

S. J. McKee Archives



Syndicate Block fire 1916

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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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McGuinness artifacts and sound recordings

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Other Title Info: Title based on the contents of the series

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Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection
Description Level: Series
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."

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

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Sewer pipe installation along 700 block of Rosser Avenue

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| 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.

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| 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.

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| 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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