

# S. J. McKee Archives



## Archives

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions4943>

Part Of: RG 6 Brandon University fonds

Description Level: File

Series Number: 8.2.3

File Number: 5

GMD: multiple media

Date Range: 1977-1980

Physical Description: 1 file

### Scope and Content:

File consists of correspondence and other documents relating to the creation of the Archives and its holdings.

Storage Location: RG 6 Brandon University fonds

Series 8: Library Services

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## Archives Activity; McKee Centre

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions126>

Part Of: Brandon University Photograph Collection

Description Level: Item

Series Number: 1

File Number: 1.3.9

Item Number: 1.3.9

Date Range: November 10th, 1990

Physical Description: colour, 3.5" x 5"

### Scope and Content:

Archives Activity, McKee Centre. L to R: Dr. Vic Sharpe, William McKee, George McKee

Name Access: Sharpe; McKee

G.; McKee

W.

Subject Access: McKee Centre; Archives



## Archives - correspondence

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions4944>

Part Of: RG 6 Brandon University fonds

Description Level: File

Series Number: 8.2.3

File Number: 6

GMD: multiple media

Date Range: 1984-1985

Physical Description: 1 file

Scope and Content:

File consists of correspondence and other documents relating to the operation of the Archives.

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## Archives - correspondence files

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions4060>

Part Of: RG 6 Brandon University fonds

Description Level: Sub sub series

Series Number: 8.2.3

GMD: textual records

Date Range: 1977-1987

Physical Description: 12 cm

Scope and Content:

Sub sub series consists of correspondence, reports, memos and documents related to SSHRC applications.

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## Archives' creation and holdings

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions4942>

Part Of: RG 6 Brandon University fonds

Description Level: File

Series Number: 8.2.3

File Number: 4

GMD: multiple media

Date Range: 1980-1981

Physical Description: 1 file

### Scope and Content:

File consists of correspondence and other documents relating to the creation of the Archives and its holdings.

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## Archives - exhibits and displays

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions7981>

Part Of: RG 6 Brandon University fonds

Description Level: Sub sub series

Series Number: 8.2.4

GMD: multiple media

Date Range: 2004-2007

### Scope and Content:

Sub sub series consists of archival exhibits and displays, as well as records generated to create the displays.

Storage Location: RG 6 Brandon University fonds  
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## Archives - general files

<http://archives.bradonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions4058>

Part Of: RG 6 Brandon University fonds

Description Level: Sub sub series

Series Number: 8.2.1

GMD: textual records

Date Range: 1965-1997

Physical Description: 6 cm

Scope and Content:

Sub sub series consists of donor files, accession records, sample finding aids and summary reports.

Storage Location: RG 6 Brandon University fonds

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## Archives' reports

<http://archives.bradonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions4945>

Part Of: RG 6 Brandon University fonds

Description Level: File

Series Number: 8.2.3

File Number: 7

GMD: multiple media

Date Range: 1977, 1982-1984

Physical Description: 1 file

Scope and Content:

File consists of annual reports from the Archives prepared by Eileen McFadden.

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## Calendars - bound archival copies

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions4062>

Part Of: RG 6 Brandon University fonds  
Description Level: Sub sub series  
Series Number: 6.6.1  
GMD: textual records  
Date Range: 1900-1985  
Physical Description: 72.5 cm  
Physical Condition: Some calendars, especially the early ones, are fragile.  
History /  
Biographical:

See RG 6, series 6 (Senate), sub-series 6.6 (Brandon College/University Calendars) for history/bio information.

### Scope and Content:

Sub sub series consists of bound archival copies of the Brandon College calendar dating from 1900 to 1985. Box 1 contains calendars from 1900 to 1944. Box 2 contains calendars from 1945 to 1974. Box 3 contains calendars from 1975-85.

Accruals: Further accruals are expected.  
Storage Location: RG 6 Brandon University fonds  
Series 6: Senate  
6.6 Brandon College/University Calendars



## Correspondence with Canadian Baptist Archives

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions4947>

Part Of: RG 6 Brandon University fonds  
Description Level: File  
Series Number: 8.2.3  
File Number: 9  
GMD: multiple media  
Date Range: 1987  
Physical Description: 1 file  
Scope and Content:

File consists of correspondence with and photocopies sent by the Canadian Baptist Archives at McMaster University. The materials relate to Brandon College, Rev. W.C. Smalley, Howard Whidden and J.R.C. Evans (1930s).

Storage Location: RG 6 Brandon University fonds  
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## Inventory of Archival Material in Western Manitoba project fonds

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions4884>

Part Of: RG 5 Western Manitoba Manuscript Collection

Description Level: Collection

Accession Number: 29-2006

GMD: textual records

Date Range: 1987-1991

Physical Description: 6 cm

History /

Biographical:

In the summer of 1986, faculty members at Brandon University developed a project aimed at identifying the archival records that existed in public and private collections throughout western Manitoba. A grant was secured from the Manitoba Heritage Federation, and researchers were employed to travel throughout the region to identify and record the wide variety of records. The results of their work was a four volume set of inventories.

Custodial History:

W.R. Morrison left the university in 1991. At the time he gave Tom Mitchell copies of volumes 1-3. In 2006, John Everitt provided the archives with a copy of volume 4.

Scope and Content:

Fonds consists of four volumes: 1987, 1988, 1989 and 1991. The inventories were generated through extensive research at various centres throughout western Manitoba. Each inventory contains a record of archival materials held by individuals, organizations and/or municipalities throughout the region.

Notes: Description by Christy Henry and Tom Mitchell.

Storage Location: 2006 accessions

Storage Range: 2006 accessions



## Lawrence Stuckey rural archives

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions10251>

Part Of: RG 11 Lawrence Stuckey fonds

Description Level: Sub-series

Series Number: 3.3



## McKee Centre Archives, Box Shelf

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions133>

Part Of: Brandon University Photograph Collection

Description Level: Item

Series Number: 1

File Number: 1.3.16

Item Number: 1.3.16

Date Range: c. 1990

Physical Description: color, 4" x 5.75"

Scope and Content:

McKee Centre Archives. Basement of Jeff Umphrey Building Features on shelf of boxes

Subject Access: McKee Centre; Archives



## McKee Centre Archives, Project Display

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions131>

Part Of: Brandon University Photograph Collection

Description Level: Item

Series Number: 1

File Number: 1.3.14

Item Number: 1.3.14

Date Range: c. 1985

Physical Description: color, 4" x 5.75"

Scope and Content:

McKee Centre Archives Basement of Jeff Umphrey Building. Featured: "Pride of the Land", "Tommy Douglas: The Road to Jerusalem", and "Brandon College During the Depression"

Name Access: Douglas

Subject Access: McKee Centre



## McKee Centre Archives, Project Display #2

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions132>

Part Of: Brandon University Photograph Collection

Description Level: Item

Series Number: 1

File Number: 1.3.15

Item Number: 1.3.15

Date Range: c. 1985

Physical Description: color, 4" x 5.75"

Scope and Content:

McKee Centre Archives Basement of Jeff Umphrey Building. Featured: "Pride of the Land", "Tommy Douglas: The Road to Jerusalem", and "Brandon College During the Depression"

Name Access: Douglas

Subject Access: McKee Centre



## National Archives of Canada Miscellaneous

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions6173>

Part Of: RG 6 Brandon University fonds

Description Level: File

Series Number: MG 3 1.14.1

File Number: 1226

GMD: textual records

Date Range: May 1990-Apr. 1992

Physical Description: 1 file

Scope and Content:

File consists of correspondence

Storage Location: RG 6 Brandon University fonds

MG 3 Brandon University Teaching and Administration

1.14.1 W. Leland Clark - political career

Box 50





## Portrait of Samuel J. McKee

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/artworks552>

Artist: Hatch, Charles Stewart  
Collection: Brandon College Portrait Gallery  
Date: no date  
Form: painting  
Description: Inscription: Samuel J. McKee, D.D., LL.D. b. 1849 in Ontario, d. 1937 in Vancouver. Principal Literary Academy in Rapid City and Brandon, 1883-1899. Vice Principal, Brandon College, 1899-1924.  
Dimensions: 113 X 85 cm  
Size Overall: 158 X 130 cm  
Medium: oil  
Condition: Small loss of paint in area c.. 21cm TL X 27cm L. Minor abrasion of paint in area lower R, as well as along the left edge of image. Varnish cracks all over image. Canvas should have back protection to prevent further damages. The frame has a broken p  
Primary Support: canvas  
Secondary Support: frame - wood and plaster with gild  
Accession Number: 0116



## Rev. Dr. Samuel James McKee

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions4296>

Part Of: RG 1 Brandon College fonds  
Description Level: Sub-series  
Accession Number: 1-1997  
Other Numbers: MG 1 1.1  
GMD: textual records  
Date Range: 1882-1937?  
Physical Description: 27.5 cm

Samuel James McKee was born near Wellesley, Ontario on July 17, 1849. By 1872, he had graduated from Toronto University. That same year he accepted a position at the Canadian Literary Institute in Woodstock, Ontario. Although he accepted this post with reservation, McKee soon found himself converted to the Baptist faith and was a true believer. In 1881, his doctor advised him to move West because of his poor health. He and his wife Laura moved to Rapid City, Manitoba and established a farm there. His brother-in-law, Rev. Davis was busy establishing the Rapid City Academy during this time, and when Davis had the chance to move to Moose Jaw, he prevailed upon McKee to take over the Academy. Under McKee's guidance the Academy flourished. By 1890, he decided that he could reach more people if he relocated the school Brandon, Manitoba, which was located on the C.P.R. line. The S.J. McKee Academy did quite well in Brandon, although it had trouble finding a permanent home. By 1899, the school was located in the Stewart Block on Ninth Street and Rosser Avenue. McKee's wife taught music, and there were always potential ministry students in his classes.

In 1899, the Baptists finally decided that they wanted a College in Manitoba that would help prepare students for potential ministry service. It was decided to locate the school in Brandon, as McKee, a staunch Baptist, already had a flourishing Academy there. The Baptists and McKee amalgamated and Brandon College was created. When the school opened in October 1899, McKee was on the Board of Directors as well as teaching Classics, Mental Science and French. He also acted as the unofficial Vice-principal of the school. McKee taught several different subjects during the next few years, and in 1910 accepted the newly created post of Registrar. He retained this position for the next decade. As well, McKee acted as the Bursar in 1911-1913, 1914-1915, and 1919-1920. He retired in 1920 and moved to Vancouver. McKee was given the title Professor Emeritus in Philosophy. He was made an honorary member of the Board of Directors in 1925.

McKee and his wife had five daughters and three sons. Three daughters that died soon after the move from Rapid City due to a typhoid epidemic. His son, George Eugene, graduated from Brandon College in 1902. A son, John Harris McKee, became the Bursar of Brandon College in 1915 after obtaining his B.A. in 1914. Another son, William Carey McKee, graduated from Brandon College in 1914, and received his M.A. in 1915. He was studying Law in Calgary when he enlisted with the Army. Carey McKee was killed in action on August 26, 1918. A fourth son, Robert Allan also attended Brandon College. He enlisted when Carey did, but he was declared medically unfit for service in Winnipeg in 1917. He eventually returned to Brandon, but was sick for a very long time. He died on February 13, 1919, from a growth on his brain that had weakened him greatly. McKee's daughter Mildred also attended Brandon College. After her husband was killed in action in November of 1918, she returned home to her parents. Eventually she obtained a degree in Household Science. There is another daughter mentioned, Lydia. McKee also states in a tax return form that he has a permanently epileptic child in a home. It is not known if this child was Lydia or not. S.J. McKee died in September 1937 at the age of 88.

Custodial History:

To commemorate the move of the McKee Academy to Brandon, Manitoba in 1890, Brandon University renamed the Brandon University Archives the S.J. McKee Archives in the fall of 1990. At that time, the McKee family was represented by S.J. McKee's grandson William, who donated the S.J. McKee papers to the Archives. Up until 1990, the records had been in his custody, having passed from S.J. at the time of his death to William's father.

#### Scope and Content:

S.J. McKee's files are very unique. He has records detailing many aspects from Rapid City Academy and the desire for educating the West. He has a lengthy document entitled "The Beginning of our Educational Work in the West" in his records. It details the creation of Prairie College, its demise, and the building of the Rapid City Academy. There is a lot of correspondence, not just to and from S.J. McKee, but to and from his children as well. There are Land Titles papers, Mortgages, Last Will and Testaments, and various other legal documents dealing with the McKee family. There is a ninety page paper that his son, Carey, wrote in 1915 entitled "Immigrants and Their Assimilation." There are several files dealing with Carey McKee, and also with the death of Midred's husband, Robert Alexander Cunningham. The Minute Book of the Brandon College Literary Society from 1903-1905 is located in the McKee files. McKee also kept various newsclippings and certain issues of "The Western Baptist," "The Northwest Baptist" and "The Sunday School Times." As well, there are some used account and receipt books.

His records are extremely interesting in that McKee was really one of the founding fathers of Brandon College. The documentation that still exists with regard to Rapid City Academy is quite astounding, down to the legal agreement he and G.B. Davis made with Duncan L. McLaren regarding using some of his land to build the school on. His recollections on the beginnings of education in the west are clear and concise. As well, the sense of family and devotion to God are evident in almost all of the letters between family members.

Name Access:	S.J. McKee Carey McKee Rapid City Academy Prairie College Brandon College The Western Baptist The Northwest Baptist The Sunday School Times
Subject Access:	literary society
Finding Aid:	File level inventory available
Storage Location:	1997 accessions



## The Sickle - archival copies

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions4733>

Part Of: RG 6 Brandon University fonds

Description Level: sub sub sub series

Series Number: 14.5.1.1

GMD: textual records

Date Range: 1927-1984 (not inclusive)

History /

Biographical:

See RG 6 Brandon University fonds, series 14 (BUSU), sub-series 14.5 (BUSU publications), sub sub series 14.5.1 (The Sickle) for History/Bio information.

Scope and Content:

Archival Copies:

Box 1 (Files 1-14): 1927-1929, 1931-1940

Box 2 (Files 15-26): 1941-1943, 1945-1953

Box 3 (Files 27-36): 1954-1963

Box 4 (Files 37-43): 1964-1970

Box 5 (Files 44-49): 1971-1976

Box 6 (Files 50-57): 1977-1984

\*The archival copy of the 1956 Sickle contains the original music and lyrics to the Class of 1956 hymn.

Storage Location: RG 6 Brandon University fonds

Series 14: BUSU

14.5 BUSU publications

14.5.1 The Sickle

Arrangement:

File number 4 has been set aside in the event that the Archives acquires an archival copy of the 1930 Sickle.



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<http://archives.bradonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions118>

Part Of: Brandon University Photograph Collection

Description Level: Item

Series Number: 1

File Number: 1.3.1

Item Number: 1.3.1

Date Range: November 10th, 1990

Physical Description: colour, 3.5" x 5"

### Scope and Content:

S. J. McKee Centre in the Jeff Umphrey Building. L to R: D. Anderson, E. McFadden, George McKee, William McKee

Name Access: Anderson; McFadden; McKee

G.; McKee

W.

Subject Access: S.J. McKee Centre