

# S. J. McKee Archives



## Mrs. McVicar, Brandon's first postmistress

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13733>

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection

Description Level: Item

Series Number: McG 9

Item Number: 20-2009.43

Accession Number: 20-2009

GMD: graphic

Date Range: [1920-1930s]

Physical Description: 3" x 4.75" (b/w)

### History /

#### Biographical:

Mrs. McVicar was Brandon's/Grand Valley's first postmistress. Biographical details about Mrs. McVicar can be found in a newspaper clipping [F.A. ROSSER, "Sunbeams – The Birds Dived Down Like Fighters on Gopher," Brandon Sun, September 16, 1978, 3] in McG 4.1 File 67.

#### Custodial History:

Photograph was brought to Fred McGuinness by Owen Anderson of Cypress River, Manitoba.

#### Scope and Content:

Photograph is a portrait of Mrs. McVicar sitting outside of her home in Texas.

Notes: Writing on the back of the photograph consists of greetings and salutations to the unknown recipients. Photograph "finished by Edrington's Studio, Weslaco, Texas."

Name Access: Mrs. McVicar

Subject Access: portraits  
postmasters  
postmistresses  
post offices  
Pioneers

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

### Images





## Old Brandon Gun Club

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13931>

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection

Description Level: Item

Series Number: McG 9

Item Number: 1-2015.3

Accession Number: 1-2015

GMD: graphic

Date Range: 1900s

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

Material Details: reproduction

History /

Biographical:

The Old Brandon Gun Club was located on 6th Street south of the Canadian National tracks. In a note to Fred McGuinness, Bill Love shares a story about how children trapped pigeons for the gun from stables and church belfries. The birds were later used for pigeon pie.

Custodial History:

Photograph given to Fred McGuinness by Bill Love/Lowe?

Scope and Content:

Photograph shows large group of men posing with their shotguns in front of a hunting blind or shed. The moustached man kneeling at the end of the second row, right-hand side, wearing a bowler hat has been identified as the grandfather of Bill Love (possibly William D. Love).

Name Access: Frederick George McGuinness

Fred McGuinness

Subject Access: portraits

committees

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

Arrangement:

From McG BR WGBAG in BR#8

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## Spafford brothers 1909

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13734>



Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection

Description Level: Item

Series Number: McG 9

Item Number: 20-2009.44

Accession Number: 20-2009

GMD: graphic

Date Range: 1909

Physical Description: 3.25" x 5.5" (b/w)

Material Details: postcard

History /

Biographical:

Harry Spafford (b. 22 Oct 1888, d. 10 May 1978) was born in Holmfild, Manitoba. He married Isabella Hawking of Ninga in 1914 and the couple moved to Brandon in 1915 where they continued to reside until 1973. Harry worked as a locomotive fireman and then as an engineer with the Canadian Northern Railway (CN). While with CN, he was an active member of the Brotherhood of Local Engineers and Firemen No. 788 of Brandon. He served as an alderman in Brandon from 1928 to 1945. In 1932, Harry ran in the Manitoba by-election for Brandon as an Independent Labour candidate and lost to the Conservative member George Dinsdale. In 1952, Harry ran as a Co-Operative Commonwealth Federation (CCF) member in the provincial election and lost to Conservative party representative Reg Lissaman. Harry Spafford passed away in Burnaby, BC, and is interred in the Ocean View Cemetery. (Source: see obituary in McG 4.1 File 66)

Alva/Alvery/"Alvie" Reddell/Riddell/Ridall Spafford (b. 15 Mar 1891, d. 23 Aug 1985) was born in Enterprise, Manitoba, in the R.M. of Turtle Mountain. In 1911, he married Francis Ethel Harrison (d. 1979) in Killarney and had three children. Alvie farmed in Bannerman from 1902 to 1936, after which he moved to Boissevain to work as a Rawleigh salesman. In 1942, the family moved to Brandon where Alvie worked as a conductor with the CNR until his retirement. Alva Spafford passed away at the age of 94 at the Brandon General Hospital. His funeral was held in Killarney, Manitoba. (Source: Obituary, Brandon Sun, 23 Aug 1985)

Scope and Content:

Postcard is a studio portrait of the Spafford brothers. Alvie is seated, Harry is standing.

Notes: Writing on the front of the postcard reads: out of the past, Harry & Alvie Spafford, 1909 Winnipeg. The back of the postcard reads: Harry on left, Alvie on right, in our early, days, Railway.

Name Access: Harry Spafford

Alvie Spafford

Subject Access: portraits

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

## Images



## Spafford brothers 1909-1910

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13758>

Part Of:	Fred McGuinness collection
Description Level:	Item
Series Number:	McG 9
Item Number:	20-2009.69
Accession Number:	20-2009
GMD:	graphic
Date Range:	1909-1910
Physical Description:	3.25" x 5.5" (b/w)
Material Details:	postcard

## History /

### Biographical:

Harry Spafford (b. 22 Oct 1888, d. 10 May 1978) was born in Holmfield, Manitoba. He married Isabella Hawking of Ninga in 1914 and the couple moved to Brandon in 1915 where they continued to reside until 1973. Harry worked as a locomotive fireman and then as an engineer with the Canadian Northern Railway (CN). While with CN, he was an active member of the Brotherhood of Local Engineers and Firemen No. 788 of Brandon. He served as an alderman in Brandon from 1928 to 1945. In 1932, Harry ran in the Manitoba by-election for Brandon as an Independent Labour candidate and lost to the Conservative member George Dinsdale. In 1952, Harry ran as a Co-Operative Commonwealth Federation (CCF) member in the provincial election and lost to Conservative party representative Reg Lissaman. Harry Spafford passed away in Burnaby, BC, and is interred in the Ocean View Cemetery. (Source: see obituary in McG 4.1 File 66)

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### Scope and Content:

Postcard is a studio portrait of the Spafford brothers. Harry is seated on the left, Alva ("Alvie") is standing with his right arm around his brother.

Notes: Writing on the front of the postcard reads: Harry on left, Harry & Alva Spafford, our early Railroad days in Winnipeg 1909 or 1910.

Name Access: Harry Spafford  
Alvie Spafford  
Alva Spafford

Subject Access: portraits

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

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## Flora Cowan

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13861>

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection

Description Level: Item

Series Number: McG 9

Item Number: 20-2009.172

Accession Number: 20-2009

GMD: graphic

Date Range: [19--]

Physical Description: 5" x 7" (b/w)

Material Details: reproduction

History /

Biographical:

Mrs. Flora Cowan (1902-1986) was born on July 15, 1902 in Edinburgh, Scotland. She was the daughter of Adam and Helen Cruickshank and immigrated to Brandon with her parents in 1927. She married E.C. Cowan, and they had two children, Franklin and Ruth. From 1953 until Brandon College became Brandon University, she served as the Dean of Women. In 1966 she received the Good Citizenship Award of the Golden Boys of Manitoba. She was a member of the I.O.D.E. and a life-member of the International Peace Garden, and the Provincial Council of Women. From 1954 to 1970 Mrs. Cowan served as a member of the Brandon City Council and was the first woman to be appointed acting mayor. She was also the Chairman of the Board for Fairview Home, Inc. In 1967, Mrs. Cowan received the Trillium Business and Professional Club Woman of the Year Award. She was also a member of several other community committees. The women's residence at Brandon University, Flora Cowan, is named in her honour. In December 1980, Mrs. Cowan finally retired from her many positions. She died in Brandon on September 25, 1986 at the age of 84.

Scope and Content:

Photograph is a portrait of Flora Cowan

Name Access: Flora Cowan

Subject Access: portraits

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

Related Material: Trillium Business and Professional Women's Club records

Arrangement:

From 2009 loose photos, from File 13

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## Fred McGuinness 1970s headshot

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13889>

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection

Description Level: Item

Series Number: McG 9

Item Number: 20-2009.199

Accession Number: 20-2009

GMD: graphic

Date Range: 1970s

Physical Description: 4.5" x 7.25" (b/w)

Scope and Content:

Photograph is a Fred McGuinness headshot

Name Access: Fred McGuinness

Subject Access: portraits

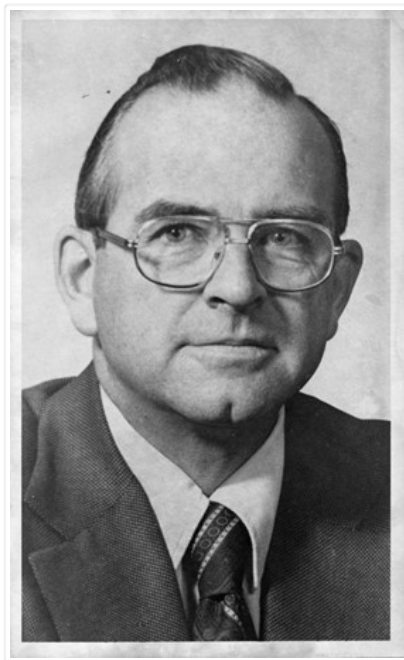
Storage Location: RG 5 photograph storage drawer 2 (hanging photos)

Arrangement:

From 20-2009 #4 plastic envelope #1

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## Fred McGuinness headshot

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13893>

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection  
Creator: Photographer: Sandy Black  
Description Level: Item  
Series Number: McG 9  
Item Number: 20-2009.204  
Accession Number: 20-2009  
GMD: graphic  
Date Range: 1980s  
Physical Description: 5" x 3.5" (b/w)  
Physical Condition: Photograph is stamped stamped on back

### Scope and Content:

Photograph shows Fred McGuinness standing in the stacks at Brandon University's John E. Robbins Library

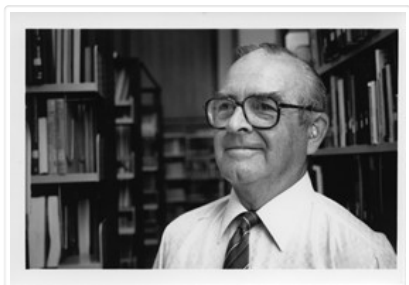
Notes: Writing on back of photograph reads: Photography by Sandy Black  
Name Access: Fred McGuinness  
Subject Access: portraits  
Storage Location: RG 5 photograph storage drawer 2 (hanging photos)

### Arrangement:

From 20-2009 #4 plastic envelope #1

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## Fred McGuinness headshot

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13894>

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection

Description Level: Item

Series Number: McG 9

Item Number: 20-2009.204

Accession Number: 20-2009

GMD: graphic

Date Range: 1952

Physical Description: 2.25" x 3.25" (b/w)

Scope and Content:

Photograph is a headshot of Fred McGuinness. Image was taken for the Saskatchewan Golden Jubilee Committee.

Notes: Writing on back of photograph reads: Reporting for Duty, Executive Director, Saskatchewan Golden Jubilee Committee, 1952

Name Access: Fred McGuinness

Saskatchewan Golden Jubilee

Subject Access: portraits

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

Arrangement:

From 20-2009 #4 plastic envelope #1

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## Fred McGuinness with Queen Elizabeth II

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13899>

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection  
Creator: Photographer: Towne Studios  
Description Level: Item  
Series Number: McG 9  
Item Number: 20-2009.210  
Accession Number: 20-2009  
GMD: graphic  
Date Range: 1984  
Physical Description: 3" x 4" (colour)

### Scope and Content:

Photograph shows a group of individuals posing with Queen Elizabeth II. Fred McGuinness is standing behind the Queen.

Notes: Behind the photograph is a letter dated 15 November 1984 to Fred McGuinness, Brandon, Manitoba, from Michael B. Decter, Clerk of the Executive Council, Cabinet Secretary, re: Her Majesty's Visit to Manitoba

Name Access: Fred McGuinness  
Queen Elizabeth II

Subject Access: portraits

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

### Arrangement:

From 20-2009 #4 plastic envelope #1

## Images

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## Pencil sketch of Fred McGuinness

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13900>

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection

Creator: Artist: Dacquiso

Description Level: Item

Series Number: McG 9

Item Number: 20-2009.211

Accession Number: 20-2009

GMD: graphic

Date Range: 1990s

Physical Description: 8.5" x 9.5" (b/w)

Scope and Content:

Scan is a pencil sketch of Fred McGuinness

Name Access: Fred McGuinness

Subject Access: portraits

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

Arrangement:

From 20-2009 #4 plastic envelope #1

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## Fred McGuinness headshot for MFBA

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13901>

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection

Description Level: Item

Series Number: McG 9

Item Number: 20-2009.212

Accession Number: 20-2009

GMD: graphic

Date Range: 1990s

Physical Description: 3" x 4" (b/w)

### Scope and Content:

Photograph is a portrait of Fred McGuinness. Fred's left arm is resting on a table on which a notepad and pen rest.

Name Access: Fred McGuinness

Subject Access: portraits

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

### Arrangement:

From 20-2009 #4 plastic envelope #1

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## Mr. James Darroch

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13906>

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection

Description Level: Item

Series Number: McG 9

Item Number: 20-2009.216

Accession Number: 20-2009

GMD: graphic

Date Range: c.1900

Physical Description: 5" x 7" (b/w)

Material Details: on matting

### Custodial History:

Photograph sent to Fred McGuinness from Mrs. D. Lee Irvine of Estevan, Saskatchewan.

### Scope and Content:

Photograph shows James Darroch seated in a wicker chair, posing for a formal studio portrait.

Notes: Writing on the back of the photograph reads: Mr. Darroch. 190?

Name Access: James Darroch

Subject Access: portraits

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

### Arrangement:

From 20-2009 #4 plastic envelope #2

## Images

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## Mayor Rick Borotsik

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13914>

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection



Description Level: Item  
Series Number: McG 9  
Item Number: 20-2009.224  
Accession Number: 20-2009  
GMD: graphic  
Date Range: c.1990  
Physical Description: 2.5" x 3.25" (b/w)

History /

Biographical:

Mayor Rick Borotsik (b. 08 Sep 1950) was born and raised in Brandon, Manitoba. He attended Brandon University, graduating in 1971. He served on Brandon City Council from 1977 to 1985. In 1989, Borotsik was elected mayor; a position he held until 1997 when he stepped down to run as the Progressive Conservative Candidate in the Federal Election. Borotsik was successful in his bid and served as the Brandon-Souris MP for two terms, declining to run in the 2004 Election. Borotsik returned to politics in 2007, he won the provincial election, serving as the Progressive Conservative MLA for Brandon West from 2007 to 2011.

Scope and Content:

Photograph shows a headshot of Mayor Rick Borotsik

Notes: History/bio information obtained from CBC News (15 Dec 2010)  
"Longtime politician Borotsik calls it quits" accessed 08 Dec 2015 at  
<http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/manitoba/longtime-politician-borotsik-calls-it-quits-1.911809>

Name Access: Rick Borotsik

Subject Access: portraits

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

Related Material: Two files (Files 186 and 186b) on Mayor Borotsik are located in the W. Leland Clark fonds (29-2007, 16-2009)

Arrangement:

From 20-2009 #4 plastic envelope #2; in Canada Wide Magazines Ltd. envelope post marked 03 November 1990

## Images

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## Frederick Gallagher McGuinness graduation portrait

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13980>

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection  
Creator: Photographer: Campbell's Winnipeg  
Description Level: Item  
Series Number: McG 9  
Item Number: 1-2015.51  
Accession Number: 1-2015  
GMD: graphic  
Date Range: [1917]  
Physical Description: 5" x 7.75" (b/w)  
Material Details: behind matting

### History /

#### Biographical:

Frederick Gallagher McGUINNESS (b. 1891 – d. 23 May 1968) was born in Ottawa, Ontario. While in Brandon, he was a student (1911) and secretary of Boys' Work for the YMCA in 1913. He moved to Winnipeg where he graduated from the Manitoba Medical College in 1917. On 3 December 1917, Lieutenant F.G. McGuinness enlisted with the Canadian Army Medical Corps in Winnipeg. He served in France with the Royal Army Medical Corps and was a Medical Officer attached with the Ninth Royal Irish Fusiliers. Lt. McGuinness survived the war and returned to Winnipeg where he married Myrtle Eva White in Winnipeg on 12 September 1922. They would have a son Jim "Jimmy" and a daughter Elizabeth (Shannon). Dr. McGuinness practiced in Obstetrics and Gynecology and taught at the University of Manitoba's Medical School from 1923 onwards. He was instrumental in helping his nephew, Frederick George McGuinness return to school after he was injured in the Second World War. Dr. McGuinness died in Winnipeg at the Deer Lodge Hospital following a lengthy illness.

#### Scope and Content:

Photograph shows a graduation portrait of Frederick Gallagher McGuinness in his university robes, likely from the University of Manitoba's medical school.

Notes: Writing on back photograph reads: Brandon, Great Granma Gilmour, (Granma Chalmers' mother), (Kate Harden's Grandmother), came from Scotland to Brandon, spring of 1882

Name Access: Frederick Gallagher McGuinness  
Subject Access: portraits  
Storage Location: RG 5 photograph storage drawer 2 (hanging photos)  
Related Material: See McG 9 1-2015.1

#### Arrangement:

From loose photos, funny trunk

## Images

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## Edward and Kate Harden

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13982>

Part Of:	Fred McGuinness collection
Creator:	Printed by: Crawford's Drug Store, Brandon
Description Level:	Item
Series Number:	McG 9
Item Number:	1-2015.53
Accession Number:	1-2015
GMD:	graphic
Date Range:	[1923-1961]
Physical Description:	7" x 9" (b/w)
Material Details:	on matting
Physical Condition:	Adhesive residue remains on back of photograph

### History /

### Biographical:

Catherine "Kate" Harden (nee Chalmers) (b. 24 May 1890, Brandon; d. 22 Sep 1975, Kenora) was the daughter of Ed and Agnes Chalmers, early residents of Brandon, Manitoba (c. 1882). Kate worked as a cashier at Nation & Shewin's from 1913-1914 before marrying Edward Harden (b. 26 Jan 1886, Hawkhurst, Kent, England; d. 10 April 1962, Brandon) on 03 December 1914. At the time, Harden worked as a driver with the Brandon Fire Department. The couple had two daughters, Edith and Agnes. (sources: Manitoba Vital Statistics database and Henderson's Brandon City Directories)

### Custodial History:

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

### Scope and Content:

Photograph shows two men and two women standing outdoors on a carpet. Kate Harden (nee Chalmers) stands on the right, her husband Edward "Ted" Harden stands second from the left.

Notes: Writing on back photograph reads: ?, Ted Harden, ?, Kate Harden.  
Photograph is stamped Crawford's Drug Store, Brandon, Man. [Date range determined from drug store period.]

Name Access: Edward Harden  
Kate Harden

Subject Access: portraits

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

Arrangement:  
McG 4.1 File 27

## Images

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## Edith Lepard (nee Harden)

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13998>

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection

Creator: Printed: Crawford's Drug Store, Brandon

Description Level: Item

Series Number: McG 9

Item Number: 1-2015.68

Accession Number: 1-2015

GMD: graphic

Date Range: [1930s]

Physical Description: 5" x 3" (b/w)

Physical Condition: Photograph is stamped on the back

Custodial History:

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

Scope and Content:

Photograph shows a group of 33 people posing for a photograph in a possible park. Edith Lepard (nee Harden) is pictured fifth from the left, back row.

Notes: Back of photograph is stamped: Crawford's Drug Store, Brandon, Tru-Tone Prints.

Name Access: Edith Harden

Subject Access: portraits

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

Arrangement:

McG 4.1 File 27

### Images

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## Frederick William McGuinness

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14013>

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection

Description Level: Item

Series Number: McG 9

Item Number: 1-2015.83

Accession Number: 1-2015

GMD: graphic

Date Range: [19--]

Physical Description: 1" x 1.5" (b/w)

Material Details: on matting

### Scope and Content:

Photograph shows two males in coats, ties, and gadsby caps. The man on the right is likely William Frederick McGuinness, father of Brandon Sun editor Fred McGuinness.

Name Access: William Frederick McGuinness

W.F. McGuinness

Subject Access: portraits

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

### Arrangement:

BR #3 Family pictures

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## Mr. and Mrs. James Darroch

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14016>

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection  
Description Level: Item  
Series Number: McG 9  
Item Number: 1-2015.86  
Accession Number: 1-2015  
GMD: graphic  
Date Range: 1913  
Physical Description: 4" x 6" (b/w)  
Material Details: on matting  
Physical Condition: Matting is slightly water stained

### Scope and Content:

Photograph shows an elderly man and woman seated in a photography studio posing for a formal portrait. The man, James Darroch, is wearing a three-piece suit and is seated in a cane chair. The woman is wearing a black dress and is seated next to her husband.

Notes: Writing on the back of the photograph reads: April 11 1913 - 85, Mr. & Mrs. Darroch, parents to Mary Darroch Pope, my grandmother, Fred McG 8.1.90

Name Access: Darroch family

Subject Access: portraits

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

### Arrangement:

BR #3 Family pictures

## Images

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## William Frederick McGuinness

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14017>

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection  
Description Level: Item  
Series Number: McG 9  
Item Number: 1-2015.87  
Accession Number: 1-2015  
GMD: graphic  
Date Range: [1900s]  
Physical Description: 5" x 3.25" (b/w)  
Physical Condition: Matting is slightly water stained  
Scope and Content:

Photograph shows William Frederick McGuinness wearing a suit and tie.

Notes: Writing on the back of the photograph reads: have you one like this

Name Access: William Frederick McGuinness

W.F. McGuinness

Subject Access: portraits

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

Arrangement:

BR #3 Family pictures

### Images

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## Isabella Louis McGuinness (nee Pope)

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14024>

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection  
Creator: Photographer: Bryant Studios, Brandon, Man.  
Description Level: Item  
Series Number: McG 9  
Item Number: 1-2015.94  
Accession Number: 1-2015  
GMD: graphic  
Date Range: [1907-1908]  
Physical Description: 5.5" x 3(b/w)  
Material Details: on matting  
Physical Condition: Photograph torn and creased  
Scope and Content:

Photograph shows Isabella Louisa Pope, mother to Brandon Sun editor Fred McGuinness.  
Miss Pope is wearing a white lace blouse with a black pinafore-like dress.

Name Access: Isabella Louisa McGuinness  
Subject Access: portraits  
Storage Location: RG 5 photograph storage drawer 2 (hanging photos)  
Arrangement:  
BR #3 Family pictures

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