

# S. J. McKee Archives



## Michael Blanar collection

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Part Of: MG 3 Brandon University Teaching & Administration

Description Level: Collection

Accession Number: 15-2012

GMD: multiple media

Date Range: 1966 -1968

Physical Description: 7 cm textual records  
5 microfilm reels

History /

Biographical:

See RG 6 Brandon University fonds, Series 7 Faculties and Schools, Sub-series 7.1 Faculty of Arts, Sub sub series 7.1.1 Dean of Arts for biographical information for Michael Blanar.

Custodial History:

Collection was in the possession of Dr. Michael Blanar until he donated the records to the S.J. McKee Archives in May 2002.

Scope and Content:

Collection consists of textual records and five microfilm reels related to Dr. Blanar's post-graduate research. It is assumed that the records were collected during the course of Blanar's research for his dissertation entitled "Early British Travellers in French Canada (1960)."

Textual records include three Dominion of Canada notebooks containing handwritten Saulteaux verbs, and animate nouns. Included is a dark red booklet titled "Ojibwe." The book contains Ojibwa translations of English words. The book comes from St. Peter Clavers Industrial School in Spanish, Ontario, and may have acted as an instructional book as it also contains French and English. Collection also contains a transcript of an Ojibwa dictionary and three file folders titled "Manuscripts," "John Long Research," and "Maps" which contain additional research material. Contents of "Manuscript" folder are original typed manuscripts. "John Long" and "Maps" file folders contain copies of materials held at Library and Archives Canada, as well as hand drawn documents and hand written documents detailing contents of folders.

In addition to the textual records there are five microfilm reels. Three microfilm cases are labeled "The British Reference Division," one case labeled "Public Archives Canada, central microfilm operations," and the last case is from an unidentified source labeled "Longs voyages and travels". Four of the five microfilm cases are also numbered. The British Reference Division microfilm case numbered "1346 i 43" contains a copy of a book titled "The Cacique of Ontario." British Reference Division microfilm case numbered "104706640" contains a copy of a book titled "The Four Kings of Canada." British Reference Division microfilm case numbered "9073279" contains a copy of a book titled "The Indians." The Public Archives Canada microfilm case numbered "c-3006" contains copies of original documents in French and English. Documents include letters, diary pages, maps, and business ledgers. Microfilm case labeled "Longs voyages and travels" contains a copy of a book written by John Long titled "Voyages and Travels of Indian Interpreter and Trader."

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| Notes:            | Description by Aaron McKay (October 2013). The Ojibwa language dictionary and notebook make references to Fredric Baraga (1797-1868), a missionary priest from Slovenia who recorded the Lake Superior Ojibwa language dialect. Baraga's findings were published into an Ojibwa language dictionary.                                     |
| Name Access:      | Michael Blanar<br>John Long<br>Frederic Baraga<br>John Speed<br>John Rocque<br>Guy Lord Dorchester<br>St. Peter Clavers Industrial School<br>Mattaugwessawacks<br>Ojibwa<br>Ojibwe<br>Saulteaux<br>Lake Ontario<br>Lake Erie<br>Lake Huron<br>Hudson's Bay Company<br>Public Archives of Canada<br>Denoyer-Geppert<br>July Sessions 1788 |
| Subject Access:   | Aboriginal groups<br>Ojibwa<br>Saulteaux<br>fur trade<br>Hudson's Bay Company<br>Industrial Schools                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Language Note:    | Collection contains records written in French and the Ojibwa/Saulteaux languages.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Storage Location: | 2012 accessions                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Related Material: | Records from Dr. Blanar's time as Brandon University Dean of Arts are located in RG 6 Brandon University fonds.                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |



## J.C. Cousins fonds

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions5137>

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|-----------------------|---------------------------------------------|
| Part Of:              | RG 5 Western Manitoba Manuscript Collection |
| Description Level:    | Collection                                  |
| Accession Number:     | 26-2007                                     |
| GMD:                  | multiple media                              |
| Date Range:           | pre-1881 settlement era - 1940s             |
| Physical Description: | 6 cm                                        |

Physical Condition: Generally good, but tattered in some places.

History /

Biographical:

John C. Cousins was the son of Thomas Cousins (b. August 17, 1882 in Truro, Nova Scotia - d. March 5, 1914) and Mary Margaret Craig (b. April 14, 1824 - d. April 25, 1903). He married Eunice Eliza Nixon from London Township, County of Middlesex, Ontario. Together they had three children: Eunice M., Eric O. and Kathleen. J.C. Cousins was Reeve of the Rural Municipality of Daly from 1905 to 1910 and Assessor for the Town of Rivers from 1931-1938.

Custodial History:

Record was accessioned in 2007 by the McKee Archives. Prior custodial history unknown.

Scope and Content:

This document is a rambling memoir of John C. Cousins' recollections of life in the Rural Municipality of Daly from the settlement era in the early 1880s, through to the 1940s. He touches on various themes, including: his family history; the activities of the R.M. of Daly and his role as Reeve; the history of school districts in the municipality (lists names of first teachers and early students); the history of churches in the municipality; tragedies in the municipality; lists members of the Council of the municipality for the years 1885-1946; and the devastating impact of the Spanish Influenza on Aboriginal people in the municipality.

In addition, the memoir includes documentary records, such as minutes and copies of letters. There are also many photographs of both events and individuals (virtually all of the photographs are labelled and names are provided). The memoir goes beyond a simple recounting of facts. Cousins is discursive and thoughtful, often making references to developments happening in other parts of North America and Canada. There is also a link to the Maritimes, from which his family originated.

Notes: Description by Christy Henry and Tom Mitchell.

Subject Access: **Pendennis**  
**Rivers**  
**Manitoba**  
**Harrow school**  
**Mayne School District**  
**Hunter School District No. 571**  
**Poplar Hill school**  
**Tarbolton School District**  
**Wheatland School District**  
**Westwood School District**  
**Bradwardine School District**  
**Ancrum or Wellwood School District**  
**Spring Valley School District**  
**Aetna School District**  
**Robinvile School District**  
**Oakleigh school**  
**Lothian School District**  
**Rivers School District**

Storage Location: 2007 accessions

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