

S. J. McKee Archives



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>



City of Brandon

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions3747>

Part Of: RG 6 Brandon University fonds

Description Level: File

Series Number: 4.2

File Number: 167

GMD: multiple media

Date Range: 1966-1970

Physical Description: 1 file

Scope and Content:

File consists of correspondence, blueprints, by-laws, standing committee lists, contracts, notices of amendment and intention, and financial information.

Storage Location: RG 6 Brandon University fonds
Series 4: Office of the Vice-President
4.2 Office of the Vice-President (Administration & Finance)
Box 5



City of Brandon re local improvements

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions3878>

Part Of: RG 6 Brandon University fonds

Description Level: File

Series Number: 4.2

File Number: 291

GMD: multiple media

Date Range: 1970-1971

Physical Description: 1 file

Scope and Content:

File consists of "A Guide to Brandon and Grand Valley," a copy of a history of Brandon entitled "The Opportunity City" and a map of Brandon.

Storage Location: RG 6 Brandon University fonds
Series 4: Office of the Vice-President
4.2 Office of the Vice-President (Administration & Finance)
Box 7



Clark Hall - Brandon College Building keys

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions5715>

Part Of: RG 6 Brandon University fonds

Description Level: Item

Series Number: 16.3

Item Number: 19-29

Item Number Range: 19-29

GMD: multiple media

Date Range: pre-1997

Physical Description: 11 items

Scope and Content:

These eleven keys were used to open various locks in Clark Hall and the Brandon College Building prior to the restoration of those buildings in 1995-1996. Seven of the keys are labelled and range in size from 4.5 cm to 6 cm. Some are silver, others are gold in colour. They include: Room 118, Clark Hall; D.R. MacKay's Secretary - File cab.; South Entrance 2nd CL; S. door hallway; Storage Room Clark Hall 4th floor; Rm #3 HK277; and Personnel Office. The remaining 4 keys are all silver and vary in size from 3.5 cm to 6 cm.

Notes: Part of BU 16.3 Artifacts - other.

Storage Location: RG 6 Brandon University fonds
Series16: Brandon University/College artifacts
16.3 Artifacts - other
Box 2



Images of a prairie city display

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions7983>

Part Of: RG 6 Brandon University fonds
Creator: Photographs by Davidson & Gowen; reproductions by Brandon
Photographics.
Description Level: Sub sub series
Series Number: 8.2.4
File Number: 2
GMD: multiple media
Date Range: 2004
Physical Description: 21 b/w photographic prints

History /

Biographical:

Images of a Prairie City was a photography display of early Brandon circa 1912. The exhibition presented images of Brandon in the years immediately prior to the Great War when the city had moved beyond a pioneer stage and taken on the features of a modern North American urban centre, boasting parks, exhibitions, paved streets, and the latest trends in architecture and transportation.

Custodial History:

These photographic images were drawn from the Alfred Fowler collection held at the S.J. McKee Archives. They were used in an exhibit entitled "Images of a Prairie City" in March 2004. The exhibit was located on The Curve Gallery in the John E. Robbins Library and curated by Christy Henry.

Scope and Content:

Consists of 21 photographic prints (in frames) used by the Archives.

Notes: Seven photographs and the information page are on display in Student Services, McKenzie Building, Room 102. Six are on display in McKenzie Building, Room 117 and two are on display in McKenzie Building, Room 104. The remainder of the display is in storage at RG 6 Brandon University fonds
Series 8: Library Services 8.2, S.J. McKee Archives. The prints stored in the Archives should be handled with great care.

Storage Location: RG 6 Brandon University fonds
Series 8: Library Services
8.2 S.J. McKee Archives



Wonder city of the northwest information boards

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions7984>

Part Of: RG 6 Brandon University fonds
Creator: Reproductions by Brandon Photographics; mounting by Frame Ups.
Description Level: Sub sub series
Series Number: 8.2.4
File Number: 3
GMD: multiple media
Date Range: 2007
Physical Description: 8 display boards (28 cm x 39 cm)

History /

Biographical:

In celebration of Brandon's 125th Birthday, the McKee Archives organized the photo exhibit "Wonder City of the Northwest," on display from June 28 until the end of August 2007 in the Curve Gallery, located on the second level of BU's John E. Robbins Library. The photographs in the exhibit marked various passages in the history of Brandon from 1882 to the beginning of the Great War in 1914. A special opening for "Wonder City of the Northwest," sponsored by the President's Office, was held on Thursday, June 28 at 2:00 p.m. in the Curve Gallery.

Custodial History:

These images were selected from the collections of Lawrence Stuckey and Alfred Fowler held in the S. J. McKee Archives. The exhibit was curated by Tom Mitchell and Christy Henry.

Scope and Content:

Consists of the 8 information display boards used by the Archives for the Wonder City of the Northwest exhibit.

Notes: The actual photographic prints used in the exhibit were sold via silent auction at the close of the exhibit in August 2007.

Storage Location: RG 6 Brandon University fonds
Series 8: Library Services
8.2 S.J. McKee Archives



Clark Hall scrapbooks

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions11878>

Part Of: RG 1 Brandon College fonds

Description Level: Sub-series

Series Number: 9.2

GMD: multiple media

Date Range: 1907-1953

Scope and Content:

Sub-series consists of four scrapbooks detailing life at Clark Hall and Brandon College. They include newspaper clippings, photographs, cards, various programs and ephemera.

Storage Location: RG 1 Brandon College fonds

Series 9: Clark Hall Women's Residence



Clark Hall scrapbook 1907-1913

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions11879>

Part Of: RG 1 Brandon College fonds

Description Level: Item

Series Number: 9.2

Item Number: 1

GMD: multiple media

Date Range: 1907-1913

Scope and Content:

Item is a scrapbook created by Ernestine Whiteside during her years as Lady Principal of Clark Hall, the women's residence at Brandon College. Scrapbook contains photographs, cards, programs, newspaper clippings and ephemera that document the lives and activities of Brandon College students.

Storage Location: RG 1 Brandon College fonds

Series 9: Clark Hall Women's Residence

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Clark Hall scrapbook 1913-1918

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions11880>

Part Of: RG 1 Brandon College fonds

Description Level: Item

Series Number: 9.2

Item Number: 2

GMD: multiple media

Date Range: 1913-1918

Scope and Content:

Item is a scrapbook created by Ernestine Whiteside during her years as Lady Principal of Clark Hall, the women's residence at Brandon College. Scrapbook contains photographs, cards, programs, newspaper clippings and ephemera that document the lives and activities of Brandon College students.

Storage Location: RG 1 Brandon College fonds

Series 9: Clark Hall Women's Residence

Documents



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Clark Hall scrapbook 1918-1929

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions11881>

Part Of: RG 1 Brandon College fonds

Description Level: Item

Series Number: 9.2

Item Number: 3

GMD: multiple media

Date Range: 1918-1929

Scope and Content:

Item is a scrapbook begun by Ernestine Whiteside during her years as Lady Principal of Clark Hall, the women's residence at Brandon College, and continued by successive Deans of Women Olive Wilkins (1919-1925), Jane (Jennie) Turnbull (1926-1927) and Annie (Evans) Wright (1927-1934). Scrapbook contains photographs, cards, programs, newspaper clippings and ephemera that document the lives and activities of Brandon College students.

Storage Location: RG 1 Brandon College fonds

Series 9: Clark Hall Women's Residence



Clark Hall scrapbook 1929-1937

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions11882>

Part Of: RG 1 Brandon College fonds

Description Level: Item

Series Number: 9.2

Item Number: 4

GMD: multiple media

Date Range: 1929-1937

Scope and Content:

Item is a scrapbook begun by Annie (Evans) Wright during her years as Dean of Women at Brandon College (1927-1934) and continued by her successors D. Werthenbach (1934-1935), Marjorie McKenzie (1935-1936) and Sarah Persis Darrach (1937-1953). Scrapbook contains photographs, cards, programs, newspaper clippings and ephemera that document the lives and activities of Brandon College students.

Storage Location: RG 1 Brandon College fonds

Series 9: Clark Hall Women's Residence



Clark Hall scrapbook 1937-1938

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions11883>

Part Of: RG 1 Brandon College fonds

Description Level: Item

Series Number: 9.2

Item Number: 5

GMD: multiple media

Date Range: 1937-1938

Scope and Content:

Item is a scrapbook created by Sarah Persis Darrach during her years as Dean of Women at Brandon College. Scrapbook contains photographs, cards, programs, newspaper clippings and ephemera that document the lives and activities of Brandon College students.

Storage Location: RG 1 Brandon College fonds
Series 9: Clark Hall Women's Residence



Clark Hall scrapbook 1938-1939

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions11884>

Part Of: RG 1 Brandon College fonds

Description Level: Item

Series Number: 9.2

Item Number: 6

GMD: multiple media

Date Range: 1938-1939

Scope and Content:

Item is a scrapbook created by Sarah Persis Darrach during her years as Dean of Women at Brandon College. Scrapbook contains photographs, cards, programs, newspaper clippings and ephemera that document the lives and activities of Brandon College students.

Storage Location: RG 1 Brandon College fonds
Series 9: Clark Hall Women's Residence



Clark Hall scrapbook 1940-1953

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions11885>

Part Of: RG 1 Brandon College fonds

Description Level: Item

Series Number: 9.2

Item Number: 7

GMD: multiple media

Date Range: 1940-1953

Scope and Content:

Item is a scrapbook created by Sarah Persis Darrach during her years as Dean of Women at Brandon College. Scrapbook contains photographs, cards, programs, newspaper clippings and ephemera that document the lives and activities of Brandon College students.

Storage Location: RG 1 Brandon College fonds
Series 9: Clark Hall Women's Residence