

# S. J. McKee Archives



## Coombs & Stewart general store c. 1881

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

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| 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





## Royal George Hotel

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13712>

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection  
Description Level: Item  
Series Number: McG 9  
Item Number: 20-2009.22  
Accession Number: 20-2009  
GMD: graphic  
Date Range: 1912  
Physical Description: 9.75" x 7.5" (b/w)  
Physical Condition: photograph is torn and has scotch tape residue

### Scope and Content:

Photograph shows the exterior of the Royal George Hotel located at 142-6th Street, Brandon. Striped awnings cover the second and third storey windows of the hotel. Dogs roam the sidewalk in front of the hotel. Advertisements cover the fence adjacent to the hotel and include: Fort McMurray town site settlement; Mortgage sale for city property; Starland Theatre featuring Miss Amy Lawrence, Soprano; Sherman Theatre; 15th Annual Horticultural Exhibition

Notes: Date ascertained from 15th Annual Horticultural Exhibition advertisement posted on fence adjacent to hotel. Address obtained from Henderson's Brandon City Directory for 1913.

Name Access: Royal George Hotel  
Starland Theatre  
Sherman Theatre  
Horticultural Exhibition  
6th Street

Subject Access: hotels  
building exteriors  
advertising  
dogs

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

### 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  
store exteriors  
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

## Images

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South Street, Indian River, Florida