

# S. J. McKee Archives



## Brandon Business and Professional Women's Club fonds

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Part Of: RG 5 Western Manitoba Manuscript Collection

Description Level: Collection

Accession Number: 10-2002

GMD: textual records

Date Range: 1932-1972

Physical Description: 20 cm

History /

Biographical:

The Business and Professional Women's Club of Brandon was created in November 1932. The club grew out of a meeting of business and professional women who were interested in forming an association. Guest speakers at the meeting were Miss Hilda Hesson, the Vice President of the Federation of Canadian Business and Professional Women's Clubs, and Miss F. Ingram, the President of the Winnipeg Business and Professional Women's Club. The objective of the Brandon club, according to its constitution, was the "promotion of educational, service, and social facilities for the business and professional women." The club consisted of active and associate members and belonged to the greater Canadian Federation of Business and Professional Women's Club. The first President of the club was Miss Margaret Gemmell, with approximately 80 women attended the club's first meeting. The club established sub-committees on a variety of subjects including current events, sports, bridge instruction, public speaking, dress making, photography, stitch craft, manual training, and physical culture. The club also put on exhibitions, participated in drama festivals, held rummage sales and an annual Christmas party. During the Second World War, it established a War Effort Department. This department organized activities such as sewing and knitting in support of the war effort. The War Effort Department also raised money for charities such as the Red Cross. During its meetings, the club often heard local and national speakers or watched films. Women of many different vocations joined the club including florists, teachers, salesclerks, nurses, and housewives. Over the years, additional departments were added to the club including those named poetry, pottery, woodcraft, and drama.

Custodial History:

This fonds was accessioned by the McKee Archives in 2002. Previous custodial history is unknown.

Scope and Content:

Fonds contains three small scrapbooks, which cover the years 1932-1939, 1939-1949, and 1950-1959, respectively. The scrapbooks contain newspaper clippings from the Brandon Sun, the Winnipeg Free Press, and the Flin Flon Daily Miner. The scrapbooks also contain exhibition and meeting programs from the Brandon Club. Fonds also contains meeting minutes for the years 1932-1972.

Notes: CAIN No. 202576

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| Subject Access:   | Miss Margaret Gemmel<br>Miss Marjorie McKenzie<br>Dr. Jane Turnbull<br>Miss Muriel Bowen<br>Miss Jessie Crawford<br>Mrs. Robert Darrach<br>Miss Margaret Clay<br>Hilda Hesson<br>Miss Jenny Gemmell<br>City of Brandon<br>Business and Professional Women's Club of Brandon<br>Canadian Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs<br>women's organizations<br>women's clubs<br>Manitoba women<br>scrapbooks |
| Storage Location: | 2002 accessions                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Storage Range:    | 2002 accessions                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Related Material: | Brandon Business and Professional Women's Club (10-2002);<br>Minnedosa Business and Professional Women's Club (11-2002);<br>Neepawa Business and Professional Women's Club (12-2002); Trilliam<br>Business and Professional Women's Club (2-2006).                                                                                                                                                                      |



## Keystone Centre development and construction fonds

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| Part Of:              | RG 5 Western Manitoba Manuscript Collection |
| Description Level:    | Collection                                  |
| Accession Number:     | 22-1998                                     |
| GMD:                  | textual records                             |
| Date Range:           | 1957-1974; predominant 1970-1974            |
| Physical Description: | 36 cm                                       |

#### History /

##### Biographical:

The idea of the Keystone Centre was first mentioned in 1958, at a meeting of the board of directors of the Manitoba Winter Fair. The Manitoba Winter Fair wanted a new facility because the old Wheat City Arena had a leaking roof and a deteriorating west wall. The old facility also had limited space and the Winter Fair felt it needed more space for expansion. The Provincial Exhibition of Manitoba also had problems with their facilities, such as old barns and poor display areas. The idea of the Keystone Centre was put on hold until 1969, when the boards of the Provincial Exhibition and the Manitoba Winter Fair joined together as the Provincial Exhibition Association of Manitoba and the Wheat City Arena was sold and demolished. The original estimate for the cost of the Keystone Centre facilities was \$4.5 million and funding would be proportioned so that the federal and provincial governments would each put in one-third of the money, with the rest coming from local donations. The financial campaign for the Keystone Centre began in 1970, and construction began in November 1970. The grand opening of the Centre was in March 1973, and coincided with the Royal Manitoba Winter Fair of that year.

##### Custodial History:

This fonds was accessioned by the McKee Archives in 1998. Prior custodial history is unknown.

##### Scope and Content:

Fonds contains many folders full of correspondence, financial statements, meeting minutes and other documents relating to the development and construction of the Keystone Centre from 1970-1974, including those from the Keystone Executive Committee, as well as the Building Committee. Fonds also contains one folder that pertains to the Brandon Area Agricultural Development Survey from 1959. This folder contains the names and locations of all farmers in the Brandon area in 1959. The Brandon Area Agricultural Development Survey was created in 1959, in order to make farming in the Brandon area more profitable. The survey was aided by Doane Agricultural Service from St. Louis, Missouri, who had success creating agricultural development programs in the United States. Fonds also contains folders from the Provincial Exhibition with correspondence, pamphlets, estimates, and studies from the 1960's. There is also one folder belonging to the Manitoba Winter Fair, which contains correspondence and financial statements relating to the Wheat City Arena. Fonds also contains information pertaining to the proposals made in the 1960's, for the building of the Keystone Centre, as well as one folder about the Keystone campaign from 1970-73. There is also one folder about the opening of the Keystone Centre, which contains newspaper clippings and guest lists. Finally, the fonds contains information about a court case involving Albert Bobyk and Robert Stewart. Stewart was the project manager for the Building Committee and Bobyk worked on the Keystone Center. The fonds includes a report about the trial of the two men who were charged with fraud involving their work on the Keystone Centre.

##### Notes:

CAIN No. 202608

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| Subject Access:   | Ray Forbes<br>Fred McGuinness<br>Brandon Area Agricultural Development Survey<br>Doane Agricultural Service Inc<br>Agricultural & Homemaking School of Brandon<br>Royal Manitoba Winter Fair<br>Provincial Exhibition of Manitoba<br>South-Western District Agricultural Society<br>4-H<br>Manitoba Department of Agriculture<br>City of Brandon<br>Keystone Committee<br>Keystone Building Committee<br>agriculture<br>architecture<br>exhibitions<br>swine farming<br>sheep farming<br>cereal grain farming<br>rural life<br>winter fairs |
| Storage Location: | 1998 accessions                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Storage Range:    | 1998 accessions                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |



## William Wallace fonds

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| Part Of:                   | RG 5 Western Manitoba Manuscript Collection |
| Description Level:         | Collection                                  |
| Accession Number:          | 47-1997                                     |
| GMD:                       | textual records                             |
| Date Range:                | 1881-1904                                   |
| Physical Description:      | 30 cm                                       |
| History /<br>Biographical: |                                             |

William Wallace was born in Scotland around 1859. In 1881, when William was twenty-two, he emigrated to Canada with his father and brother. Once here they settled near what is today Forrest, Manitoba. The following spring they moved to the northwest margin of settlement in Manitoba, homesteading in the Shellmouth area. Wallace remained a resident of the region for the rest of his life. William Wallace was active in community affairs. He was appointed to the post of Secretary-Treasurer of the Shellmouth Municipality in 1887, and he held the position until 1904. In 1909, Wallace was injured in a railway accident, and he had to give up farming. He moved to Shellmouth and took up the position of postmaster, which he held for twenty-seven years. He died in 1945, and is buried at Shellmouth cemetery, Manitoba.

#### Custodial History:

The letters contained in the fonds remained in the possession of Margaret Wallace, who was the original recipient of the correspondence. She emigrated to Canada in 1904. At some point the letters passed to William Wallace who kept them in his possession in Shellmouth. In 1941, William contacted Professor E. J. Westcott of Brandon College regarding the fonds. He offered it to the College for safekeeping. Westcott accepted the letters. Westcott passed the letters on to various officers and staff at Brandon College and then Brandon University. Since 1982, the collection has resided in the S. J. McKee Archives at Brandon University.

#### Scope and Content:

Fonds consists of hundreds of letters that William Wallace and his brother, Andrew, wrote to their sister, Maggie, from 1881 until 1904. The first letter, dated 22 March 1881, was written by both William and Andrew aboard the S.S. Prussia as they sailed to North America from Scotland. The last letter was written on 4 January 1904 by William. It was written to inform Maggie and her husband that William had reserved a homestead in their name. This letter marks the end of the fonds. Later that spring Maggie and John emigrated to Canada to be with her family.

William was keenly interested in everything going on around him; his letters and Andrew's reveal what life was like for inexperienced settlers on the Canadian agricultural frontier in the last years of the nineteenth century. Fonds touches on a variety of social, political and economic themes.

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| Notes:            | CAIN No. 202641. A partial accession of the Wallace collection was completed in 1992 by Eileen McFadden.                                                  |
| Subject Access:   | Maggie Wallace<br>Andrew Wallace<br>Peter Wallace<br>prairie settlement<br>agriculture<br>western Canada history<br>Manitoba history<br>rural development |
| Finding Aid:      | An inventory for the correspondence is available. A copy of it is on the reference shelf in the reading room.                                             |
| Storage Location: | 1997 accessions                                                                                                                                           |
| Storage Range:    | 1997 accessions                                                                                                                                           |
| Related Material: | William R. Morrison fonds (MG 3 1.5)                                                                                                                      |