

S. J. McKee Archives



Robert Troy Blair fonds

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13300>

Part Of:	RG 1 Brandon College fonds
Description Level:	Sub-series
Accession Number:	18-2013
GMD:	multiple media
Date Range:	September 1950 - June 1954
Physical Description:	2 scrapbooks (7.5 cm)
Physical Condition:	Excellent

Robert (Bob) Troy Blair was born on March 11, 1930 in Brandon, MB. His first six years were spent in Alexander, MB, where his father and uncle operated a grocery store. In 1936, his family moved to Souris, MB, where his father ran a grocery store. Blair received his primary and high school education, with the exception of Grade 12, in Souris.

Blair remembers his school years in Souris as mainly happy years. He was involved with both piano and organ music lessons. he was never interested in physical sports with the exception of golf. World War II broke out in September of 1939. Souris became the site of #17 SFTS and home base for the British Commonwealth Air Training Plan. Many of the service men came from England, Australia and New Zealand. Blair's mother always entertained at least two for dinner every Sunday. Rationing of sugar, tea and coffee, butter and meat became a way of life. Blair had the job every Saturday of pasting the ration coupons into booklets. It was also when he was in Grade 6, that Blair realized he was more attracted to boys than to girls. Perhaps it was because so many attractive airmen surrounded him!

In November of 1947, the Blair family relocated to Alexander where Bob Blair finished his Grade 11. This was not a good year due to bullying. In September of 1948, Blair moved to Winnipeg to attend United College for his Grade 12. Upon completion of Grade 12, Blair remained in Winnipeg until June 1950. he worked at a number of businesses - Gestetner, Eaton's Mail Order shoe department, Maple Leaf Milling, and the drug store in the Medical Arts Building. In September 1950, he entered Brandon College. Blair was very active in extra-curricular affairs while at Brandon College; particularly drama. Following his B.A. he enrolled in the Education Faculty, having decided to become a teacher.

Blair's teaching career spanned 34 years. All but one year was spent in the Brandon School Division. On his first day of teaching in the Division he met the man with whom he would spend the next 46 years. He was primarily a teacher of English and Music. A highlight of his career was exchange teaching in Sacramento, California in 1961. Orientation for exchange took place in August in Washington, D.C., where Blair had the opportunity to meet President J.F. Kennedy. He vividly recalls the morning that JFK was assassinated on November 22, 1963. In September 1965, Blair assumed the principalship of Park School and in September of 1969, the same position at George Fitton School where he remained until his retirement in 1989. He was a member of the Brandon Principals' Association, the National Association of Elementary School Principals, and served as President of the Brandon Teachers' Association. Among his major accomplishments during his time as principal were the introduction of a centralized school library in both Park and George Fitton Schools and the integration of special needs students into regular classroom situations wherever possible. He was made a Life Member of the Manitoba Teachers' Society (Brandon) in June 1990. Following his retirement Blair worked as a Library Automation Consultant (1989-1993).

Blair also had numerous community involvements during his time in Brandon. he was active in the Brandon Little Theatre (Best Actor Award, Manitoba Drama Festival for One Act Plays in 1963), the Brandon Festival of the Arts, the Eckhardt-Gramatte National Music Competition, and Arm Industries to name a few.

Following the death of his partner in 2001, Blair moved to Saskatoon to live with a younger gay couple. He has been active in volunteerism: as an Ambassador for the Saskatoon Airport Authority, assistant with the Saskatoon Health Region's Immunization Clinics, information clerk for the Festival of Trees, data entry clerk for the Saskatoon Music Festival, on the Board of the Saskatoon Jazz Society, and Hospitality Coordinator for the Saskatoon Jazz Festival.

As of October 2013, Bob Blair continues to live in Saskatoon, SK.

Custodial History:

Records were in Blair's possession until he donated them to the McKee Archives on Homecoming weekend October 2013.

Scope and Content:

Fonds consists of two scrapbooks containing 145 photographs and ephemera (play and graduation programs, tickets, pins, newspaper clippings) documenting Bob Blair's days at Brandon College. Social events and extra-curricular activities are heavily featured in the two scrapbooks. Also included are graduation portraits for the Classes of 1951, 1952 and 1953. Of the 145 photographs all are black and white except for two photos of the Class of '53 reconconvocation (May 1993), and one from the Class of '53 reunion (2003).

Notes: History/Bio provided by Bob Blair (October 2013).

Name Access: Brandon College
Angus Jackson
Pat Magnacca
Freshie Week
Senior Stick
Lady Stick
Harvest Cabaret
Sigma Mu
Glee Club
Bob Blair
Jack Yeomans
Walter Dinsdale
Don Cronk
Bob McPherson
Lorne Watson
Marg Sanderson
Hazel Turnbull
Claudia Dickey
Gordon Bradley
Terry Prysiazniuk
Diane Lissaman
Joan Garnett
Doris Penstock
Dianne Macdonald
Ivey Graham
Joyce Pickard
Cathy Crawford
Robertta Wilkie
Marie Kullberg
Isabel Lyon
Shirley Pryce
J.R.C. Evans
Marjorie Kyles
Jo Thordarson
Ross George

Edward Perry
Ernest Birkinshaw
Barney Thordarson
Fall Formal
Variety Night
Installation Night
Paul McKinnon
The Saga of Brandon
Bill White
Ron Bell
Jerry Jerret
Rosa Ziolkowski
Murray Smith
Class of 1951
Harold Moffat
Bill Sutherland
Murray Coulthard
Frank Adamski
John McLean
Jack Medd
Jack Muir
Bill Fraser
Ken Morrison
Clifford Kitson
Ray Brown
Mike Doig
Ernie Shaw
Jack Scott
Doreen Dennison
Lois Kennedy
Lorna Prokaska
Ferne Henderson
Doreen Fedoruk
Marg Leckie
Freshie Parade
Helen Batho
Fred Calverly
Jim Crawford
Verda Peden
Olga Evasko
Betty Finch
Fred Schwarok
Jim Struthers
Muriel Bedford
John Brown

Freshie Royalty
Booster Night
Mary Jane Sexton
Marilyn Rust
Mildred McMurray
Mary-Jane MacLachlan
George Leask
George Jakubowski
Jack Purvis
My Sister Eileen
Edith Laycock
Ivey Robbins
Ken Campbell
Mac Andrews
Marion Simmons
Arnold Minish
Madeline Irving
Ernie Criddle
Don Dillistone
Gordon Hunter
Cathy Nelson
Jim Kelleher
Anne Kelleher
Neil McKellar
Ron Doupe
Bruce Watson
Neil MacKay
Peter Prokaska
Roger Ramsden
Bill Bridgett
Graham Hunt
John Muirhead
David Brodie
Murray MacDonald
Dr. Kidd
Cam Finlay
Blair MacRae
Donna McPhail
Louise Hoey
Agnes Nicholson
Jean Allan
Joan Urie
Royce Richardson
Don Rousell
Bill Black

Ken McNeeley
Rosalie Prokopchuk
Jean Morrison
Jacice Forrest
Fuzz Fedoruk
Brian Davison
Joan MacLachlan
First International Relations Club Conference
Minot Teachers' College
International Peace Gardens
Bruce McIlroy
Jean Shingfield
Campaign Week
Sigma Mu Dance
Arnold Wawruch
Jack Meyers
Jack Hilton
Bev Francis
Bert Gogol
Dick McDonald
Frank McKinnon
Stuart Craig
John Blackwood
Norman Hedison
Bob Hilton
John Minions
Kay Oliver
Mary Jane MacLachlan
Ben Ward
Ken Gunning
Trevor McNeely
Hilton Stewart
Jerry Graham
Bette Mitchell
Joan Curlock
Faye Myers
Jean Hannah
Mary Babuick
Mr. College Spirit
John Augustus McGee
Don Dillstone
Flora Johnson
Del Gusdal
Color Night
Don Burrows

Jim Casey Trophy
Marj Kyles
Prince Edward Hotel
Class Day
Dahl Harvey
Shirley Mitchell
Al Burton
Irving Bateman
Joyce Marie Thordarson
Eileen McFadden
Patricia Pope
Louise Astle
Ariel Genik
Western Canada Student Teacher Conference
Brandon College Glee Club
Be Your Age
Ike Prokaska
Joan Hilton
Fred Lynch
Garth Kidd
Ivy Robbins
Joyce Dunham
Shirley Popple
Grand March
Westley Wong
Stewart Perdue
H.V. Kidd
J.E.M. Young
Adelene Bailey
Mrs. Evans
Dennis Anderson
Stanley Knowles
Edward Schreyer
Lou Visentin

Subject Access:	Student government initiations student activities dances basketball talent shows drama productions major productions Hockey graduations programs parades dorm rooms student housing literary "B's" college letters class flags banquets
Storage Location:	2013 accessions



Mrs. Scott's residence, Kemnay 1893

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13689>

Part Of:	Fred McGuinness collection
Creator:	Photographer: Irwin
Description Level:	Item
Series Number:	McG 9
Item Number:	6-2008.3
Accession Number:	6-2008
GMD:	graphic
Date Range:	1893
Physical Description:	9.5" x 7" (b/w)
Material Details:	On matting
Physical Condition:	Foxing on matting and photograph, primarily along edges of photograph
Custodial History:	

Mona McKinnon (nee Corkish) gave photograph to Colleen McGuinness who, in turn, gave it to her father, Fred McGuinness in 2007.

Scope and Content:

Photograph shows Mrs. Scott's residence in Kemnay, Manitoba. Members of the family along with two horse-drawn buggies are clearly visible along the front of the house. A possible church appears to the right of the house in the background.

Notes:	Writing on the back of the photograph reads: Margaret Brown Scott, Mother in law to, Frank McGee Sr.
Name Access:	Kemnay, MB Margaret Brown Scott
Subject Access:	residences early transportation buggies churches Rural Manitoba
Storage Location:	McGuinness oversize storage drawer (1-2015)

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Brandon Male Voice Choir, 1935

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13793>

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection

Description Level: Item

Series Number: McG 9

Item Number: 20-2009.102

Accession Number: 20-2009

GMD: graphic

Date Range: 1935

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

Material Details: On matting

History /

Biographical:

According to Henderson's 1935 Brandon City Directory, the First United Church was located on the corner of 8th Street and Lorne Avenue. The minister at the time was Reverend John H. Garden.

Scope and Content:

Photograph shows the Brandon Male Voice Choir dressed in tuxedos and posing before the First United Church's pipe organ. A minister (possibly Rev. John H. Garden) and three women in formal attire are standing in the front row.

Notes: Writing on the back of the photograph reads: return to Bob Hoffman, Box #1, Brandon, R7A 5Y6

Name Access: Brandon Male Voice Choir

First United Church

Reverend John H. Garden

Subject Access: choirs

church interiors

pipe organs

churches

Storage Location: McGuinness oversize storage drawer (1-2015)

Related Material: Lawrence Stuckey collection 1-2002.3.1AE6

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Churches of Brandon postcard

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13871>

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection
 Creator: Published by Christie's Bookstore, Brandon, Man.
 Description Level: Item
 Series Number: McG 9
 Item Number: 20-2009.181
 Accession Number: 20-2009
 GMD: graphic
 Date Range: 1910s
 Physical Description: 3.5" x 5.5" (colour)
 Material Details: postcard

Scope and Content:

Photograph shows exterior views of five Brandon churches: Baptist Church, Presbyterian Church, St. Matthew's Church, Catholic Church and Monastery, and Methodist Church.

Notes: Part of "Christie's Brandon Series of Six Colored Picture Postcards of Brandon, Manitoba, The Crown Series, Published by Christie's Bookstore, Brandon, Man." [note: missing sixth postcard]. Writing on the front of the photograph reads: Baptist Church, Presbyterian Church Brandon Man., St. Matthew's Church, Catholic Church and Monastery, Methodist Church.

Name Access: St. Matthew's Church
 St. Augustine's Church
 First Baptist Church
 Presbyterian Church
 Methodist Church

Subject Access: churches
 building exteriors
 Brandon business buildings & facilities before 1940

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

Arrangement:

From 20-2009 File 9

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City Hall and YMCA viewbook postcard

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13885>

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection

Creator: Printed by Photogelatine Engraving Co. Ltd., Ottawa

Description Level: Item

Series Number: McG 9

Item Number: 20-2009.195

Accession Number: 20-2009

GMD: graphic

Date Range: 1920s

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

Material Details: postcard

Scope and Content:

Photograph shows two separate views. One is of the main entrance of (Old) City Hall on Princess Avenue. The other view shows the edifice of the YMCA building as well as the adjacent St. Paul's United and First United Churches on 8th Street.

Notes: Part of "Souvenir of Brandon, Manitoba, Canada [viewbook], Printed by Photogelatine Engraving Co. Limited, Ottawa." Dates obtained from the Burchill's Music Store Henderson's Brandon City Directory listings (1927-1929). Writing on the front of the photograph reads: City Hall - Brandon, Man; YMCA, St. Paul's United & First Church United, Brandon, Man.

Name Access: YMCA

St. Paul's United Church

First United Church

City Hall

Old City Hall

8th Street

Subject Access: Brandon business buildings & facilities before 1940

churches

building exteriors

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

Arrangement:

From 20-2009 photos

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English Church, Killarney

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13910>

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection
Creator: Photographer: Winnipeg Photo Company
Description Level: Item
Series Number: McG 9
Item Number: 20-2009.220
Accession Number: 20-2009
GMD: graphic
Date Range: 1908
Physical Description: 5.5" x 3.5" (b/w)
Material Details: postcard
Physical Condition: Photocard has been mailed
Scope and Content:

Photograph shows the English Church in Killarney, Manitoba. The entrance to the brick structure is obscured by trees.

Notes: Writing on the front of the postcard reads: English Church, Killarney, Copyright Canada 1908 by Winnipeg Photo Company, No. 3. Writing on the back of the postcard reads: Photo Post Card by Winnipeg Photo Co., Napinka, Man. The postcard is addressed to Miss Annie Pope of 638 Pacific Avenue, Brandon. A green one cent King George stamp is postmarked Killarney Manitoba 22 July 1908.

Name Access: Killarney, Manitoba
Church of England

Subject Access: churches

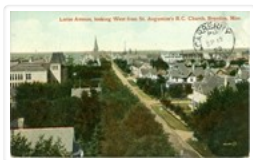
Storage Location: RG 5 photograph storage drawer 2 (hanging photos)

Arrangement:

From 20-2009 #4 plastic envelope #2

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Lorne Avenue, looking west from St. Augustine's Church postcard

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13937>

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection

Creator: Photograph by: J.V.

Description Level: Item

Series Number: McG 9

Item Number: 1-2015.9

Accession Number: 1-2015

GMD: graphic

Date Range: 1952

Physical Description: 5.5" x 3.5" (colour)

Material Details: postcard

Scope and Content:

Photograph shows a western view of the residential area along Lorne Avenue from St. Augustine's Roman Catholic Church. Roof-tops of Central School, First Baptist, Brandon College, Manitoba Power Plant, and Old City Hall are visible.

Notes: Writing on the front of the postcard reads: Lorne Avenue, looking West from St. Augustine's R.C. Church, Brandon, Man. Writing on the back of the postcard reads: The Valentine & Sons Publishing Ltd., Montreal and London, Printed in Great Britain. A cancelled George VI purple Canada 3 cent stamp has been postmarked: Brandon SP 11 52.

Name Access: Lorne Avenue

Subject Access: residential streets

residences

churches

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

Arrangement:

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Methodist Mission Sunday School Picnic

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14004>

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection

Description Level: Item

Series Number: McG 9

Item Number: 1-2015.74

Accession Number: 1-2015

GMD: graphic

Date Range: 1915

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

Material Details: postcard

Physical Condition: Top left corner is bent

Custodial History:

Photograph was given to Fred McGuinness by Linda Bilkoski (nee Lepard) of Lac du Bonnet, MB.

Scope and Content:

Photograph shows a large group of men, women and children posing in a park. A man in a WWI Canadian uniform is standing in the back row, left-hand side.

Notes: Writing on the back of the photograph reads: Methodist Mission Sunday School Picnic taken in the Assiboine [sic.] Park. 1st 1915. 1915. Mr. Hugh Connolly Minister, Mr. Fred Denstedt, Teacher. Miss Hornbrook, Bible Class teacher. Mr. John Davies, Choir Leader. Mrs. Foreman in the center in dark dress the oldest member & four babies. Mrs. E. Harden, 33-10th Street N., City.

Name Access: Assiniboine Park

Subject Access: picnics

World War I

churches

church & school people

Churches and Church Life

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

Arrangement:

McG 4.1 File 27

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Fred McGuinness playing hockey

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14036>

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection

Description Level: Item

Series Number: McG 9

Item Number: 1-2015.106

Accession Number: 1-2015

GMD: graphic

Date Range: [c.1930s]

Physical Description: 2.5" x 4.25 (b/w)

Scope and Content:

Photograph shows Fred McGuinness on an ice rink. Fred is wearing a winter coat, hat with ear flaps, and is holding a hockey stick.

Name Access: Frederick George McGuinness

Fred McGuinness

Subject Access: children

Hockey

ice rinks

residences

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

Arrangement:

BR #3 Family pictures

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Youth hockey team, Medicine Hat

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14132>

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection
Creator: Photographer: McCorkle Studios and Camera Shop, Medicine Hat, AB
Description Level: Item
Series Number: McG 9
Item Number: 1-2015.201
Accession Number: 1-2015
GMD: graphic
Date Range: [1960s]
Physical Description: 7" x 5" (b/w)

Scope and Content:

Photograph shows a junior boys' hockey team in Medicine Hat, Alberta. One of the team members is holding a trophy. Fred McGuinness, Jr. is a member of the team.

Name Access: Medicine Hat

Subject Access: Hockey
team sports
team photos

Repro Restriction: Subject to Canadian Copyright Law

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

Arrangement:

BR #3 Family photos

Images





Youth hockey team, Medicine Hat

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14134>

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection
Creator: Photographer: McCorkle Studios and Camera Shop, Medicine Hat, AB
Description Level: Item
Series Number: McG 9
Item Number: 1-2015.203
Accession Number: 1-2015
GMD: graphic
Date Range: [1960s]
Physical Description: 7" x 5" (b/w)

Scope and Content:

Photograph shows a junior boys' hockey team in Medicine Hat, Alberta. One of the team members is holding a trophy. Gallagher McGuinness is a member of the team.

Notes: Writing on the back of the photograph reads: autographs - Rick Leask, Brian Crandell, Clayton Hirsch, George McKay, Jim Witts, David Frey. Other names listed in two columns include: Doug Furrey, Jim Witts, Leo May, Sig Taylor, Bill Holden, Wayne Wilkins, ?, Risk Leask, Barry Kurtz, Reg Bronat, Blain Hogg, Clayton, Hirsch, Brian Crandell, Ken Briol?, Dave Frey, ?

Name Access: Medicine Hat

Subject Access: Hockey

team sports

team photos

Repro Restriction: Subject to Canadian Copyright Law

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

Arrangement:

BR #3 Family photos

Images





Rotary Club junior boys hockey team

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14140>

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection

Description Level: Item

Series Number: McG 9

Item Number: 1-2015.209

Accession Number: 1-2015

GMD: graphic

Date Range: [1960s]

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

Scope and Content:

Photograph shows a junior boys hockey team in a hockey rink. The boys are wearing Maple Leafs jerseys. Hanging on the boards behind the team is a pennant that reads: The Rotary Club, Medicine Hat, Alta. Gallagher McGuinness is the goalie.

Name Access: Medicine Hat

Rotary Club

Subject Access: team sports

team photos

Hockey

children

Repro Restriction: Subject to Canadian Copyright Law

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

Arrangement:

BR #3 Family photos

Images

