

S. J. McKee Archives



Alexander MacPhail collection

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions4541>

Part Of:	RG 5 Western Manitoba Manuscript Collection
Description Level:	Collection
Accession Number:	26-2006
GMD:	textual records
Date Range:	1901-1963

History /

Biographical:

ALEXANDER MACPHAIL (14 July 1900 - 29 July 1986)

Alex was born in Vista, MB on July 14, 1900, son of John and Catherine MacPhail. He married Florence Turner (d. 1977) at Winnipeg on December 22, 1948 and together they farmed the family farm at Vista. In 1965 they purchased a house in Shoal Lake but continued to farm in Vista until Alex's retirement in 1973, when he sold the farm.

Alex was involved in the 4-H Club at Vista and was a member of the Grain Growers Association. He was also very interested in Wildlife Conservation, an interest which led him to donate a 1/4 section of land to them. Alex also started a museum in Shoal Lake, which in time he turned over to the Village. He was a school trustee for Islay School Board at Vista from 1937-1939 and took the position of Chairman from 1939, until the school closed on 1968. During his years of farming he was a registered Seed Grower and in 1957 was awarded the Robertson Certificate. As a hobby he was a beekeeper. Alexander MacMillan MacPhail passed away at the Shoal Lake-Strathclair Health Centre on Tuesday, July 29, 1986 at the age of 86 years.

MARION (MACPHAIL) MCCORMACK (1903 - 10 February 1988)

Marion attended Islay School and Rosburn Collegiate. Upon graduation, she attended Manitoba Normal School, and became a teacher. She worked at Perth, Islay (1927-1934), Plumas, Strathclair and Minnedosa.

She met and married Coll McCormack (d. 1973) in 1952, and they lived in Minnedosa. She retired from teaching in 1967. Marion McCormack passed away on February 10, 1988.

IAIN MACPHAIL (1912-1937)

Iain MacPhail was born in Vista, MB in 1912. During the years that he was attending high school, he took a keen interest in farming. After he completed his Grande XII, some of the farm projects were expanded, including bee keeping. It was while attending a Bee-Keepers Course at the University of Manitoba that Iain took ill and passed away in 1937.

JOHN ARMSTRONG (6 May 1930 - 21 June 2005)

John Armstrong was born May 6, 1930, the second son of Kate (McKinnon) and William Armstrong. He attended Perth school for his elementary grades, then Vista and Rosburn where he finished high school. John farmed with his dad and brother Hugh, except for one year of permit teaching on the Daupin River Reserve, which was accessible by canoe.

John lived at home with his parents and cared for them until his dad's passing in 1972 and his mother's in 1982. At one time John was a leader of the 4-H Seed Club and was able to help members with his weed and plant identification skills. He did some secretarial work for 4-H and the Argyle Presbyterian Church. John William Armstrong of Rosburn passed away June 21, 2005 at the Shoal Lake-Strathclair Health Centre.

Custodial History:

The records in this collection were accumulated in the residence of Alexander MacPhail from various family members. The materials were discovered in the attic of MacPhail's house on the MacPhail land in Vista, MB in 2005. Subsequently they were given to Gerald R. Brown by the family living in the MacPhail house. They resided in Brown's home until their donation to the McKee Archives in September 2006.

Scope and Content:

The collection consists of teaching materials and textbooks used by members of the MacPhail family - Alex, Marion and Iain. It has been divided into two sub-series, including: (1) Textbooks; and (2) Teaching materials.

Notes: Biographical notes were written by Gerald R. Brown and were taken from his "Vista Tales . . . from Islay School District No. 733 in Vista, Manitoba." Description by Christy Henry.

Name Access: Alexander MacPhail
Marion MacPhail
Marion McCormack
Iain MacPhail
John Armstrong
Manitoba Normal School

Storage Location: 2006 accessions

Storage Range: 2006 accessions

Related Material: Gerald R. Brown fonds (MG 2 Brandon College Students, 2.2 Gerald R. Brown).



Alexander MacPhail collection textbooks

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions4542>

Part Of: MacPhail collection

Description Level: Sub-series

Series Number: 26-2006.1

Item Number Range: 1-22

Accession Number: 26-2006

GMD: textual records

Date Range: 1901-1948

Physical Description: 36 cm

Physical Condition: Some of the titles are fragile and/or stained/torn.

Scope and Content:

Sub-series consists of the following titles:

"Tales and Trails of Western Canada" by Nell Macvicar and Irene Craig

"Manitoba Public School Arithmetic: Book II" by J.A. Smith and R.H. Roberts (1922)

"Handbook of Nature-Study for Teachers and Parents" by Anna Botsford Comstock (1911)

"Forests and Trees" by B.J. Hales (1925)

"Fodder and Pasture Plants" George H. Clark and M. Oscar Malte with water colour illustrations by Norman Criddle (1913)

"Wild Flowers of Western Canada" by William Copeland McCalla (1920)

"The Dragon and the Raven" by G.A. Henty

"Manitoba High School Civics" by A.L. Burt (1945)

"The Manitoba Arithmetic for Elementary Grades: Grade IV" by the Department of Education, Province of Manitoba

"The Treasury Sight-Reader: Book II - Junior" by Maurice Jacobson

"The Treasury Sight-Reader: Book III - Intermediate" by Maurice Jacobson

"The Manitoba Readers - Third Reader"

"Young Blood" by E.W. Hornung (1901)

"The Moonstone: A Romance" by Wilkie Collins

"Mental Arithmetic: Part I" by Charles G. Fraser

"The Canada Book of Prose and Verse: Book One" by Lorne Pierce (1948)

"How to be Healthy" by J. Halpenny and Lilian B. Ireland (1911)

"The A B C of Musical Theory" by Ralph Dunstan

"Canadian Civics" by R.S. Jenkins (1909) - Manitoba edition

"Canada: A History for High Schools" by G.J. Reeve (1926)

"History of England for Public Schools" authorized by the Departments of Education for Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia (1922).

Storage Location: 2006 accessions

Alfred Angus Murray McPherson collection miscellaneous



<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions4540>

Part Of: Alfred Angus Murray McPherson collection
Description Level: Box
File Number: 17.1 - 17.30
Accession Number: 21-2006
Other Numbers: Box Q
GMD: textual records
Date Range: 1862 - ca.1970

Scope and Content:

Contains the following files:

- 17.1 Trail B.C. advertisement 1911
- 17.2 Angus McPherson beaver license 1900's
- 17.3 "The Angels of Mons" by Lieutenant Dougald MacEchern
- 17.4 Brandon General Hospital school graduation invitations 1925 and 1927
- 17.5 Machinery catalogues [1909-1928]
- 17.6 Watkins Stock Raisers manual [1920's]
- 17.7 List and map of Indian Reserves and Metis communities 1959
- 17.8 Wes Pentland Orange Lodge documents and materials 1862-1940
- 17.9 Brandon Collegiate reunion ribbon October 9, 1908
- 17.10 Victory Loan documents 1943-1945
- 17.11 Boys and Girls Service Clubs exhibit ribbons 1927
- 17.12 Prize lists for Justice Boys and Girls Clubs 1923-1926
- 17.13 Voluntary War Aid bulletin #12 [World War One]
- 17.14 "Canada's War Record" July 1942
- 17.15 Douglas war memorial unveiling ceremony programme November 17, 1922
- 17.16 Travel: Waghorns Guide 1898; Manitoba Driver's Guide 1935; southland Chicago-Florida train route and schedule 1916-1917; Manitoba road map 1941-1942; CPR western lines timetables 1918
- 17.17 Movie programme for "Gone with the Wind" [1939]
- 17.18 Magazine insert of funeral of Edward VII from Illustrated London News May 24, 1910
- 17.19 Manitoba Telephone Systems directory with provincial exchanges March 1930
- 17.20 Brandon Sun articles re: Brandon Hills picnic 1963
- 17.21 "The Academy Critic" December 1909

- 17.22 Weldon's Famous Dress catalogue [1920's]
- 17.23 Alex M. Brown, Pharmacist calendar 1935
- 17.24 Empire contest from the Winnipeg Free Press (undated)
- 17.25 Annie I. Pentland speech re: Barbara Heck
- 17.26 Electoral division of Landsdowne Municipality map 1949
- 17.27 Speech on wheat sales (author unknown)
- 17.28 Site and situation project on Brandon history (author unknown) [1970's]
- 17.29 Annual report from Protestant Orphans' Home 1937
- 17.30 Orange Lodge memorabilia (gavel, pin) 1881-1933

Notes: Part of the Alfred Angus Murray McPherson collection.

Storage Location: Margaret McPherson family fonds
 Box 14 (Files 17.1-17.29)
 Box 15 (File 17.30 and Orange Lodge ribbons and certificates)



Collective agreement

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions4440>

Part Of: RG 6 Brandon University fonds

Description Level: File

Series Number: 15

File Number: 41

GMD: textual records

Date Range: [n.d.]

Physical Description: 1 file

Scope and Content:

File consists of a copy of a collective agreement between Brandon University and BUFA.

Storage Location: RG 6 Brandon University fonds
 Series XV: BUFA
 Box 4



Collective agreement with BUFA

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions4498>

Part Of: RG 6 Brandon University fonds
Description Level: File
Series Number: 15
File Number: 94
GMD: textual records
Date Range: April 1, 1983 - March 31, 1985
Physical Description: 1 file
Storage Location: RG 6 Brandon University fonds
Series XV: BUFA
Box 8



Collective agreement with BUFA

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions4500>

Part Of: RG 6 Brandon University fonds
Description Level: File
Series Number: 15
File Number: 96
GMD: textual records
Date Range: April 1, 1982 - March 31, 1983
Physical Description: 1 file
Storage Location: RG 6 Brandon University fonds
Series XV: BUFA
Box 8



Collective agreement with BUFA

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions4501>

Part Of: RG 6 Brandon University fonds
Description Level: File
Series Number: 15
File Number: 97
GMD: textual records
Date Range: April 1, 1981 - March 31, 1982
Physical Description: 1 file
Storage Location: RG 6 Brandon University fonds
Series XV: BUFA
Box 8



Collective agreement with BUFA

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions4502>

Part Of: RG 6 Brandon University fonds
Description Level: File
Series Number: 15
File Number: 98
GMD: textual records
Date Range: April 1, 1980 - March 31, 1982
Physical Description: 1 file
Storage Location: RG 6 Brandon University fonds
Series XV: BUFA
Box 8



Collective agreement with BUFA

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions4503>

Part Of: RG 6 Brandon University fonds
Description Level: File
Series Number: 15
File Number: 99
GMD: textual records
Date Range: April 1, 1978 - March 31, 1980
Physical Description: 1 file
Storage Location: RG 6 Brandon University fonds
Series XV: BUFA
Box 8



Collective agreement with BUFA

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions4510>

Part Of: RG 6 Brandon University fonds
Description Level: File
Series Number: 15
File Number: 106
GMD: textual records
Date Range: April 1, 1985 - March 31, 1988
Physical Description: 1 file
Storage Location: RG 6 Brandon University fonds
Series XV: BUFA
Box 9



Collective agreement with BUFA

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions4511>

Part Of: RG 6 Brandon University fonds
Description Level: File
Series Number: 15
File Number: 107
GMD: textual records
Date Range: April 1, 1988 - March 31, 1990
Physical Description: 1 file
Storage Location: RG 6 Brandon University fonds
Series XV: BUFA
Box 9



Collective agreement with BUFA

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions4512>

Part Of: RG 6 Brandon University fonds
Description Level: File
Series Number: 15
File Number: 108
GMD: textual records
Date Range: April 1, 1991 - March 31, 1993
Physical Description: 1 file
Storage Location: RG 6 Brandon University fonds
Series XV: BUFA
Box 9



Collective agreement with BUFA

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions4513>

Part Of: RG 6 Brandon University fonds
Description Level: File
Series Number: 15
File Number: 109
GMD: textual records
Date Range: April 1, 1993 - March 31, 1995
Physical Description: 1 file
Storage Location: RG 6 Brandon University fonds
Series XV: BUFA
Box 9



Esther Magdalene Moore collection

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions4299>

Part Of: RG 1 Brandon College fonds
Description Level: Sub-series
Series Number: MG 1 1.5
Accession Number: 4-2016
GMD: textual records
Date Range: 1911?-1960?
Physical Description: 8 cm
History /
Biographical:

Esther Moore was born in Norfolk, Nebraska and moved to Canada at age 3. There is a vague reference to her being related to the composer Dvorak in The Quill of 1913. She registered as a music student at Brandon College in 1909. In 1910, Miss Moore received a medal for sight-reading and accompanying in Edmonton. She took her examinations of the Toronto Conservatory of Music in 1910, and her Senior examinations in 1911. She completed her theory work in 1913, as well as finishing the academic requirements. In 1913, Esther Moore became the first graduate of the Music department at Brandon College. After graduation, Miss Moore taught music in Unity, as well as being the choirleader and organist. She returned to her home in Olds, Alberta for a rest from teaching. However, she was not idle for long. She took up teaching again, and she was the organist and choirleader at church. She also began a Glee Club. Between these responsibilities Miss Moore finished a course in the Household Science Department at the Olds Agricultural College. She returned to Brandon College to take postgraduate work, becoming the first Brandon College student to receive her L.T.C.M. in 1916. In 1922 Miss Moore began to teach piano at Brandon College. She received her Bachelor of Music in 1925, and her Master of Music in 1926.

Custodial History:

Records were accessioned by the McKee Archives in 1998. Prior custodial history is unknown.

Scope and Content:

Esther Moore's records consist of newspaper clippings, recital programmes, concert programmes, and commencement programmes. As well, there are dance cards, invitations, tickets, and the programme for the annual Graduation Banquet for several years. There are Track and Field programmes and a ribbon. There are also Alumni Luncheon programmes for a few years. There is an issue of The Western Baptist from 1926, and the programmes for the installation of Dr. Robbins as President and the opening of the Arts and Library building and the J.R.C. Evans Lecture Theatre in 1960. There is also a letter from William L. Wright, director of the music department at Brandon College.

Name Access: Esther Moore
W.L. Wright
J.R.C. Evans Lecture Theatre
John E. Robbins

Subject Access: School of Music
recitals
concerts
commencement
graduation banquet
programmes
arts and library building

Storage Location: 2016 accessions



Faculty comments re new collective agreement

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions4441>

Part Of: RG 6 Brandon University fonds

Description Level: File

Series Number: 15

File Number: 42

GMD: textual records

Date Range: 1977

Physical Description: 1 file

Scope and Content:

File consists of comments from the Sociology and Anthropology Department and an article on collective bargaining contracts.

Storage Location: RG 6 Brandon University fonds
Series XV: BUFA
Box 4



Francis Chaplin collection

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions8557>

Part Of: RG 6 Brandon University fonds

Description Level: Sub-series

Series Number: MG 3 1.20

Accession Number: 13-2008

GMD: textual records

Physical Description: 13 m

History /

Biographical:

Francis (Eugene) Chaplin, violinist, was born in Newcastle, NB on Dec. 30th, 1927 and died in Brandon, MB on Dec. 3rd, 1993. He received his Artist Diploma from the Juilliard School in 1950, a Graduate Diploma from Juilliard in 1951, and an honorary D Mus from Mt Allison University in 1974. His childhood musical education began with Hans Graae in Newcastle, continued with Clayton Hare from 1940-45 at Mount Allison Academy in Sackville, NB and by private study in Calgary. His debut, at age 16 in Toronto, was described as brilliant. He continued at the Juilliard School as a full scholarship student with Louis Persinger 1946-49 and Ivan Galamian 1949-53, and upon graduation received the Morris Loeb Memorial Award. He moved in 1953 to Halifax, where he was concertmaster of the CBC Halifax Orchestra and the Halifax (Atlantic) Symphony Orchestra. Chaplin gave weekly recitals for Halifax CBC radio and later on national CBC TV's Souvenirs and Reflections programs. He appeared as recitalist and as soloist with major orchestras in Toronto, Calgary, Edmonton, Regina, Quebec City, Hamilton and Halifax, and at the New York Museum of Modern Art. He was a member of the Halifax (later Brandon University) Trio and the Halifax String Quartet. The trio moved to Brandon University in 1966 and Chaplin began teaching violin and viola there in 1967. He continued as a member of the School of Music faculty until his death. Among his pupils were James Ehnes, Gwen Hoebig, Tom Williams, and other accomplished violinists. Chaplin recorded for the CBC with the Brandon Trio, and with Judy Loman and the Johnny Burt orchestra. In 1984 Chaplin recorded 10 Caprices for Solo Violin by S.C. Eckhardt-Gramatte for the Masters of the Bow label; he also edited an edition of the Caprices (Brandon University School of Music Press, 1993). Chaplin died from smoke inhalation following a house fire. - Biographical information taken from the Canadian Encyclopedia

Scope and Content:

Sub-series consists of annotated musical scores and resources pertaining to teaching of private violin and viola students

Notes: Description by Donna Lowe.

Storage Range: MG 3 Brandon University Teaching and Administration
1.20 Francis Chaplin

Related Material: RG 6 Brandon University fonds, Series 7 Faculties and Schools, 7.4
School of Music.

Arrangement:

Original order was maintained.



George F. MacDowell collection

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions4049>

Part Of: RG 6 Brandon University fonds

Description Level: Sub-series
Series Number: MG 3 1.12
Accession Number: 9-2002
GMD: textual records
Date Range: 1941-1987, predominant 1960-1982
Physical Description: 8.1 m
Physical Condition: Good

History /

Biographical:

George F. MacDowell was born in 1913, in Prince Edward Island. He studied at Dalhousie University from 1930 to 1933, but did not complete a degree. During WWII, MacDowell served in Canada and Europe as a member of the Royal Canadian Signals Corps. After the war, he returned to Dalhousie University, graduating with a B.A. in 1947. Subsequently, he graduated with a Masters Degree in Economics from Clark University in Worcester, Massachusetts. George McDowell taught at both Mount Allison University and the University of Alberta before coming to Brandon in 1957 to teach at Brandon College. He remained as a professor in the Economic Department until his retirement in 1979.

MacDowell's work was published in the Canadian Journal of Economics and Political Science. In 1971, McClelland & Stewart published his account of the Brandon Packers strike of 1960 titled "The Brandon Packer's Strike: A Tragedy of Errors." In Brandon, MacDowell maintained a relationship with the local Association of Fire Fighters, aiding them with collective bargaining procedures. He also served as Chairman for the MacKenzie Seeds Board, and was a member of the Manitoba Development Corporation Board.

MacDowell never married and had no known children. He passed away on February 26th, 1986.

Custodial History:

This collection was in the possession of George MacDowell until his death. It was then held by the Brandon University Department of Economics until 1997, at which time it was transferred to the McKee Archives at Brandon University.

Scope and Content:

The bulk of this fonds falls into five main categories:

1. Records dealing with the Brandon Packers Strike of 1960 and the subsequent legal actions against the owners, including all 2215 pages of the Brandon Packers Strike Commission;
2. Records dealing with the Commission of Inquiry into The Pas Forestry and Industrial Complex, including the complete transcript of the inquiry measuring approximately 5m. This Commission dealt with the conduct of Churchill Forest Industries, a company owned by a Swiss financial firm, which, in the 1960's, was given approximately 93 million dollars by the Roblin Provincial Government to develop The Pas Forestry and Industrial Complex. Churchill Forest Industries and its parent company subsequently came under suspicion of fraud and accused of fraudulently transferring The Pas Forestry funds into other foreign business interests;
3. Records dealing with business loans awarded by the Manitoba Development Corporation during the 1970's and 1980's to businesses primarily within Manitoba;
4. Records dealing with McKenzie Seeds, and McKenzie Steele-Briggs Seeds during the early 1980's when George MacDowell was a board member of McKenzie Seeds;
5. Records dealing with Professor MacDowell's career as a Professor at Brandon University, including records relating to his courses and to administrative activities.

To a lesser extent, this collection includes records dealing with the University of Saskatchewan College of Commerce, the publication the "Manitoba New Democrat," issues associated with politics, labor and union in the prairie provinces from the 1960's to the 1980's, articles from various economic periodicals including "Economica" and "Public Finance," a variety of government reports from 1941 to 1981, and records dealing with George MacDowell's relationship with the Brandon Firefighters Association.

Notes: File level inventory available. Description written by Mike White (2002).

Name Access: Errol Black
Brandon University
University of Saskatchewan College of Commerce
Manitoba New Democrat
Manitoba Development Corporation
Brandon Packers Strike Commission
Bank Act
A.E. McKenzie Steele Briggs Seeds
Brandon Firefighters Association.

Subject Access: economics
trade unions
economics curriculum
public service unions
prairie politics
Edward Schreyer government
labour
Manitoba business loans
government economic reports

Access Restriction: Collection includes financial data on many Manitoba businesses. Consult the archivist for access.

Repro Restriction:	Researchers are responsible for observing Canadian copyright restrictions.
Storage Location:	MG 3 Brandon University Teaching and Administration 1.12 George F. MacDowell
Related Material:	Related material regarding George MacDowell's involvement with the A.E. McKenzie Company can be found in RG 3 McS A.E. McKenzie Company fonds.



George Thorman collection

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions4725>

Part Of:	RG 1 Brandon College fonds
Description Level:	Sub-series
Series Number:	MG 2 2.15
Accession Number:	11-1999
GMD:	textual records
Date Range:	1801-1940, 1994;predominant 1880-1940
Physical Description:	11 m (823 items); 1 diploma; 1 certificate
History / Biographical:	

George E. Thorman was born in Vancouver, British Columbia on September 17, 1913. His public school education began in Rivers, Manitoba and was completed, along with his high school and part of his university education in Brandon, Manitoba. After completing his Bachelor of Arts General at Brandon College, Thorman attended the College of Education in Toronto for one year before beginning his teaching career at Essex High School, Essex, Ontario in 1935. After four years in Essex, Thorman transferred to the St. Thomas Collegiate Institute (STCI) in St. Thomas, Ontario.

In 1941, Thorman joined the Canadian Army at Brandon as a gunner in the 59th Field Battery and after five years, having served in England, Italy and Western Europe, he retired with the rank of Captain. Following the Second World War, in 1945, Thorman taught in a high school for Fifth Division in Gronigen, Netherlands before moving on to teach first year university English at Kahki College in England in 1946. That same year he returned to Canada and rejoined the staff at STCI. Two years after his return George Thorman married the former Margaret Gliddon of St. Thomas and in 1953 returned to Europe where he taught in Scotland for one year on a teacher's exchange.

During the 1960's, Thorman's career reached its peak. In 1964, he became the Vice-Principal of STCI and in 1967, he attained the same position at Parkside Collegiate Institute before becoming its Principal in 1969. Three years later in 1972, Thorman retired as Principal of PCI and from his teaching career. Throughout his career Thorman's primary interests were in English and History, however he also taught Mathematics, Geography and Science. In addition to his classes following WWII, Thorman was an active instructor of the Cadet Corps, as well as a coach for various volleyball, basketball and track and field teams during his years at STCI.

Aside from being an educator, George Thorman had many other interests. He and his wife Margaret were active in the formation of the Elgin Theatre Guild in 1948 and together and separately they performed and directed several productions in the early years of that organization. Thorman was also largely responsible for the development of a local history course in the Elgin Secondary Schools in the early 1960's. In 1966, with his fellow history teacher Ralph Parker, he published a booklet to serve as an outline for teachers on the history

teacher Ralph Hunter, he published a booklet to serve as an outline for teachers on the history of Elgin County.

That same year, 1966, Thorman, as the prime instigator in the re-formation of the Elgin Historical Society, became its first president and in 1971, he was elected Honorary President of the Society for life. This was followed by a further two-year term as elected president. The re-organization marked the beginning of Thorman's continuous active involvement with the EHS, including several lectures he presented to its members and many years as a Trustee. In 1985, he received the Ontario Volunteer Service Award for over 15 years of continuous service to the Society before retiring from the EHS in 1995.

In addition to the EHS, Thorman served on the St. Thomas Public Library Board from 1979 until 1991, and was a Chairman of the Board's Personnel Committee. He was also a member of the Ontario Historical Society. From 1975 to 1978, Thorman served as an elected member of the Elgin County Board of Education and in 1979, he received from the City of St. Thomas the St. Thomas Civic Award for outstanding citizens. George Thorman was also a life member (1936) of Central Lodge No. 402, A.F. and A.M. (Masonry) of Essex, Ontario and had been an active member of the St. Thomas Duplicate Bridge Club since 1985.

As an authority on historical research relating to The Hudson's Bay Company, Thorman gave lectures and printed articles on the topic in "The Beaver" publication of The Hudson's Bay Company. In regards to the HBC he also did excavation work at Fort Albany with Walter Kenyon during several summers in the 1960's and 1970's.

As well, George Thorman was a founding member and served on the executive committee of the Elgin Military Museum since its inception in 1982 until the late 1990's. He contributed greatly to the library and files of this museum, particularly in the field of the War of 1812 and the Fenian Raid. The reference library of this small museum rates high in this country, largely through the efforts of George Thorman. Thorman's book collection was one of the finest and most extensive in Western Ontario. His personal library contained a wealth of information with particular emphasis on material relating to Elgin County, the City of St. Thomas and The Hudson's Bay company. His G.A. Henty collectio was nearly complete.

As an author Thorman contributed ten entries in The Dictionary of Canadian Biography on Aboriginal and Metis peoples, co-authored "St. Thomas 100 Years a City," the centennial history of the city of St. Thomas. In 1989, he edited "Frank Hunt, Essays on Elgin County" as well as wrote and privately printed "A Brief History of Secondary Education in St. Thomas" as his contribution to the STCI Reunion, at which he was one fo the honorees. In th early 1990's, Thorman co-edited "Garret Oakes, Tales of a Pioneer," authored and privalely printed "Letters and Petitions and other Papers Concerning the Mllitia Companies of Middlesex for 1839" and "The Chisholm Family in Elgin County: Myth and Reality."

For serveral years, ca. 1975 to the mid 1990's, Thorman hosted a TV talk show on local television interviewing persons connected to the history of St. Thomas and Elgin County. Many older residents, who have since passed away, were interviewed and the resulting tapes are an invaluable source of historical information.

Thorman and his wife lived in the historic section of St. Thomas and in the summer months spent their time in Port Stanley. In addition, for several years in the early 1990's, Thorman traveled annually to England - each time visiting a different area of the country. As well, Thorman was also interested in the lives and activities of his former students and was available and eager to assist any student or former student who asked for his guidance. George E. Thorman passed away on January 11, 1997.

Custodial History:

The Order of the Sheaf and Thorman's Bachelor of Arts degree were transferred to the McKee Archives by Rudi Denham, Chief Librarian, St. Thomas Public Library in August 2007. George Thorman had placed his papers with the St. Thomas Public Library at some point prior to his death; the Library had decided to deaccession the records and offered them to interested institutions.

Scope and Content:

The collection consists of textbooks covering the subject areas of: Agriculture, Art, Business education, Economics, Composition, Grammar, Rhetoric, Literature, Plays, Poetry, Prose, Readers, Spelling, Phonics, Stories, Geography, Health, History, French, German, Greek, Italian, Latin, Algebra, Arithmetic, Geometry, Trigonometry, General mathematics, Music, Philosophy, Logic, Psychology, Religion, Research, Methods, Manuals, Astronomy, Botany Chemistry, Physics, General science, Zoology, Cooking and Gardening. It also includes two notebooks.

The works found in the collection were published primarily between 1880-1940, although they range from 1801-1967, with an emphasis on history, all areas of mathematics, research and topics related to english or language arts. There are a number of works published in the nineteenth century dealing with most of the collection's subject areas. The majority of the collection focuses on public and high school textbooks, particularly in relation to the province of Ontario, with some attention to university education.

Also included is George Thorman's Order of the Sheaf, Clark Hall Guild certificate awarded to him in recognition of his outstanding contribution toward the betterment of Brandon University and Thorman's Bachelor of Arts degree from Brandon College (McMaster University).

Notes:	An inventory of the collection has been created. Also, the items have been added to the Brandon University Library catalogue. Description and inventory by Christy Henry (1999).
Language Note:	Thorman's Bachelor of Arts degree is in Latin.
Storage Location:	MG 2 Brandon College Students 2.15 George Thorman



Gordon Lindsay collection

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions10247>

Part Of:	RG 1 Brandon College fonds
Description Level:	Sub-series
Series Number:	MG 2 2.36
Accession Number:	7-2010
GMD:	textual records
Date Range:	1943-1946
Physical Description:	2.5 cm
Physical Condition:	Generally good. Some tears. Issues located first and last in the folders Lindsay stored them in are missing sections where the page stuck to the folder.

History /

Biographical:

James Gordon Lindsay was born June 16, 1925 in Minneapolis, Minnesota where his father, James Lindsay, a Brandon pioneer from Northern Ireland, had been working for the Coca Cola Bottling Company. In November 1925, the Lindsay family moved back to Brandon where they lived at 547 16th Street.

Lindsay attended Park School, Earl Oxford Junior High School and Brandon Collegiate. In September 1943, he entered 2nd Year at Brandon College, joining the Class of 1946. Due to past experience in publishing the BCI yearbook, he was drafted into The Board of Publications and named Co-editor of the Quill along with third year student Genevieve Fuloski. Lindsay and Fuloski held their positions for two years. Because of the war, money and supplies were in short supply and the Quill at one point was reduced to mimeographed pages. While Editor Lindsay wrote The eggshell-Slightly Cracked column.

Lindsay was named Senior Stick in 1945 and graduated from Brandon College with a B.Sc. in 1946. He obtained both his MSc (1948) and PhD (1951) in Physical Chemistry from McMaster University.

During his time in Hamilton, Lindsay met Shirley Woolmer and the couple married on September 2, 1950. They moved to Arvida, Quebec in 1951 where Lindsay accepted an offer from Aluminium Laboratories Limited, the research arm of Alcan Aluminium Ltd. The couple remained in Arvida for twenty-two years, during which time they had four children: Sharon, Heather, Geoffrey and David.

In 1973, Lindsay was transferred to Alcan's head office in Montreal where he spent the next three years co-ordinating alumina research in Alcan plants around the world. In 1976, he accepted a transfer to Alcan Jamaica as Chief Technical Officer and Manager of Technical Development. He and Shirley spent nearly eight years in Jamaica before returning to Canada in 1984. After a year at Alcan's Research Centre in Kingston, ON Lindsay took early retirement.

During their years in Jamaica Lindsay had been introduced to Rotary and he continued his association with the organization in Kingston where for fifteen years he was Bulletin editor of the Kingston-Frontenac Rotary Club. In addition to Rotary, Lindsay (along with his wife) took up genealogy in his retirement and after fifteen years of extensive travel and research he became his Lindsay family's historian and author of *The Lindsays of Dundonald*.

For three years in the late 1980s Lindsay served as a representative on the Brandon University Alumni Executive for Eastern Canada. Along with his wife he attended two class reunions at Brandon University including his 50th Re-convocation in 1996.

At present (June 2010) Gordon Lindsay continues to live in Kingston, ON with his wife.

Custodial History:

Materials remained in Gordon Lindsay's possession from time of creation until he donated them to the Archives on September 4, 2009.

Scope and Content:

Collection consists of copies of the Quill, including:

1942-1943: No. 11 (January 26, 1943)

1943-1944: Nos. 2, 12, 14 (October 20, 1943, February 2, 1944, February 16, 1944)

1944-1945: Nos. 1-5 and 7-12

1945-1946: Nos. 1-10 (11 issues as there are two labelled No. 4)

Notes: History/Bio information provided by Gordon Lindsay. Description by Christy Henry.

Subject Access: **newspapers**
student activities

Storage Location: Incorporated into RG 6 Brandon University fonds
14.5.3.1 The Quill editions



Janet Louisa May More collection

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions4858>

Part Of: RG 5 Western Manitoba Manuscript Collection

Description Level: Collection

Accession Number: 2-2003

GMD: textual records

Date Range: 1921-1947

Physical Description: 10 cm

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Biographical:

Janet Louisa May More was born on the family homestead south of Hartney, Manitoba in 1896. She attended Chain Lakes School and Hartney High School prior to completing Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Education degrees at the University of Manitoba. Following her graduation, More taught in various Manitoba schools for fifty years. In addition, she was a member of the Manitoba Education Association, the Manitoba Library Association, the Turtle Mountain Teachers' Association (of which she was the first President), and the Manitoba Teachers' Society, which nominated her for a Life Membership. Janet Louisa May More retired in 1967, and resided in Winnipeg, Manitoba until her death.

Additional biographical information for Janet Louisa May More can be found in her profile as a "Memorable Manitoban" on the Manitoba Historical Society website (http://www.mhs.mb.ca/docs/people/more_jlm.shtml).

Custodial History:

Materials passed into the hands of Gerald Brown who donated them to the McKee Archives.

Scope and Content:

Collection contains curriculum materials related to the study and teaching of Chemistry, Algebra, Geometry, Mathematics, English and French language studies in Manitoba dating mostly from the 1940s. Collection also contains Christmas concert and dramatic materials; notes from the Manitoba Fine Arts Committee (April 1939); and notes concerning the Manitoba Camera Club, the Manitoba Drama League, Manitoba Society of Artists, Manitoba Adult Education Association, Winnipeg Sketch Club and the Manitoba Handicraft Guild.

Notes: CAIN No. 202568

Subject Access: Janet Louisa May More

Manitoba Fine Arts Committee

Adult Education Association

Winnipeg Sketch Club

Manitoba Drama League

Manitoba Society of Artists

Manitoba camera Club

public education

curriculum

fine arts

adult education

Storage Location: 2003 accessions

Storage Range: 2003 accessions