

# S. J. McKee Archives



## Sewer pipe installation along 700 block of Rosser Avenue

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

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection

Description Level: Item
Series Number: McG 9
Item Number: 20-2009.46
Accession Number: 20-2009
GMD: graphic
Date Range: ca. 1906

Physical Description: 6.5" x 4.25" (b/w)

Material Details: on matting

Physical Condition: Photographs have been glued to a backing board that has warped over

time

Scope and Content:

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

Notes: Writing on the front of the photograph matting reads: 290. Page appears

to be from a photo album.

Name Access: Fleming Block

**Empire Hotel** 

D.W. Beaubier Block

A.M. Percival

**Brandon Hardware Company** 

Arlington Hotel

Lowes Brothers Clothing

Subject Access: Street scene

downtown grocers storefronts

building exteriors

sewage construction

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

#### **Images**





## Billy Muir's car c.1910

### http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13754

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection

Description Level: Item

Series Number: McG 9

Item Number: 20-2009.65

Accession Number: 20-2009
GMD: graphic

Date Range: c.1910

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

Material Details: postcard

History /

Biographical:

William "Billy" Muir came to Brandon in 1881 where he worked at the Coombs & Stewart general store. He became the proprietor of Brandon's first grocery store located on 138-6th Street. The building was demolished in 1952 (see Brandon Daily Sun 04 September 1952). According to correspondence in the McGuinness collection (see McG 1.2 File 22), Dr. Matheson brought the first car to Brandon, which he later sold to Muir. A note in McGuinness' papers (see McG 1.2 File 53) identifies the first motor car as a Hupmobile, which was purported to have arrived in Brandon in 1905. The Hupp Motor Car Company, however, is reported to have manufactured Hupmobiles between 1909 and 1940. Mrs. (Jessie) R.M. Coombs was Allena Strath's (nee Coombs) mother.

### Custodial History:

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

Scope and Content:

Postcard shows a woman, identified as Mrs. (Jessie) Robert M. Coombs, seated behind the wheel of a motor car.

Notes: Back of postcard reads: Mother Mrs. R. [Robert] M. Coombs in Billy

Muir's car, Brandon around 1908

Name Access: Billy Muir

William Muir

Mrs. Robert M. Coombs

Jessie Coombs

Wm. Muir General Grocer

Subject Access: Transportation

cars

automobiles motor cars

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

#### **Images**





## Coombs & Stewart general store c. 1881

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

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection

Description Level: Item
Series Number: McG 9

Item Number:20-2009.67Accession Number:20-2009GMD:graphicDate Range:c.1881

Physical Description: 6.5" x 5" (b/w)

Material Details: on matting

Physical Condition: Photograph is stained and water damaged. A newspaper clipping about

William (Billy) Muir is glued to the top left hand corner of the mat. The image is exfoliated in the right hand corner. The negative has been

reverse printed.

History / Biographical:

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

Custodial History:

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

Scope and Content:

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

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

Name Access: Coombs & Stewart

Pacific Avenue

6th Street

Wm. Muir General Grocer

Subject Access: Pioneers

general stores building exteriors store exteriors

horses

grocery stores

Brandon business buildings & facilities before 1940

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

Related Material: Lawrence Stuckey collection 1-2002.3.1E13

### **Images**





## Portrait of two women in winter dress c.1910

http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13790

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection

Description Level: Item

Series Number: McG 9

Item Number: 20-2009.25

Accession Number: 20-2009

GMD: graphic

Date Range: 1910

Physical Description: 3" x 4.75" (b/w)

Material Details: postcard

Physical Condition: Postcard is ripped and worn.

Scope and Content:

Postcard is a studio portait of two women dressed for winter. The woman on the left is standing and is wearing a long winter coat, a while fur stole muffler. The woman on the right is seated in a wicker chair. She is wearing a three-quarter length winter coat with a black fur collar and trim and muffler.

Notes: Back of postcard reads: Harry Finnegan Nov. 16 1910, Zella Russel...,

Nov. 27 19...

Subject Access: portraits

winter women

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

#### **Images**





## 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:20-2009.108Accession Number:20-2009GMD:graphicDate 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

### **Images**





## 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

#### **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. Lamontange & Co.

Subject Access: Brandon business buildings & facilities before 1940

street scenes

portraits

Storage Location: Hughes oversize drawer

#### **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:12-2004.9Accession Number:12-2004GMD:graphicDate 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**





### C. Dennis Anderson

### http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions2121

Part Of: Brandon University Photograph Collection

Description Level: Item
Series Number: 8
Item Number: 8.A.7
GMD: graphic
Date Range: c. 1990

Physical Description: 5" x 3.5" (colour)

Scope and Content:

Portrait of Dennis Anderson, Brandon University President, in his office.



### C. Dennis Anderson

### http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions2122

Part Of: Brandon University Photograph Collection

Description Level: Item
Series Number: 8
Item Number: 8.A.8
GMD: graphic
Date Range: c. 1990

Physical Description: 5" x 3.5" (colour)

Scope and Content:

Portrait of Dennis Anderson, Brandon University President, sitting at his desk.



### C. Dennis Anderson

### http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions2124

Part Of: Brandon University Photograph Collection

Description Level: Item

Series Number: 8

Item Number: 8.A.10

GMD: graphic

Date Range: c. 1990

Physical Description: 3.5" x 5" (b/w)

Scope and Content:

Portrait of Dennis Anderson, Brandon University President.



### C. W. Anderson

### http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions2125

Part Of: Brandon University Photograph Collection

Creator: Photographer: Personal Studio (Waterloo, ON)

Description Level: Item
Series Number: 8
Item Number: 8.A.11
GMD: graphic
Date Range: c. 1970

Physical Description: 2.25" x 3" (b/w)

Scope and Content:

Portrait of Cliff Anderson, Assistant Professor of Psychology



### Patricia C. Blake

### http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions2149

Part Of: Brandon University Photograph Collection

Description Level: Item
Series Number: 8
Item Number: 8.B.13
GMD: graphic
Date Range: c. 1963

Physical Description: 3.75" x 2.75" (b/w)

Scope and Content:

Portrait of student Patricia C. Blake of Boissevain.



### John C. Courtney

### http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions2177

Part Of: Brandon University Photograph Collection

Description Level: Item
Series Number: 8
Item Number: 8.C.14
GMD: graphic
Date Range: c. 1964

Physical Description: 2.5" x 2.5" (b/w)

Scope and Content:

Portrait of John C. Courtney (Political Science Department).



### Alice C. Jefferson

### http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions2293

Part Of: Brandon University Photograph Collection

Description Level: Item
Series Number: 8
Item Number: 8.J.6
GMD: graphic
Date Range: 1917

Physical Description: 1.75" x 2.25" (b/w)

Scope and Content:

Portrait of Alice C. Jefferson (possibly).

Notes: Photograph was removed from RG 1 Brandon College fonds, series 1,

sub-series 2, 1917, Box 1, File 1.



### Nation & Shewan block

http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions6448

Part Of: Alf Fowler collection
Creator: Davidson & Gowen

Description Level: Item

Item Number:6-1999.23Accession Number:6-1999GMD:graphicDate Range:1912

Physical Description: 9.5" x 7.25" (b/w)

History / Biographical:

Erected in 1889, at 806 Rosser Avenue (the southeast corner of Rosser Avenue and 7th Street), the building was designed by Brandon architect W.H. Shillinglaw. At the time of its construction the structure housed the Nation Department Store, which became Nation & Shewan Department Store in 1894. One of Brandon's largest and most successful drygoods businesses, the venture was owned and operated by Fred Nation and Alexander Shewan.

Built adjacent to an existing three storey brick building known as the A.D. Rankin Block (built sometime between 1885 and 1888), this smaller building was eventually absorbed by the Nation and Shewan Block after 1897, when Rankin Drygoods moved into the newly constructed Syndicate Block located farther east down Rosser Ave. Later, the Rankin Block became known as Nation Chambers. These two structures comprised what was known as the Nation and Shewan Block.

Major improvements were made to the store and an annex was added in 1910. Some of the renovation additions included, but were not limited to: an updated frontage with new copper sash windows and prismatic glass tops, plate glass windows, new fixtures and carpet. With the renovations the floor space of the business was almost doubled. The stock of the business also increased, with the Brandon Weekly Sun reporting that when finished, Nation & Shewan would be a "store of which the citizens of Brandon will be justly proud."

The drygoods firm operated until Nation's death 1926, when it became known as A. Shewan Limited. From 1933 to 1944, the business was known as Shewan and Son. Shortly thereafter, the Metropolitan Stores Ltd began operating out of the Nation & Shewan Block.

In 2000, the Town Centre prepared to knock down what was then known as the Red Apple Building, the former Nation & Shewan Block. The demolition was to make way for the new atrium and entrance for the mall, and begin a new period of redevelopment at the downtown shopping centre.

Custodial History:

See fonds level description of the Alf Fowler collection for custodial history.

Scope and Content:

Photo shows the front of the Nation & Shewan Block, which was located in the 800 block of Rosser Avenue on the southside.

Storage Range:

RG 5 Western Manitoba Manuscript collection - photograph storage drawer

#### **Images**





## Victorian row housing block, Brandon, Manitoba

http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions8371

Part Of: Joseph H. Hughes collection

Description Level: Item
Series Number: 3-1997.1
Item Number: 3-1997.1.2
Accession Number: 3-1997
GMD: graphic
Date Range: [1900s]

Physical Description: 7 3/4" x 10" (b/w)

Physical Condition: good

Scope and Content:

 $Photograph\ of\ an\ Victorian\ row\ housing\ block\ -\ possibly\ 7th\ Street\ 300-block,\ Brandon,$ 

Manitoba.

Notes: Writing on back of photograph reads: City 1295, Hughes Est.

Subject Access: residences

residential streets

Storage Location: RG 5 photograph storage drawer

### **Images**





## The Brown Block, Brandon, Manitoba

http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions8383

Part Of: Joseph H. Hughes collection

graphic

Description Level: Item

Series Number: 3-1997.1

Item Number: 3-1997.1.11
Accession Number: 3-1997

Date Range: c. 1959

Physical Description: 8 " x 10" (b/w)

Physical Condition: good

Scope and Content:

GMD:

Photograph shows the east side of 10th Street, Brandon, Manitoba, between Rosser and Princess Avenues. Businesses visible in the Brown Block include (from north to south): Singer, Pittsburgh Paint & Glass, O. Stark & Son, Elna Sewing Centre, and Canadian Pacific

Telegraphs. The Prince Edward Hotel is visible in the background.

Name Access: Brown Block

Singer

Pittsburgh Paint & Glass

O. Stark & Son

Elna Sewing Centre

Canadian Pacific Telegraphs

Prince Edward Hotel

10th Street

Subject Access: downtowns

street scenes

Brandon business buildings & facilities after 1940

building exteriors

Storage Location: RG 5 photograph storage drawer

#### **Images**





### 100-block 10th Street, Brandon, Manitoba

http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions8391

Part Of: Joseph H. Hughes collection

Description Level: Item

Series Number: 3-1997.1 Item Number: 3-1997.1.18

Accession Number: 3-1997
GMD: graphic
Date Range: c. 1962

Physical Description: 8" x 10" (b/w)

Physical Condition: good

Scope and Content:

Photograph shows the west side of the 100-block of 10th Street facing northwest. Visible businesses include: Bottomley's Furniture, Recreation Bowling & Billiards, Fashion Fabrics, Brandon News & Record Shop, Bass' Storkland, Beneficial Finance Co., and the Kresge Store. The Johnny Smith Block is visible in the background.

Name Access: Bottomley's Furniture Store

Recreation Bowling and Billiards

**Fashion Fabrics** 

Brandon News & Record Shop

Bass Storkland

Beneficial Finance Co.

Kresge Store

Subject Access: downtowns

street scenes

Brandon business buildings & facilities after 1940

building exteriors

Storage Location: RG 5 photograph storage drawer

#### **Images**

