

S. J. McKee Archives



David Sommerville Charleson fonds

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Part Of: RG 5 Western Manitoba Manuscript Collection

Description Level: Collection
Accession Number: 21-1997

GMD: textual records

Date Range: November 8, 1915

Physical Description: 2 mm (1 two-page letter -- 1 letter with envelope)

History / Biographical:

David Sommerville Charleson was born January 14th, 1884, in Brandon, Manitoba. The Charleson's settled in the GlenSouris area south of Brandon, Manitoba in 1882. David Charleson enlisted on 24 September 1914. He served as a lieutenant in the 6th Infantry Battalion of the Canadian Expeditionary Force. Later, he transferred to the 8th Battalion. In Belgium, Charleson was a victim of an enemy gas attack early in the war, following which he returned to Canada incapacitated. Miss Estella Cullen, a trained nurse, cared for him following his return to Canada. David Sommerville Charleson died on May 12, 1925 a victim of war-time injuries. He is buried in the GlenSouris Cemetery just south of Brandon.

Custodial History:

This fonds was accessioned by the McKee Archives in 1997. Prior custodial history is unknown.

Scope and Content:

Fonds consists of one letter written by Charleson from Belgium in early 1915 to Miss Estella Cullen in Rounthwaite, Manitoba. In the letter, Charleson describes the circumstances facing the Canadian troops in the trenches during the Great War and provides an account of the German trenches facing him. This is an evocative and reflective letter. Philatelists may find the condition of the stamps on the letter envelope of interest.

Notes: CAIN No. 202606

Subject Access: Estella Cullen

World War I

trench warfare

Great War

Canadian Expeditionary Force

soldier's life

Storage Location: 1997 accessions
Storage Range: 1997 accessions

Gerry Beaubier collection



http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13541

Part Of: RG 5 Western Manitoba Manuscript Collection

Description Level: Collection
Accession Number: 11-2013

GMD: electronic records

Date Range: 1916-1917

Physical Description: 35 digital photographs

Material Details: JPEGs

History / Biographical:

Gerry Beaubier was born in Wainwright, Alberta to Beatty and Babe Beaubier. He completed his high school in Saskatoon, before receiving a BSc in Geography from Brandon University.

Before attending university Gerry served in the army as a special reserve, while working as a night clerk at the Bessbourough Hotel in Saskatoon. His post-graduate career consisted primarily of work for Canada Agriculture, under the PFRA Branch (Prairie Farm Rehabilitation Administration). Later he would work as an Executive Manager, helping develop forage and range management programs for several post secondary schools, including, Assiniboine Community College, as well as schools in Red Deer, Lethbridge, and Saskatoon.

Gerry Beaubier married Joyce Abercrombie, of Saskatoon. Together they had two sons: Neil and Dean. Neil, an Account Advisor for the Royal Bank, was born in Regina, and currently works in Swift Current. Dean was born in Swift Current, received his PhD in Education and currently lives in Forrest working at Elton Collegiate.

The Beaubiers, who were originally from Ireland, emigrated to the Canadian West, making Gerry part of the fourth generation of his family to call the region home. His great-grandfather, along with his grandfather and great uncle were amongst the first one hundred settlers in Brandon. Together they first built the Beaubier House, a boarding house for early settlers and travellers. After it burnt down they began construction on the Beaubier Hotel, which stood at the corner of 8th Street and Princess Avenue in Brandon until August 17th, 2008. His grandfather, David Wilson Beaubier, continued to build and operate hotels throughout the prairies, including the Empire Hotels (of Brandon and Saskatoon) and The Park (Moose Jaw).

David Wilson Beaubier served as a secretary of the Orange Lodge of Manitoba. As an Orange Lodge Colonel, he worked with other Orange Lodge members, to recruit throughout the prairies for the purpose of World War One. For his efforts, David was promoted to Leftenant Colonel, and later Captain of the 99th Manitoba Rangers. David's sons (Gerry's father, at University of Manitoba, and uncle at McGill), were both working towards undergraduate degrees when war broke out in 1914, and each would leave school to join their father at Camp Hughes.

Custodial History:

Gerry Beaubier collected these photos primarily in the years 2000-2011, largely from family and friends who knew of his interest in the topic. They were donated to the S.J. Mckee Archives in 2011.

Scope and Content:

Collection consists of digital photographs of those who trained for battle in World War I at Camp Hughes and in Brandon, Manitoba. It also includes a digital copy of the cover of the Nominal Roll of Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers and Men, who departed from Brandon in 1917.

The photos, taken primarily at Camp Hughes, are of a number of battalions, including the 34th, 100th, 108th, 181st and 214th. The photo, PT in England, is a postcard sent home from Beaty Beaubier. The Massey Harris building seen on the right side of, WW1 B parade0001, was used to house troops throughout the war. The man standing alone at the front of the parade in, 181 Parade, is David Wilson Beaubier.

Notes: Information for the biographical and custodial histories was provided by

Gerry Beaubier on September 25, 2013. Description by Dustin Lane

(October 2013).

Name Access: Gerald Beaubier

Gerry Beaubier

Beaubier family

Camp Hughes

Brandon, MB

Lieut. D. Slemin

Capt. C. Smith

Capt. J. Strong

Capt. Ridgeway

Lieut. W. Smith

Lieut. T. Williams

Lieut. H. Craig

Capt. S.R. Wallace

Lieut. D.H. Beaubier

David Wilson Beaubier

Capt. E.L. Abbott

Major E.R.C. Wilcox

Major N.F. McCahey

Lt.-Col. Sutherland

Lt.-Col. Foster

Major Lawless

Major Collier

Capt. J.D. Young

Capt. A.E. Vanderpump

Capt. J.E. West

Capt. Munro

Lieut. Watson

Lieut. Johnstone

Lieut. McIntosh

Lieut. Cherry

Lieut. Bryan

Lieut. J.L. Evans

Lieut. J. Kavanaugh

Lieut. I. Vipond

Capt. Rutherford

Lieut. Cluff

Capt. Maples

Lieut. Lane

Lieut. E.C. Whitehead

Lieut. R. Carleton

Lieut. B.F. Beaubier

Fincher

Lieut. Beaver

Lieut. McCool

Lieut. A.P. Milk

Lieut. Joseph Hardy

Lieut. K. Spencer

Lieut. J. Faulkner

Lieut. F. Keall

181st Battalion

181st Brandon Overseas Battalion Band

A. Gov. Lines 108th

No. 13 Platoon 108th Battalion

184th Battalion

34th Fort Garry

100th Battalion

214th Battalion

108th Signallers

Stretcher Bearer Section 108th

Machine Gun Section 108th Battalion

181st Brandon Overseas Battalion

Subject Access: armed forces

military personnel

barracks

public ceremonies

downtown
historic sites
railroads

military services

parades

regional parks
passenger trains

Veterans

railway stations train stations restaurants food services

war

World War I World War One First World War The Great War

Storage Location: T: drive/shared 02/web photos