

# S. J. McKee Archives



## Coombs & Stewart general store c. 1881

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13756>

Part Of:	Fred McGuinness collection
Description Level:	Item
Series Number:	McG 9
Item Number:	20-2009.67
Accession Number:	20-2009
GMD:	graphic
Date Range:	c.1881
Physical Description:	6.5" x 5" (b/w)
Material Details:	on matting
Physical Condition:	Photograph is stained and water damaged. A newspaper clipping about William (Billy) Muir is glued to the top left hand corner of the mat. The image is exfoliated in the right hand corner. The negative has been reverse printed.

### History /

#### Biographical:

Coombs & Stewart opened the first general store in Brandon in 1881, which was located on 6th Street and Pacific Avenue. According to G.F. Barker (Brandon: A City, 1977, 291), William (Billy) Muir worked at the store until he opened his own grocery store in 1888.

#### Custodial History:

Donated to Fred McGuinness by Allena Strath (nee Coombs).

#### Scope and Content:

Photograph shows the Coombs & Stewart general store located on the corner of Pacific Avenue and 6th Street. A group of men pose in front of the wood-framed store.

Notes: Back of photograph reads: One of first stores in Brandon, Coombs...[?]

Name Access: Coombs & Stewart  
Pacific Avenue  
6th Street  
Wm. Muir General Grocer

Subject Access: Pioneers  
general stores  
building exteriors  
store exteriors  
horses  
grocery stores  
Brandon business buildings & facilities before 1940

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

Related Material: Lawrence Stuckey collection 1-2002.3.1E13



### Rosser Avenue, north side 900 block

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13799>

Part Of:	Fred McGuinness collection
Description Level:	Item
Series Number:	McG 9
Item Number:	20-2009.108
Accession Number:	20-2009
GMD:	graphic
Date Range:	1882
Physical Description:	7.25" x 4.25" (b/w)
Material Details:	On matting
Physical Condition:	Photograph has pen markings and publishing mark-up notes on front and back of matting

#### Scope and Content:

Photograph shows the north side of the 900-block of Rosser Avenue, facing west from 9th Street. All the shops appear to be woodframed buildings; the sidewalk has yet to be installed and wooden planks have been laid down in front of the shops. Visible storefronts include: (left to right): Leask & Rose, general merchants (at the 11th Street intersect); Fortier & Bucke - Manufacturers' Agents and CPR Express Co.; The New Era - real estate office; Imperial Bank of Canada; Durand & Macdonald Law Office, T.D. McLean - jeweller; Deacon & Hooper - grocers; and J. Barker Vosburgh - Surgeon & Dentist. The building in the foreground has Rosser Avenue and 9th Street street signs affixed above the entrance to the building. A chuckwagon is parked in front of Fortier & Bucke.

Notes: Writing on the front of the photograph reads: Brandon.

Name Access: Rosser Avenue  
Leask & Rose  
Fortier & Bucke Commision Agents  
The New Era  
Imperial Bank of Canada  
T.D. McLean  
W.A. McDonald soliciter  
J. Barker Vosburgh  
Deacon & Hooper  
9th Street

Subject Access: Brandon business buildings & facilities before 1940  
store exteriors  
street scenes  
jewellers  
jewelry stores  
jewelry stores  
signs and signboards  
grocery stores  
general stores  
banks  
surgeons  
dentists  
lawyers  
grocery trade  
hardware stores  
wagons

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

Related Material: Lawrence Stuckey collection 1-2002.3.1C18

## Images

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## William Muir General Grocer building

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13757>

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection

Description Level: Item



Series Number: McG 9  
Item Number: 20-2009.68  
Accession Number: 20-2009  
GMD: graphic  
Date Range: post-1888  
Physical Description: 4.5" x 7.5" (b/w)  
Material Details: on matting  
Physical Condition: Matting is bent and has a thumbtack hole.

#### History /

#### Biographical:

According to G.F. Barker (Brandon: A City, 1977, 291), William (Billy) Muir worked at Coombs & Stewart's on Pacific Avenue until he opened his own grocery store in 1888. The shop was located at 143-6th Street, Brandon, and was demolished for a parking lot in 1952.

#### Custodial History:

Donated to Fred McGuinness by Allena Strath (nee Coombs).

#### Scope and Content:

Photograph shows the "Wm. Muir General Grocer" building on 6th Street. Two men pose in the doorway of the store. The man on the left is likely William Muir. Barrels are lined on the boardwalk in front of the store. Apples and mason jars can be seen in the shop's windows.

Notes: Front of photograph reads: Sixth Street between Rosser - Princess. Back of photograph reads: Billy Muir's Store, 143 6th Street Brandon - 57 years in business in this location. An address label affixed to the back of the mat reads: Mrs. James Strath, Box 421, Souris, Man.

Name Access: Coombs & Stewart  
Pacific Avenue  
6th Street  
Wm. Muir General Grocer

Subject Access: Pioneers  
general stores  
building exteriors  
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grocery stores  
Brandon business buildings & facilities before 1940

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

Related Material: Lawrence Stuckey collection 1-2002.3.1E18

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Maynard General Grocery - Portland