, area and committee reports, promotional materials and financial records.



Texaco opening (highways 10 & 1)

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions12989>

Part Of: CKX fonds
Creator: CKX
Description Level: Item
Series Number: T
Item Number: 11-2010.T18b
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 a radio d.j. in a Texaco service station.

Name Access: CKX
Texaco
Subject Access: service stations
persons
businesses
broadcasting equipment
broadcasters
Storage Location: CKX fonds - 2010 accessions

Images





Texaco opening (highways 10 & 1)

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions12990>

Part Of: CKX fonds
 Creator: CKX
 Description Level: Item
 Series Number: T
 Item Number: 11-2010.T18a
 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 a man in front of a Texaco service station.

Name Access: CKX
 Texaco
 Subject Access: service stations
 persons
 businesses
 broadcasting equipment
 broadcasters
 cars
 Storage Location: CKX fonds - 2010 accessions

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McGuinness artifacts and sound recordings

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13682>

Other Title Info: Title based on the contents of the series
 Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection
 Description Level: Series

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Available

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Restrictions)

Series Number: McG 7
Accession Number: 1-2015
GMD: multiple media
Date Range: c. 1985-1990
Physical Description: 17 artifacts
10 sound recordings

History /

Biographical:

Artifacts in this series were collected by Fred McGuinness during the course of his lifetime as a community volunteer and newspaperman. Beginning in the mid-1930s through the Second World War, McGuinness worked with the Canadian Pacific Telegraph service in Brandon and Winnipeg. McGuinness frequently wrote about those early experiences in his newspaper columns, journals, and monographs.

In the early 1950s, while McGuinness worked as a publicist with the Unemployment Insurance Commission in Winnipeg, he volunteered with community organizations such as the Winnipeg Community Chest Drive. From 1953 to 1955, McGuinness worked as an organizer for the Province of Saskatchewan's 1955 Golden Jubilee.

After the Saskatchewan Jubilee, McGuinness worked with The Medicine Hat News as a journalist and publisher from 1955 to 1965. During that time, McGuinness became heavily involved with the Medicine Hat Chamber of Commerce. His community and business connections resulted in his appointment as a fundraiser for the Medicine Hat Junior College Library, a building project intended to see the City established with its own college.

After his work with the Saskatchewan Jubilee, McGuinness was asked to be a Regional Director for the Canadian Centennial Commission from 1965 to 1967. During that time, McGuinness returned to his hometown of Brandon in 1966, to start a 20-year career with the Brandon Sun as a publisher and vice-president. McGuinness' interest in local history, of which he often wrote, made him the recipient of local ephemera from his readers.

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:

This series contains artifacts collected by Fred McGuinness during the course of his lifetime as a community volunteer and newspaperman. The artifacts include one telegraph sounder, four letterpress blocks, five typesetter rulers, two patches, two buttons, one token, one tin box, and ten sound recordings.

The telegraph sounder and relay system was possibly a gift from Bill Flett, a CPR superintendent. In his story "Canadian Pacific" published in *Letters from Section 17* (1999), McGuinness mentions receiving a package containing telegraph equipment while he was working at the *Brandon Sun*. The tin box in McGuinness' collection contained copies of telegraphs announcing the end of the war.

Two letterpress type blocks have the letters "WM" which may represent the initials of Fred McGuinness' father William McGuinness. J.R. Langford donated the "Colquhoun and Beattie" type plate to McGuinness, a known collector of Brandon local history. Mr. Beattie had gifted the plate to Lanford's father who worked as a barber in Brandon in 1906. The *Brandon Sun* letterpress is likely from the period when McGuinness worked at the *Brandon Sun*.

The five typesetter rulers come from a variety of typesetter and newspaper companies and include Teletypesetter (Chicago, IL), 6 Cutting Limited (Montreal, Toronto, Winnipeg), Mergenthaler Linotype Company (Brooklyn, NY), and *The Edmonton Journal*.

The two buttons in the collection come from McGuinness' time as a community-volunteer in Winnipeg, Manitoba. One button is from the Community Chest Drive, the other button is a guest badge from the 1953 Provincial Exhibition of Manitoba.

The two patches are from the Saskatchewan Golden Jubilee (1955). Photographs of Saskatchewan Jubilee events and participants wearing the patch on their blazers can be found in the McGuinness photograph collection.

McGuinness saved a Medicine Hat College Official Opening Token from October 3, 1971. McGuinness was likely at the opening as he was originally involved in the establishment of the junior college in the 1960s.

The sound recordings in McGuinness' collection largely pertain to centennial events, which McGuinness helped organize. There is one box set containing four records of the Saskatchewan Golden Jubilee Choir. Tucked in this volume is an additional record of the Choir recorded at CKCK, Regina, Saskatchewan. Also stored within the box set was a copy "Canada, A Centennial Song."

Accruals:	Closed
Finding Aid:	A file level inventory is available
Storage Location:	2015 accessions
Arrangement:	
	Arrangement was artificially created by the Archives

Documents

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artifacts and sound
recordings inventory.pdf

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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.
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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)

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Rosser Avenue, north side 900 block

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13799>

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection

Description Level: Item

Series Number: McG 9

Item Number: 20-2009.108

Accession Number: 20-2009

GMD: graphic

Date Range: 1882

Physical Description: 7.25" x 4.25" (b/w)

Material Details: On matting

Physical Condition: Photograph has pen markings and publishing mark-up notes on front and back of matting

Scope and Content:

Photograph shows the north side of the 900-block of Rosser Avenue, facing west from 9th Street. All the shops appear to be woodframed buildings; the sidewalk has yet to be installed and wooden planks have been laid down in front of the shops. Visible storefronts include: (left to right): Leask & Rose, general merchants (at the 11th Street intersect); Fortier & Bucke - Manufacturers' Agents and CPR Express Co.; The New Era - real estate office; Imperial Bank of Canada; Durand & Macdonald Law Office, T.D. McLean - jeweller; Deacon & Hooper - grocers; and J. Barker Vosburgh - Surgeon & Dentist. The building in the foreground has Rosser Avenue and 9th Street street signs affixed above the entrance to the building. A chuckwagon is parked in front of Fortier & Bucke.

Notes:	Writing on the front of the photograph reads: Brandon.
Name Access:	Rosser Avenue Leask & Rose Fortier & Bucke Commision Agents The New Era Imperial Bank of Canada T.D. McLean W.A. McDonald soliciter J. Barker Vosburgh Deacon & Hooper 9th Street
Subject Access:	Brandon business buildings & facilities before 1940 store exteriors street scenes jewellers jewelry stores jewelry stores signs and signboards grocery stores general stores banks surgeons dentists lawyers grocery trade hardware stores wagons
Storage Location:	McGuinness oversize storage drawer (1-2015)
Related Material:	Lawrence Stuckey collection 1-2002.3.1C18

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Drifts No. 1 Highway Brandon postcard

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13935>

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection

Creator: Photograph by: Jerrett Photo

Description Level: Item

Series Number: McG 9

Item Number: 1-2015.7

Accession Number: 1-2015

GMD: graphic

Date Range: [1931-1958]

Physical Description: 3.5" x 5.5" (b/w)

Material Details: postcard

Scope and Content:

Photograph shows a snowdrift along TransCanada Highway No.1 that has been plowed through. The highway is two-lanes.

Notes: Writing on the back of the photograph reads: AZO Postcard

Name Access: Jerrett Photo

Trans-Canada Highway

Trans Canada Highway

Subject Access: highways

storms

winter

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

Arrangement:

From loose photos, funny trunk

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Syndicate Block fire 1916

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13999>

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection
Description Level: Item
Series Number: McG 9
Item Number: 1-2015.69
Accession Number: 1-2015
GMD: graphic
Date Range: 1916
Physical Description: 4.25" x 2.5" (b/w)
Physical Condition: Photograph has hole in bottom right corner
Custodial History:

Photograph was given to Fred McGuinness by Linda Bilkoski (nee Lepard) of Lac du Bonnet, MB.

Scope and Content:

Photograph shows the remains of the Syndicate Block after the fire in January 1916. The building is situated on the southwest corner of Seventh Street and Rosser Avenue. Ice from the firefighting process covers the building. The tailor shop J.S. Laughton & Son (701 Rosser Avenue) can be seen on the north side of Rosser Avenue.

Name Access: 7th Street
Syndicate Block
J.S. Laughton & Son
Rosser Avenue
Subject Access: fires
building exteriors
Brandon business buildings & facilities before 1940
Storage Location: RG 5 photograph storage drawer 2 (hanging photos)
Arrangement:
McG 4.1 File 27

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Medicine Hat Exhibition and Stampede - Parade Day 1

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14142>

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection



Creator: Photographer: Howard Heid, Medicine Hat News
Description Level: Item
Series Number: McG 9
Item Number: 1-2015.211
Accession Number: 1-2015
GMD: graphic
Date Range: 1962
Physical Description: 10" x 8" (b/w)

History /

Biographical:

The Medicine Hat Exhibition and Stampede Parade Day was held on Thursday, July 19, 1962, at 9:30 a.m. The local newspaper reported that approximately 24,000 people were in attendance to see parade marshal Rod Ashburner leading 175 entries consisting of 90 floats, 75 horses, and 10 bands. There were 19 parade categories eligible for \$12,000 in prize money and included: junior and senior cowboys and cowgirls; fancy and Shetland ponies; sulky class open; comic, commercial, industrial and organizational floats; decorated cars; special ranch class; 4-H Clubs; and a non-competitive class.

The parade route started at Second St. and Allowance Ave., from Second St. to Ash Ave., north on Ash to First St. SE., from First St. S.E. to Fourth Ave., south to Second St. to South Railway St., south on South Railway St. to Third St., with a finish at McLeod Trail. A route map was published in the Medicine Hat News the day before the parade.

Aerial photographs of the parade were taken by Medicine Hat News photographer Howard Heid (1930-2005) from the private helicopter of John Bourn. Bourn was a pilot from Woodville, Wisconsin, who chartered his four-seater helicopter for sight-seers at exhibitions and stampedes across the county.

(Sources: Pat Currie, "Let 'Er Go!," Medicine Hat News, 19 July 1962,1; Harald Gunderson, "'Eye in the Sky' Best Parade View," Medicine Hat News, 19 July 1962,1; "Parade Starts at 9:30 Sharp," 18 July 1962)

Scope and Content:

Photograph shows an aerial view of the Medicine Hat Exhibition and Stampede Parade route, with a focus on Second Street SE. A residential area showing homes with extensive backyard gardens can be seen. The South Saskatchewan River can be seen on the right of the photograph.

Notes: This photograph shows the neighbourhood before rezoning and commercial development.

Name Access: Medicine Hat
South Saskatchewan River

Subject Access: parades
floats
aerial photography
aerial views
street scenes
gardens

Repro Restriction: Subject to Canadian Copyright Law

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

Arrangement:

BR #3 Family photos

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Christmas Tree Farm negative set 1, frames 0 to 26

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

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection

Description Level: Item

Series Number: McG 9

Item Number: 1-2015.249

Accession Number: 1-2015

GMD: graphic

Date Range: [1980s-1990s]

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

Material Details: negatives

History /

Biographical:

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

Scope and Content:

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

Name Access: Christmas Tree Farm

Section 17

Subject Access: residences

farms

trees

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

Arrangement:

RR #8 photos

Images





Strathcona Block, H.Lamontagne & Co.

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14255>

Part Of: Joseph H. Hughes collection
Creator: Photographer: Frank Gowen, Brandon
Description Level: Item
Series Number: 3-1997.1
Item Number: 3-1997.1.64
Accession Number: 3-1997
Other Numbers: Hughes #64
GMD: graphic
Date Range: 1905
Physical Description: 7.5" x 9.5" (b/w)
Material Details: on matting
Physical Condition: Mat is water stained, emulsive side is stained

Scope and Content:

Photograph shows the recently constructed Strathcona Block. H. Lamontagne & Co. Ltd., Wholesale, occupies the ground floor. Scaffolding is suspended from the north side of the building. Buildings have yet to be erected to the north and south sides of the Strathcona Block.

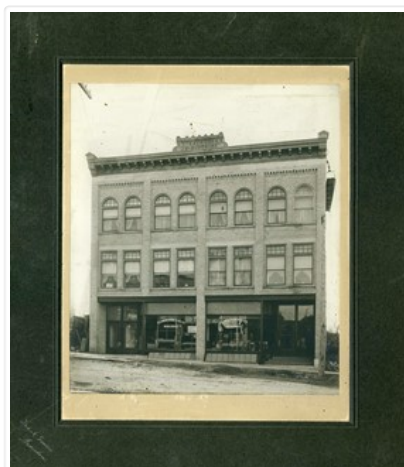
Notes: Back of photograph is stamped: Hughes & Co. Ltd., 1009 Princess Ave., Brandon, Man.

Name Access: Strathcona Block
H. Lamontagne & Co.

Subject Access: Brandon business buildings & facilities before 1940
street scenes
portraits

Storage Location: Hughes oversize drawer

Images





Brandon Building Movers (1)

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14262>

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection

Description Level: Item

Series Number: McG 9

Item Number: 1-2015.282

Accession Number: 1-2015

GMD: graphic

Date Range: [1980s]

Physical Description: 1.5 " x 1.5" (colour)

Material Details: negative

Scope and Content:

Photograph shows two men with a Brandon Building Movers truck as they prepare to move a building.

Name Access: Brandon Building Movers

Subject Access: Transportation Manitoba

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

Arrangement:

Cigar boxes

Images





Site services building construction

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14358>

Part Of: Brandon University Photograph Collection

Creator: Photographer: Tom Donkersloot

Description Level: Item

Series Number: 2.12

Item Number: BUPC 2.12.27

GMD: graphic

Date Range: May 4, 1971

Physical Description: 4.25" x 3.25" (b/w)

History /

Biographical:

Donkersloot began working at Brandon University in 1970/1971 as the Clerk of Works. From 1973 until his retirement, he was the Director of Physical Plant.

The Site Services building was built in 1971.

Custodial History:

Photograph was taken by Tom Donkersloot during construction and stored in albums in the Physical Plant H-Hut until they were transferred to the McKee Archives by Doug Duncalf in May 2008.

Scope and Content:

Photograph shows construction of Brandon University's Site Services Building located on Louise Avenue at the corner of 20th Street. Also visible are McMaster Hall, Flora Cowan Women's Residence and the John R. Brodie Science Centre. Photograph is looking east/northeast from approximately 21st Street.

Notes: Donkersloot recorded the date and time each photograph was taken on the back of the photos.

Images





Site services building construction

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14359>

Part Of: Brandon University Photograph Collection

Creator: Photographer: Tom Donkersloot

Description Level: Item

Series Number: 2.12

Item Number: BUPC 2.12.28

GMD: graphic

Date Range: May 4, 1971

Physical Description: 4.25" x 3.25" (b/w)

History /

Biographical:

Donkersloot began working at Brandon University in 1970/1971 as the Clerk of Works. From 1973 until his retirement, he was the Director of Physical Plant.

The Site Services Building was built in 1971.

Custodial History:

Photograph was taken by Tom Donkersloot during construction and stored in albums in the Physical Plant H-Hut until they were transferred to the McKee Archives by Doug Duncalf in May 2008.

Scope and Content:

Photograph shows construction of Brandon University's Site Services Building located on Louise Avenue at the corner of 20th Street. Also visible are McMaster Hall and part of Darrach Hall. Photograph is looking northeast.

Notes: Donkersloot recorded the date and time each photograph was taken on the back of the photos.

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Site services building construction

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14360>

Part Of: Brandon University Photograph Collection

Creator: Photographer: Tom Donkersloot

Description Level: Item

Series Number: 2.12

Item Number: BUPC 2.12.29

GMD: graphic

Date Range: May 4, 1971

Physical Description: 4.25" x 3.25" (b/w)

History /

Biographical:

Donkersloot began working at Brandon University in 1970/1971 as the Clerk of Works. From 1973 until his retirement, he was the Director of Physical Plant.

The Site Services Building was built in 1971.

Custodial History:

Photograph was taken by Tom Donkersloot during construction and stored in albums in the Physical Plant H-Hut until they were transferred to the McKee Archives by Doug Duncalf in May 2008.

Scope and Content:

Photograph shows construction of Brandon University's Site Services Building located on Louise Avenue at the corner of 20th Street. Photograph is looking northwest.

Notes: Donkersloot recorded the date and time each photograph was taken on the back of the photos.

Images





Curtis block - Baldur, MB

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14401>

Part Of: James Wall collection

Description Level: Item

Series Number: Box 2

Item Number: 12-2004.8

Accession Number: 12-2004

GMD: graphic

Date Range: [1900-1904]

Physical Description: 5.6" x 4" (b/w)

Material Details: On matting (7.5" x 5.6")

Physical Condition: good

History /

Biographical:

The Curtis Block was built in 1900, possibly by Fred Stevens.

Custodial History:

See collection level description for the James Douglas Wall collection.

Scope and Content:

Image of the Curtis Block in Baldur, MB. The Victoria Hall, for public performances, was located on the upper floor. A group of men, one holding a hockey stick, and a dog are standing in front of the street entrance to the building.

Subject Access: rural images

Storage Location: 2004 accessions

Images





Fowler block - Baldur, MB

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14402>

Part Of: James Wall collection
Description Level: Item
Series Number: Box 2
Item Number: 12-2004.9
Accession Number: 12-2004
GMD: graphic
Date Range: [1900-1904]
Physical Description: 5.5" x 4" (b/w)
Material Details: On matting (6.4" x 4.25")
Physical Condition: good

History /

Biographical:

The Fowler Block in Baldur, MB was built in 1899 by Alex Fowler.

Custodial History:

See collection level description for the James Douglas Wall collection.

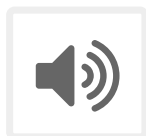
Scope and Content:

Image of the Fowler Block in Baldur, MB. On the left is a shoe and harness shop owned and operated by the Fowlers from 1899-1978. On the right is J. Smith & Co. Merchants, a grocery and dry goods store. As of 2000, a grocery store still occupied the premises. Men are standing in front of the entrance to the two stores.

Subject Access: rural images
Storage Location: 2004 accessions

Images





Harold E. Watson interview - part I

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14479>

Part Of: Westman Oral History collection

Description Level: Item

Item Number: OH102a.Wat

Accession Number: 35-1998

GMD: sound recordings

Date Range: August 7, 1982

Physical Description: 1 audio cassette [01:00:05]

History /

Biographical:

Harold Ernest Watson was born on April 14, 1905 on section 4-11-24 in the RM of Woodworth. The family moved to Brandon, MB in 1911. As a young man, Harold worked for many years as a carpenter with his father. He was then employed for a few years with the Canadian National Railway (CNR) before becoming a carpenter and carman with the Canadian Pacific Railway (CPR) for thirty-five years. Harold married Winifred Elizabeth Schiedel (1916-1982) in 1939 and together they had six children: Eldine, Marjorie, David, Dale, Mildred and Ralph. A keen conservationist, Harold was a member of the Manitoba Naturalist Society. He also enjoyed gardening, bird watching, fishing, hunting, woodworking, reading, typing and cribbage, and possessed an excellent knowledge of the history of Brandon and surrounding area. Harold Watson died on November 30, 1994 in Brandon, MB. He is buried at Brandon Municipal 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 Harold Watson about the history of the East End of Brandon, including its early residents, buildings and activities. The interviewer is Lillian Mummery.

Notes: History/bio information from the records and Watson's obituary.
Description by Christy Henry. Fred McGuinness wrote about Harold Watson in his November 4, 2004 "The Notebook" column in The Brandon Sun.

Language Note: English

Conservation: Preservation copy made 2021 (R. Hess)

Audio Tracks



Mary E. Edwards interview

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14495>

Part Of: Westman Oral History collection

Description Level: Item

Item Number: OH099.Edw

Accession Number: 35-1998

GMD: sound recordings

Date Range: June 22, 1981

Physical Description: 1 audio cassette [01:02:02]

History /

Biographical:

Mary Elizabeth Edwards (nee Tweed) was born on April 19, 1897 at Riceville, ON. Within a year of her birth, she and her mother came to Manitoba, to join her father who had already moved west. Mary attended Burns School and then Winnipeg Normal School, graduating in 1917. Over the course of her career she taught at a number of schools, including Otter, Medora, Purple Hill, Thirlstone, Broomhill, Lake Max and Whitewater schools. On January 7, 1920, Mary married Kestle Henry Edwards (1894-1974) in Medora, MB and together the couple had four children: Harvey, Frank, Ralph and Ruth. The family lived on section 35-3-25. Mary was secretary-treasurer of both the Medora Methodist Sunday School and the Royal Templars, taught Sunday school and sang in the choir before her marriage. In 1920, she joined the Home Economics Society (later the Women's Institute). She was also a member of the WA. Following her husband's death, Mary left the farm and moved into Medora. Mary Edwards died in 1994. She is buried at Roselawn 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 Mary Edwards about her life and pioneer settlement around Medora, MB. The interviewer is Mayme Warren.

Notes: History/bio information from the records, the Medora local history "Glimpse through the years" and Edwards' obituary. Description by Christy Henry.

Language Note: English

Conservation: Preservation copy made 2021 (R. Hess)

Audio Tracks
