

# S. J. McKee Archives



## BC 11: Brandon College military training programs

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions4278>

Part Of: RG 1 Brandon College fonds

Description Level: Series

Series Number: 11

GMD: textual records

Date Range: 1915-1960

Physical Description: 45 cm

In 1914 World War I broke out in Europe. As soon as Britain became involved in the war, Canada, as part of the British Empire, was involved. As soon as Canada became involved in the war, Brandon College became involved. In keeping with the patriotism of the time, Brandon College organized a Canadian Officers Training Corps in 1915. It was soon a common sight to see students drilling several times a week in every type of weather. Often the women of the college would offer food and drink after the more grueling experiences. In 1916, a Brandon College platoon was organized under J.R.C. Evans. When he was declared medically unfit to go overseas, the command went to Lieutenant William Carey McKee. Carey was the son of S.J. McKee. He had graduated from Brandon College in 1914, and secured his M.A. in 1915. The Brandon College platoon joined up with the Western Universities Battalion, the 196th. The men went overseas in 1916, most remained there until after the war. Sadly, their admired leader, Carey McKee, was killed on August 26th, 1918 at Arras, just months before the end of the war.

Over thirty other Brandon College men failed to return home from the war. Remaining students immediately began planning for a memorial gymnasium to honour their fallen friends. They eventually raised over \$20 000 towards the gym, but the money was given as a gift to the administration during the late 1920's and early 1930's when the College was in dire need of money. Although the Students' Memorial Gymnasium Fund went on for several years, due to lack of money and rising building costs, the memorial gymnasium was never built.

The C.O.T.C. remained on the campus, but it was not as integral a part of daily routine until the late 1930s. Once again, hostilities broke out in Europe. This time, however, Canada did not automatically become involved in the war when Britain did. In an attempt to show the world its independence, Canada waited five days before officially declaring war. By 1940, the C.O.T.C. was in full swing again. As well, part of Brandon College was given to the Royal Canadian Air Force for use as classrooms and accommodations.

After the cessation of World War II, the C.O.T.C. remained on campus. The S.J. McKee Archives has records of the organization up until 1960. The 1951 Brandon College Calendar describes the University of Manitoba contingent of the C.O.T.C., so at some point the two organizations were amalgamated. The 1954 Brandon College Calendar describes the R.C.A.F. (Reserve) University of Manitoba Squadron that students can apply for. Finally, the 1957 Brandon College Calendar contains a description on the Regular Officers Training Plan, which students could apply for. All of these programs were still in effect when the College was granted its University Charter in 1967.

#### Scope and Content:

The first member of Brandon College to join up was a professor, Philippe Louys. He happened to be visiting his father in France when hostilities broke out. He joined the French Army, and was almost immediately taken prisoner. For several years he tried to escape, finally being successful on his fourth try. Louys immediately began retraining in the French Army, but as soon as he was ready to fight again, the war ended. Philippe Louys' story is not uncommon in the history of Brandon College. The professors and students felt it was their duty to join the ranks and fight along with the rest of the British Empire. Most of them left the halls of the College, and many never returned.

The records consist mainly of correspondence having to do with the Canadian Officers Training Corps. There are also letters referring to Brandon College students who served in the World Wars. As well, there are lists of Unit Orders and Syllabii for the instructors of the C.O.T.C. There are also files regarding the War Maintenance Fund from 1918 and 1919. These records are a good source of material for studying how Brandon College viewed the outbreak of hostilities in Europe, and how the College responded to the crisis. Also, they show how attitudes changed about war and the college's role in it from the period of 1915 to 1960. The Presidents' files also have information on the role the military played at Brandon College. Finally, the series contains attestation and application for military training forms (1941-1943).

Storage Location: RG 1 Brandon College fonds  
Series 11: Brandon College Military Training Programs



## BU 11: Brandon University Foundation

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions182>

Part Of: RG 6 Brandon University fonds

Description Level: Series

Series Number: 11

GMD: textual records

Physical Description: 12 cm

History /

Biographical:

The Brandon University Foundation was incorporated by an act of the Legislature in 1981, with the express purpose of promoting education in the Brandon area. The Foundation is limited to 21 Directors. There Foundation also has a Liaison Committee, formed as a communications link between the Board of Governors and the Foundation, composed of three members from each group.

#### Scope and Content:

Series consists of the following files: preliminary investigation; Annual Giving Committee; BU Fund (establishment) Committee; general; Student Assistant Fund; Student Christmas Fund; Blair Fraser Memorial Fund; Friends of Brandon College Inc. (USA); and Brandon University Association (1967-72).

Notes: History/Bio information taken from Campus News - September/October 1986.

Storage Location: RG 6 Brandon University fonds



## BUPC 11: Documents, diplomas and certificates

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions7980>

Part Of: Brandon University Photograph Collection

Description Level: Series

Series Number: 11

GMD: textual records

Date Range: 1901-1990

History /

Biographical:

This is an artificially created series.

Scope and Content:

Series consists of various documents, diplomas and certificates related to former Brandon College and Brandon University students, faculty and staff.

Storage Range: Oversize drawer 2



## The Quill duplicates and microfilm

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions4720>

Part Of: RG 6 Brandon University fonds  
Description Level: sub sub sub series  
Series Number: 14.5.3.2  
Accession Number: 13-2006, 23-2006.  
GMD: multiple media  
Date Range: 1930-1975  
Physical Condition: Generally good. Some editions are fragile.  
History /  
Biographical:

See sub sub series RG 6 14.5.3 The Quill for History/Bio information.

The duplicates retained were chosen to provide an illustration of the changing content and format of the Quill from 1930-1975. They are primarily for display purposes, as microfilm copies are available for researchers. The original copies of the Quill provide an archival record, but these may be used only under most unusual circumstances. Additional duplicates were culled.

### Custodial History:

See sub sub series RG 6 14.5.3 The Quill for Custodial history.

### Scope and Content:

The McKee Archives holds duplicate editions of The Quill for the following years: 1930-1931, 1933 to 1942, 1946 to 1949, 1955 to 1959, 1962-1963 and 1975-1976.

The microfilm copies of the Quill cover the period from September 1930 to March 1972, and are located with the originals. The Archives holds both positive and negative versions of the microfilmed editions. The microfilming was made possible through a grant from Dr. Thomas McLeod (Brandon College 1940) in 1999.

Notes: The Quill duplicates and special editions are stored in the same box.  
Subject Access: college newspapers  
yearbooks  
history  
Accruals: Further accruals expected.  
Repro Restriction: Copyright provisions apply.  
Location Original: S.J. McKee Archives  
Storage Location: RG 6 Brandon University fonds  
Series 14: BUSU  
14.5 BUSU publications  
14.5.3 The Quill



## The Quill editions

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions4719>

Part Of: RG 6 Brandon University fonds  
Description Level: sub sub sub series

Series Number: 14.5.3.1  
Accession Number: 13-2006, 23-2006, 1-2007, 23-2007  
GMD: textual records  
Date Range: 1910-2014  
Physical Description: approximately 4 m  
Physical Condition: Generally good. Some editions are fragile.

History /

Biographical:

For History/Bio information see sub sub series RG 6 14.5.3 the Quill.

Custodial History:

For Custodial History see sub sub series RG 6 14.5.3 the Quill.

Scope and Content:

The Quill editions held by the McKee Archives are as follows:

Box 1: 1910-1911 to 1920-1921 (19.5 cm, Files 1-10)

\*1916-1917 and 1917-1918 are in hardback only

\*1918-1919 only had 3 editions

Box 2: 1921-1922 to 1926-1927 (13 cm, Files 11-17)

\*1923-1924 The hardback copy is mistakenly identified as vol. 12 rather than vol. 14

\*1926-1927 only had 3 editions

Box 3: 1927-1928 to 1946-1947 (Files 20-28)

\*1933-1934 is a broadsheet

\*1932-1933, 1935-1936 are oversized (located on the bottom of the box and not in chronological order)

Box 4: 1947-1948 to 1961-1962 (Files 39-53)

Box 5: 1962-1963 to 1971-1972 (Files 54-64)

Box 6: 1972-1973 to 1981-1982 (Files 65-74)

Box 7: 1982-1983 to 1991-1992 (Files 75-84)

Box 8: 1992-1993 to 2000-2001 (Files 85-93)

Box 9: 2001-2002 to 2006-2007 (Files 94-99)

Box 10: 2007-2008 to 2013-20014 (Files 100-106)

Box 11: 2014-2015 to present (Files 107-?)

Notes: Starting in the mid 1980s some years of The Quill also published summer newsletters.

#### BOX 1

1910-1911 (File 1): missing No. 4

1911-1912 (File 2): missing Nos. 1, 2 and 4 - have all four editions in a hardback copy

1915-1916 (File 7): missing No. 2

#### BOX 2

1920-1921 (File 11): missing No. 1

1925-1926 (File 16): missing No. 3

BOX 3

1927-1928 (File 20): missing Nos. 1 and 4  
1928-1929 (File 21): only Nos. 1-8  
1934-1935 (File 27): missing Nos. 3, 13, 15  
1937-1938 (File 30): missing Nos. 9 and 12  
1938-1939 (File 31): missing Nos. 1 and 6  
1942-1943 (File 35): missing Nos. 3 and 6  
1943-1944 (File 35a): only No. 2, 10, 11, 12 and 14  
1944-1945 (File 36): missing No. 2  
1946-1947 (File 38): missing Nos. 4 and 6

BOX 4

1949-1950 (File 41): missing Nos. 6, 10 and 12  
1950-1952 (Files 42-44): numerous editions are missing  
1953-1954 (File 45): missing No. 1  
1959-1960 (File 51): missing No. 7

BOX 5

1967-1968 (File 59): missing No. 18  
1968-1969 (File 60): missing No. 16  
1971-1972 (File 64): missing No. 5

BOX 6

1976-1977 (File 69): missing No. 7  
1981-1982 (File 74): missing No. 8

BOX 7

1985-1986 (File 78): missing No. 18  
1986-1987 (File 79): missing Nos. 8, 9 and 16  
1987-1988 (File 80): missing No. 20  
1988-1989 (File 81): missing Nos. 3, 17, 22 and 24  
1990-1991 (File 83): missing Nos. 1, 6, 11 and 14

BOX 8

1993-1994 (File 86): missing No. 8  
1994-1995 (File 87): missing Nos. 3, 11-15, 17-?  
1995-1996 (File 88): missing Nos. 1 and 6  
1997-1998 (File 90): only No. 3  
1998-1999 (File 91): missing Nos. 1, 3, 7, 9-?  
1999-2000 (File 92): missing Nos. 17, 20-?  
2000-2001 (File 93): missing No. 26

BOX 9

2001-2002 (File 94): missing Nos. 12 and 19  
2002-2003 (File 95): missing No. 5

BOX 10

2012-2013 (File 105): missing No. 23

Subject Access:

college newspapers  
yearbooks  
history

Accruals:

Further accruals expected.

Access Restriction: Editions of The Quill for September 1930 to March 1972 are only available on microfilm unless special permission is obtained from the Archivist.

Repro Restriction: Copyright provisions apply.

Location Original: S.J. McKee Archives

Storage Location: RG 6 Brandon University fonds  
Series 14: BUSU  
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Arrangement:

Each file is approximately one school year (September to April), although there are some exceptions. File numbers 18 and 19 have been retained for use in the event that additional editions of the Quill from 1910-1927 are accessioned.