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Hanbury Manufacturing Company

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Description Level: Item
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Item Number: BAPC 2.36
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GMD: graphic
Date Range: c. 1900
Physical Description: 8.25" x 6.25" (b/w)
Material Details: On matting (12" x 10")

History /

Biographical:

John Hanbury came to Brandon in January 1882. For the next decade he operated a contracting business, constructing several Brandon buildings including the post office, the Merchants Block, and the General Hospital. In 1892, Hanbury founded the Hanbury Manufacturing Company. The most important industry in Brandon from 1900-1914, Hanbury's employed over 150 men in logging, lumbering and the manufacturing of doors, windows, furniture and other house fixtures.

With offices, a warehouse and lumber mill on either side of Assiniboine Avenue at 6th Street North, Hanbury's relied on timber from northern forests that was moved, raft-like, down river by drivers. Cabinets, furniture and other millwork was sold out of the Hanbury Hardware Co. building on 7th Street and Pacific Avenue. John Hanbury left Brandon in 1910, although his son continued to operate the business until World War I.

Residential buildings were constructed on the company lands on Assiniboine Avenue west of 6th Street North in the late 1920s; the building east of 6th Street was used first as the Christie's School Supplies warehouse (1929-1939) and then by successive woollen mills (1941-1991). A portion of what appears to be the original building currently stands vacant on the site. The hardware building on Pacific Avenue has been primarily used by the Government Liquor Control Commission (1929-1971) and Christie's School Supplies, now Christie's Office Plus (early 1940s – present).

Custodial History:

Photos belonged to Jim Lanigan's family. He donated them to the McKee Archives in January 2017.

Scope and Content:

Item is a photograph of the Hanbury Mfg Co. buildings on Assiniboine Avenue - photo is looking northeast

Notes: Jim Lanigan and his siblings beleived that Hanbury Manufacturing Company is where their paternal grandfather James Joseph Lanigan worked and learned the glazing trade. James Joseph's father James and brother Albert Daniel may have also worked there. Both Joe and Bert went to work for the CPR in Brandon in 1898. Jim Lanigan could not identify any family members in the group portrait.

Name Access: Hanbury Manufacturing Company

Subject Access: manufacturing
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downtown

Storage Location: BAPC oversize photograph drawer

Images

