

# S. J. McKee Archives



# A.C. Miller fonds

http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions4842

Part Of:	RG 5 Western Manitoba Manuscript Collection	
Description Level:	Collection	
Accession Number:	19-1997	
GMD:	textual records	
Date Range:	1916-1938	
Physical Description:	5 cm	
History /		
Biographical:		

Archie Cleveland Miller owned and operated a farm near Roland, Manitoba from 1918 to 1938. Miller was engaged principally in a commercial grain operation.

Custodial History:

This fonds was accessioned in 1997 by the McKee Archives. Prior custodial history is unknown. .

Scope and Content:

Fonds contains legal documents from A.C. Miller's farm near Roland, Manitoba from 1916 to 1938. They include mortgage documents, lease agreements, and bank receipts.

Notes:	CAIN No. 202603	
Subject Access:	Archie Cleveland Miller	
	Archie A. Ross	
	Lydia Ross	
	Manitoba Farm Loans Association	
	Roland Manitoba	
	Farm lease	
	Farm business	
	Myrtle Manitoba	
Storage Location:	1997 accessions	
Storage Range:	1997 accessions	



# Basswood OddFellows fonds

### http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions4850

Part Of:	RG 5 Western Manitoba Manuscript Collection	
Description Level:	Collection	
Accession Number:	5-2000	
GMD:	textual records	
Date Range:	1910-1954	
Devoiced Description	10	
Physical Description:	12 cm	

History /

Biographical:

The OddFellows has a long international history as a mutual assistance society for men. OddFellow Lodges were open to white males over the age of 21, who were in good health and possessed good moral character. Upon joining an OddFellow's Lodge, a member received social and financial benefits. The Constitution of the Subordinate Lodges in Manitoba, 1899, notes that OddFellows Lodges were obliged to teach the importance of fraternity. Under the organization's constitution, lodge members assumed five obligations: to visit the sick, to relieve the distressed, to bury the dead, to educate the orphan, and to aid the widow. The Progress Lodge of the Basswood OddFellows was created in 1910; it continued as a group until early 1955, when it amalgamated with the Minnedosa OddFellows. The Progress Lodge of the Basswood OddFellows included men of many different occupations and social classes including, farmers, merchants, ministers, teachers, agents, carpenters, grain buyers, clerks, and laborers.

#### Custodial History:

The records of the Basswood Oddfellows Lodge were in the possession of Donald McNabb, who for many years was an active member of the Minnedosa Oddfellows. He donated the records to the McKee Archives in June 2000.

#### Scope and Content:

Fonds consists of five books. The first book is a membership list from 1910-1948. The list includes the members' names and occupations, the date that they joined the lodge, and their status within the hierarchy of the lodge. The other four books consist of minutes for the years 1910-16, 1916-25, 1935-44, and 1945-54.

Notes:	CAIN No. 202644
Subject Access:	Basswood OddFellows
	Progress Lodge
	Basswood
	Manitoba
International Order of OddFellows	
	Minnedosa
	fraternal associations
	mutual aid societies
Storage Location:	2000 accessions
Storage Range:	2000 accessions
Related Material:	The Minnedosa $OddFellows$ fonds is also located in the McKee Archives.



# Berbank Women's Aid fonds

### http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions4806

Part Of:	RG 5 Western Manitoba Manuscript Collection
Description Level:	Collection
Accession Number:	27-1997
GMD:	textual records
Date Range:	1919-1965
Physical Description:	6 cm

History /

**Biographical:** 

Berbank Women's Aid was founded in 1919. It was, in large part, the Berbank Red Cross under a new name. The principal project of the original Berbank Ladies Aid was the construction of the Berbank Church, which was accomplished in 1919. In 1962, the organization was renamed the Berbank United Church Women. With the closing of the Berbank church in 1966, the Berbank United Church Women were dissolved.

#### Custodial History:

This fonds was accessioned by the McKee Archives in 1997. Prior custodial history is unknown.

Scope and Content:

This fonds consists of various minute books of the Berbank Ladies Aid, and its successor organization, dating from 1919 to 1965.

Notes:	CAIN No. 202613
Subject Access:	Red Cross
	United Church of Canada
	Rural Municipality of Oakland
	Riverbank
	Bertha
	Rural women
	religion in western Canada
Storage Location:	1997 accessions
Storage Range:	1997 accessions
Related Material:	18-1997 Riverbank/Berbank Red Cross fonds; 28-1997 Berbank Church fonds; and 8-1998 Bertha Scool District fonds are all located in the McKee Archives.



# Bertha School District #861 fonds

### http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions4815

Part Of:	RG 5 Western Manitoba Manuscript Collection
Description Level:	Collection
Accession Number:	8-1998
GMD:	textual records
Date Range:	1896-1961

History /

**Biographical:** 

The Bertha School District, located south of Brandon in the Rural Municipality of Oakland, was established in 1896. It was integrated into the School Distict of Nesbitt in 1961. Subsequently, it became part of the Souris Valley School Division.

Custodial History:

This fonds was accessioned by the McKee Archives in 1998. Prior custodial history is unknown.

Scope and Content:

Fonds consists of annual registers (1910-1961), minute books (1896-1962), account books (1896-1911, 1924-1956), an award of a Board of Arbitration (1961), a petition for consolidation with the School District of Nesbitt (1961), a financial report (1961), a map of the Souris Valley School Division showing rural school districts, and one debenture certificate (1896).

Notes:	CAIN No. 202658
Subject Access:	Rural Municipality of Oakland
	Nesbitt School District
	Souris Valley School Division
	Rural Manitoba
	schooling
	history of Education
Storage Location:	1998 accessions
Storage Range:	1998 accessions
Related Material:	Berbank Church fonds (28-1997), Berbank Ladies Aid fonds (27-1997) and Riverbank/Berbank Red Cross fonds (18-1997).



# Binscarth Women's Institute fonds

### http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions4862

Part Of:	RG 5 Western Manitoba Manuscript Collection	
Description Level:	Collection	
Accession Number:	12-1997	
GMD:	textual records	
GMD: Date Range:	textual records 1928-1988; predominant 1928-1967	
0	1928-1988; predominant 1928-1967	

History /

Biographical:

The Binscarth Women's Institute began in 1928, as a division of the Manitoba Women's Institute. It was organized for rural women to come together in a social setting. The members of the Institute participated in fund raising for community projects initiated by the Institute. The Institute also undertook to organize community events. The last meeting of the Binscarth Women's Institute took place in 1967. The organization was never formally dissolved.

#### Custodial History:

This fonds was accessioned in 1997 by the McKee Archives. Prior custodial history is unknown.

Scope and Content:

Fonds contains minutes, financial records, and other material created by the Binscarth Women's Institute from its creation in 1928, to its final gathering in 1967. Aside from minutes and financial records, the fonds contains records of the Canadian Centennial celebrations of 1967, planned by the Institute.

Notes:	CAIN No. 202583. Description by Robyn Mitchell.
Subject Access:	W.C. Honey
	Ethel Burnett
	YWCA
	Manitoba Department of Agriculture
	Rural women
	Centennial
Storage Location:	1997 accessions
Storage Range:	1997 accessions
Related Material:	Related women's institute collections in the McKee Archives include:
	Manitoba Women's Institute; Minnedosa Women's Institute; Cordova Women's Institute; Clanwilliam Women's Institute; Rathwell Women's Institute; Strathclair Women's Institute; Crocus Women's Institute; Southwest A Region - Manitoba Women's Institute; Douglas Women's



# B.J. Hales fonds

http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions4838

Institute

Part Of: Description Level: RG 5 Western Manitoba Manuscript Collection Collection

Accession Number:	31-1998
GMD:	textual records
Date Range:	1925-1927
Physical Description:	8 cm textual records
	3 books

History /

#### **Biographical:**

Benjamin J. Hales was born in Peterborough, Ontario on November 24, 1868. Hales lived in Peterborough until attending the University of Toronto, where he graduated in 1894. In 1897, Hales travelled west to teach at Broadview, North West Territories. He moved to McGregor, Manitoba in 1899, where he was Principal of the school, and in 1902, he moved to Hartney, Manitoba. Between 1907 and 1911, Hales devoted his time to working for the provincial Normal School that offered courses for prospective teachers in Portage La Prairie, Manitou, and Brandon. In 1911, the normal courses were established in Brandon and Hales moved to Brandon, where he resided for the rest of his life. Hales acted as the Principal of the Brandon Normal School from 1912 until his retirement in 1938. B.J. Hales married Elizabeth Lewis of Peterborough, who died in 1942. The couple had one daughter Marion Hales Doig. B.J. Hales was a well-known naturalist and author of several texts dealing with prairie flora and fauna. Hales also built a museum of Manitoban flora and fauna in the Normal School. Hales was an alderman on Brandon City Council from 1920 to 1923, and served as the chairman of the city's Parks Board from 1937 until his death in 1945. Hales was twice the president of the Western Manitoba Teacher's Association, and once the head of the Manitoba Educational Association. B.J. Hales was also a member of the First United Church and served on its board. He died on December 23, 1945 at his home in Brandon.

#### Custodial History:

This fonds was accessioned by the McKee Archives in 1998. Previous custodial history is unknown.

### Scope and Content:

Fonds includes three books written by B.J. Hales, titled, "Selected Western Flora: Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta" (1925); "Prairie Birds" (1927); and "Forests and Trees" (1925), all published in Toronto by The MacMillan Company of Canada. The fonds also includes two books of field notes concerning specimens held in the Brandon Normal School Museum, as well as a list of birds in the Atkinson Collection also located at the Brandon Normal School Museum.

Notes:	CAIN No. 202623	
Subject Access:	B.J. Hales	
	Brandon Normal School Museum	
	Atkinson Collection	
	flora	
	prairie birds	
	museums	
	trees	
	wild life	
	naturalist	
Storage Location:	1998 accessions	
Storage Range:	1998 accessions	



# Blyth Protestant School District #471 fonds

### http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions4853

Part Of:	RG 5 Western Manitoba Manuscript Collection
Description Level:	Collection
Accession Number:	30-1997
GMD:	textual records
Date Range:	1886-1963
Physical Description:	8 cm

History /

**Biographical:** 

The Blyth Protestant School District #471 was founded in 1886. It became the Blyth School District following the elimination of the denominational school system in Manitoba in 1890. The District was located south of Brandon in the Rural Municipality of Cornwallis. The District existed until the mid-1960s, when it was incorporated into the Rolling River School Division.

#### Custodial History:

This fonds was accessioned by the McKee Archives in 1997. Prior custodial history is unknown.

#### Scope and Content:

Fonds includes the minute books, financial records (1886-1955), attendance registers (1887-1906), and related documents of the Blyth School District, Rural Municipality of Cornwallis. Aside from attendance records, the fonds contains documents relating to issues of teachers salaries, attendance policies, and holidays.

Notes:	CAIN No. 202620
Subject Access:	Rural Municipaity of Cornwallis
	Rolling River School Division
	Schooling
	Rural Manitoba
	School attendance
Storage Location:	1997 accessions
Storage Range:	1997 accessions



## Brandon Assisted Passage Association fonds

### http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions4833

Part Of:	RG 5 Western Manitoba Manuscript Collection
Description Level:	Collection
Accession Number:	11-1997
GMD:	textual records
Date Range:	1911-1917
Physical Description:	3 cm textual records 1 minute book

History /

**Biographical:** 

The Brandon Assisted Passages Association was created in 1911, for the purpose of providing loans to "english speaking artisans" [sic] who wished to immigrate to Canada and work in Brandon, MB. In 1913, the Association was renamed the Brandon Imperial Home Reunion Association. The Association continued to operate and provided passage assistance in the form of loans to many immigrants until loan defaults mounted during World War I. After 1917, no further loans were given.

Custodial History:

This fonds was accessioned in 1997. Its custodial history prior to this is unknown, but it was at one time in the posession of a H.R. Hoffman, and well as Richardson & Bishop Ltd. in Brandon.

Scope and Content:

Fonds consists of a minute book and a single page letter. The minute book is a record of every meeting of the B.A.P.A./B.I.H.R.A. and includes the names of the board members, the names of the applicants (in some cases their addresses), and the amounts loaned. In some instances, the fonds provides a documentary record of loan repayment.

Notes:	CAIN No. 202578
Subject Access:	Mr. Murhead
	Mr. F. Wells
	Mr. Killery
	Mr. D. Christie
	Brandon Imperial Home Reunion Association
	Immigration
	Imperialism
Storage Location:	1997 accessions
Storage Range:	1997 accessions



# Brandon Business and Professional Women's Club fonds

http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions4859

Part Of:	RG 5 Western Manitoba Manuscript Collection
Description Level:	Collection
Accession Number:	10-2002
GMD:	textual records
Date Range:	1932-1972

### Physical Description: 20 cm History / Biographical:

The Business and Professional Women's Club of Brandon was created in November 1932. The club grew out of a meeting of business and professional women who were interested in forming an association. Guest speakers at the meeting were Miss Hilda Hesson, the Vice President of the Federation of Canadian Business and Professional Women's Clubs, and Miss F. Ingram, the President of the Winnipeg Business and Professional Women's Club. The objective of the Brandon club, according to its constitution, was the "promotion of educational, service, and social facilities for the business and professional women." The club consisted of active and associate members and belonged to the greater Canadian Federation of Business and Professional Women's Club. The first President of the club was Miss Margaret Gemmell, with approximately 80 women attended the club's first meeting. The club established subcommittees on a variety of subjects including current events, sports, bridge instruction, public speaking, dress making, photography, stitch craft, manual training, and physical culture. The club also put on exhibitions, participated in drama festivals, held rummage sales and an annual Christmas party. During the Second World War, it established a War Effort Department. This department organized activities such as sewing and knitting in support of the war effort. The War Effort Department also raised money for charities such as the Red Cross. During its meetings, the club often heard local and national speakers or watched films. Women of many different vocations joined the club including florists, teachers, salesclerks, nurses, and housewives. Over the years, additional departments were added to the club including those named poetry, pottery, woodcraft, and drama.

#### Custodial History:

This fonds was accessioned by the McKee Archives in 2002. Previous custodial history is unknown.

#### Scope and Content:

Fonds contains three small scrapbooks, which cover the years 1932-1939, 1939-1949, and 1950-1959, respectively. The scrapbooks contain newpaper clippings from the Brandon Sun, the Winnipeg Free Press, and the Flin Flon Daily Miner. The scrapbooks also contain exhibition and meeting programs from the Brandon Club. Fonds also contains meeting minutes for the years 1932-1972.

Notes:	CAIN No. 202576
Subject Access:	Miss Margaret Gemmel
	Miss Marjorie McKenzie
	Dr. Jane Turnbull
	Miss Muriel Bowen
	Miss Jessie Crawford
	Mrs. Robert Darrach
	Miss Margaret Clay
	Hilda Hesson
	Miss Jenny Gemmell
	City of Brandon
	Business and Professional Women's Club of Brandon
	Canadian Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs
	women's organizations
	women's clubs
	Manitoba women
	scrapbooks
Storage Location:	2002 accessions

Storage Range:

Related Material:

Brandon Business and Professional Women's Club (10-2002); Minnedosa Business and Professional Women's Club (11-2002); Neepawa Business and Professional Women's Club (12-2002); Trilliam Business and Professional Women's Club (2-2006).



# Brandon Cinema Club fonds

### http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions4798

Part Of:	RG 5 Western Manitoba Manuscript Collection
Description Level:	Collection
Accession Number:	9-1997
GMD:	textual records
Date Range:	1952-1956
Physical Description:	1 cm
History /	

2002 accessions

**Biographical:** 

The Cinema Club of Brandon was formally created in May 1954, and operated for two and one-half years before dissolving due to lack of interest. The club was formed for the purpose of providing private screenings, on a non-profit basis, of films that normally would not have been exhibited in commercial theatres in Brandon. Films had to be assessed by the club membership as outstanding in quality. During its existence, the club sponsored the screening of two to three movies every second Sunday.

Custodial History:

This fonds was accessioned by the McKee archives in 1997. Prior custodial history is unknown.

Scope and Content:

Fonds includes a minute book that contains a record of each meeting held by the Brandon Cinema Club and a list of the elected executives. It also includes a file of newspaper clippings from the Brandon Sun about the Cinema Club.

Notes:	CAIN No. 202661
Subject Access:	R.A. Clement
	Steffan Kossak
	Beryl Burtnick
	Walter Richardson
	Brandon
	Manitoba
	associations
	film
	recreation
Storage Location:	1997 accessions
Storage Range:	1997 accessions



# Brandon Golf and Country Club fonds

### http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions4846

Part Of:	RG 5 Western Manitoba Manuscript Collection
Description Level:	Collection
Accession Number:	11-1998
GMD:	textual records
Date Range:	1914-1948
Physical Description:	6 cm

History /

Biographical:

The Brandon Golf and Country Club was created in 1914, to serve the recreational needs of Brandon's social and economic elite. Leading Brandon politicians, professionals, and businessmen belonged to the club and served on its executive. The club was a place for Brandon's elite to play golf and socialize, and was affiliated with the Royal Canadian Golf Association. The club included a separate Verandah Club composed of women. In 1926, the Brandon Golf and Country Club became a member of the Canadian Ladies Golf Union. The club sponsored dances and dinners for its members. Strict policies for non-members were enforced. Brandon residents that were not members of the club could only play golf once a week, had to pay daily green fees, and had to be invited and accompanied by a member.

### Custodial History:

This fonds was accessioned by the McKee Archives in 1998. Previous custodial history is unknown.

Scope and Content:

Fonds consists of one scrapbook that runs from 1914-1948. The scrapbook contains minutes from director and shareholder meetings, as well as notices of upcoming meetings. There are also secretary and treasurer reports included in the scrapbook. Finally, there are a few newspaper clippings dealing with the club included in the scrapbook.

CAIN No. 202579
Brandon Golf and Country Club
Verandah Club
men's clubs
country clubs
1998 accessions
1998 accessions



## Brandon Women's Musical Club fonds

### http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions4810

Part Of:	RG 5 Western Manitoba Manuscript Collection
Description Level:	Collection
Accession Number:	13-2002
GMD:	textual records
Date Range:	1953-1965
Physical Description:	10 cm

#### History /

Biographical:

The Brandon Women's Musical Club was formed in 1945 by Miss Peggy Sharpe and Miss Hilda Smith. Together with a group of women from around Brandon, they managed to form a large club for, according to the club's constitution, "the study of vocal and instrumental music, literature and related arts and the encouragement of promising Junior Artists under eighteen years of age." With these goals in mind, the club undertook to provide tuition for young music students and contributed to the formation of the Brandon Women's Musical Choral Club. The club held meetings during which club members listened to guest speakers and observed performances by local musical and dance groups, as well as some national musical stars. The group also sponsored performances of musicals, plays, and recitals, and held an annual Christmas party.

Custodial History:

This fonds was accessioned by the McKee Archives in 2002. Previous custodial history is unknown.

Scope and Content:

Fonds is composed predominantly of two scrapbooks, one of which covers the years 1953-1960, the other the years 1960-1965. The scrapbooks contain newspaper clippings about the Musical Club's meetings and performances. There is also a file containing miscellaneous correspondence, the constitution and bylaws of the group, the club's membership lists from 1959-1964, and questionnaires about the Women's Musical Club.

Notes:	CAIN No. 202589
Subject Access:	Peggy Sharpe
	Hilda Smith
	Lorne Watson
	Eric Davies
	Nona Mari
	Isabelle Coghlin
	Janine Theriault
	Peggie Sampson
	Howard Leyton-Brown
	Norman Chapman
	Peter Koslowsky
	Nora Needham
	Lucien Needham
	Brandon Women's Musical Club
	Brandon Women's Musical Choral Club
	Baroque Trio of Montreal
	Brandon College School of Music
	Wilson Trio
	City of Brandon
	women's clubs
	choral groups
	musical clubs
	scrapbooks
Storage Location:	2002 accessions
Storage Range:	2002 accessions



# Canadian Union of Public Employees (Brandon, Manitoba) fonds

### http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions4826

Part Of:	RG 5 Western Manitoba Manuscript Collection
Description Level:	Collection
Accession Number:	22-2003, 30-1999
GMD:	textual records
Date Range:	1956-1890; predominant 1964-1980
Physical Description:	5.2 m
History /	

Biographical:

The Canadian Union of Public Employees came into existence in September 1963, during a convention in Winnipeg when The National Union of Public Employees and the National Union of Public Service Employees merged. In 1964, the Manitoba Division of CUPE (now CUPE Manitoba) held its founding convention in The Pas. At that time, there were 12 affiliated local unions and a total membership of 1,300. The Canadian Union of Public Employees is Canada's largest union. Public service employees formed CUPE to protect their rights, to negotiate wages and working conditions, and to achieve dignity in the workplace.

Custodial History:

Fonds was in the possesssion of the Brandon CUPE Office until its donation to the S.J. McKee Archives in 1995.

Scope and Content:

Fonds contains general administrative files of the CUPE including agreements, newspaper clippings, correspondence, and convention records. In addition, fonds includes records for many CUPE locals in southwestern and north-central Manitoba. These includes files for each local containing agreements, lists of officials, correspondence and financial records. An extensive body of records dating from 1956 exists for CUPE local #69. This local began its existence as the Brandon Civic Employees Federal Union formed in April 1919.

Notes:	CAIN No. 202610
Subject Access:	Canadian Union of Public Employees
	Brandon Civic Employees Federal Union Local 69
	collective bargaining
	public sector unions
	industrial relations
Storage Location:	2003 accessions
Storage Range:	2003 accessions



# C. J. Barnes fonds

### http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions4808

Part Of:	RG 5 Western Manitoba Manuscript Collection
Description Level:	Collection
Accession Number:	20-1997
GMD:	textual records
Date Range:	ca. 1962
Physical Description:	2 cm

History /

Biographical:

C. J. Barnes was born in Brandon, Manitoba in February 1884. His parents were native Nova Scotians who arrived in Brandon in the early 1880s. In 1884, the family settled on a homestead near the present town of Lauder. This homestead was sold in 1899, and the family moved to farm in the district of Medora. C. J. Barnes took over the operation of this farm in the early 1900s. He farmed until 1924. Barnes was educated in schools in the Truro School District and the village of Lauder. He was active in the original Territorial Grain Growers' Association.

#### Custodial History:

This fonds was accessioned by the McKee archives in 1997. Prior custodial history is unknown.

Scope and Content:

Fonds contains a pamphlet written and published by C.J. Barnes titled Seventy Years in Southwestern Manitoba. The pamphlet contains an account of life in rural southwestern Manitoba from the 1880s through to the 1940s. The pamphlet is based on a variety of sources including diaries written by Mr. Barnes' father. Fonds also includes some hand-drawn maps not included in the published version of the pamphlet, as well as four letters c.1962, between C.J. Barnes and Rev. Robert Harvey in his capacity as a columnist for the Brandon Sun.

Notes:	CAIN No. 202605
Subject Access:	Rev. Robert Harvey
	Lauder
	Medora
	Deloraine
	Southwestern Manitoba
	Agriculture
	Boundary Commission Trails
Storage Location:	1997 accessions
Storage Range:	1997 accessions



# Clanwilliam Women's Institute fonds

### http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions4839

Part Of:	RG 5 Western Manitoba Manuscript Collection
Description Level:	Collection
Accession Number:	3-2002
GMD:	textual records
Date Range:	1947-1977

### Physical Description: 13 cm History / Biographical:

The Women's Institute was founded in 1897 in Stoney Creek, Ontario, by Adelaide Hoodless. By 1913, institutes were established in all the provinces. In 1919, provincial representatives met in Winnipeg to form the Federated Women's Institute of Canada. The Women's Institute was designed to promote quality of life in rural Canada and to foster the advancement of rural women. The first Women's Institute in Manitoba was organized in 1910, in Morris, Manitoba. The Clanwilliam Women's Institute was created on March 24, 1947. The first president of the Institute was Mrs. Margaret Erven. The construction of a community hall was the initial project of the Institute, but it also made contributions to the maintenance of the local rink and to local charitable causes. The Institute continues to operate as of 2002.

#### Custodial History:

This fonds was accessioned in 2002 by the McKee Archives. Prior custodial history is unknown.

#### Scope and Content:

Fonds includes the minutes of the meetings of the Institute from 1947-1977. Included in the minutes are member lists from the various years. The Certificate of Organization for the Clanwilliam Women's Institute, dated September 5,1947 is included as well. There is also a handwritten copy of the history of the Clanwilliam Women's Institute. Finally, the fonds includes the Institute's Annual Reports from 1949-1952 and from 1963-1965.

Notes:	CAIN No. 202619. Description by Robyn Mitchell.
Subject Access:	Mrs. Margaret Erven
2	Mrs. Margery Shaw
	Mrs. Ellen Wilkinson
	Mrs. Doris McQuarrie
	Mrs. Anna Hagglund
	Mrs. Joyce Crewsen
	Mrs. Ruby McFarlane
	Mrs. Lillian Pollon
	Mrs. Sadie Hutton
	Mrs. Alice Mead
	Mrs. Connie Moad
	Mrs. Rita McPherson
	Mrs. Janet Josland
	Clanwilliam Women's Institute
	Village of Clanwilliam
	Manitoba Women's Institute
	Women's Institute
	rural women
	women's organization
	citizenship
Storage Location:	2002 accessions
Storage Range:	2002 accessions

Related Material: Related women's institute collections in the McKee Archives include:

Manitoba Women's Institute; Minnedosa Women's Institute; Cordova Women's Institute; Clanwilliam Women's Institute; Rathwell Women's Institute; Strathclair Women's Institute; Crocus Women's Institute; Southwest A Region - Manitoba Women's Institute; Douglas Women's Institute



# Cordova Women's Institute fonds

### http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions4861

Part Of:	RG 5 Western Manitoba Manuscript Collection
Description Level:	Collection
Accession Number:	4-2002
GMD:	textual records
Date Range:	1961-1978
Physical Description:	13 cm
History /	
Biographical:	

The Women's Institute was founded in 1897, in Stoney Creek, Ontario by Adelaide Hoodless. By 1913, institutes were established in every Canadian province. In 1919, provincial representatives met in Winnipeg to form the Federated Women's Institute of Canada. The Women's Institute was designed to promote quality of life in rural Canada and to foster the advancement of rural women. The first Women's Institute in Manitoba was organized in 1910, in Morris, Manitoba. The Cordova Women's Institute was formed on April 28, 1961. The group met in member's homes until 1966, when it began to meet in the recently closed school. The Institute raised money for scholarships and charities by holding teas, bake sales and raffles. The group also held courses for its members to learn about various subjects of interest to rural women. The Cordova Women's Institute disbanded in 1978.

#### Custodial History:

This fonds was accessioned in 2002 by the McKee Archives. Prior custodial history is unknown.

#### Scope and Content:

Fonds contains the Cordova Women's Institute's Annual Reports from 1961-1978. It also contains the minutes from the group's meetings from 1961-1978. The financial records of the Institute from 1961-1978 are included in the fonds.

Notes: CAIN No. 202636. Description by Robyn Mitchell.

Subje	ct Access:	Joyce Cameron
		Doreen Jenner
		Merle Guyer
		Margaret Wilson
		Allison Ellis
		Margaret Anstett
		Lois Cameron
		Dorothy Curle
		Astrid Treloar
		Lillian Ritchie
		Eleanor Robinson
		Alice Cameron
		Shirley Davidson
		Cordova Women's Institute
		Village of Cordova
		Manitoba Women's Institute
		rural women
		women's organization
Storag	je Location:	2002 accessions
Storag	je Range:	2002 accessions
Relate	d Material:	Related women's institute collections in the McKee Archives include:
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# Crocus Women's Institute fonds

Institute

### http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions4800

Part Of:	RG 5 Western Manitoba Manuscript Collection
Description Level:	Collection
Accession Number:	5-2002
GMD:	textual records
Date Range:	1946-1984
Physical Description:	18 cm

#### History /

Biographical:

The Women's Institute was founded in 1897 in Stoney Creek, Ontario, by Adelaide Hoodless. By 1913, institutes had been established in every Canadian province. In 1919, provincial representatives met in Winnipeg to form the Federated Women's Institute of Canada. The Women's Institute was designed to promote quality of life in rural Canada and to foster the advancement of rural women. The first Women's Institute in Manitoba was organized in 1910, in Morris, Manitoba. The Crocus Women's Institute was created in the fall of 1946. The charter for the group was issued on November 25, 1946. One of the first projects of the group included sending food parcels to Britain until war rationing was discontinued. The main focus of the Institute was the local school: the Institute sponsored essay contests and provided furniture for the school. The Institute also sponsored a garden club and held a garden show for many years. Finally, the group had an annual Christmas Cheer project. The Crocus WI disbanded in 1984.

Custodial History:

This fonds was accessioned in 2002 by the McKee Archives. Prior custodial history is unknown.

Scope and Content:

Fonds contains member lists in the form of roll calls from 1946-1984. There are also Women's Institute Programs from the years 1946-1984. Fonds also includes the organization's minutes, financial records and annual reports from 1946-84, a scrapbook for the years 1946-1984, and the Certificate of Organization for the Crocus Women's Institute, dated September 5, 1950.

Notes:	CAIN No. 202645
Subject Access:	Edith Mitchell
	Margaret Erven
	Evelyn Firby
	Edna Allen
	M. Johnston
	Irene Erven
	E. Crawley
	Florence Wilmot
	Dawn Erven
	Miss Frances Isabel McKay
	Mrs. Evelyn Luella Ames
	Crocus Women's Institute
	Manitoba Women's Institute
	rural women
	women's organizations
	scrapbooks
Storage Location:	2002 accessions
Storage Range:	2002 accessions
Related Material:	Related women's institute collections in the McKee Archives include:
	Manitoba Women's Institute; Minnedosa Women's Institute; Cordova Women's Institute; Clanwilliam Women's Institute; Rathwell Women's Institute; Strathclair Women's Institute; Crocus Women's Institute; Southwest A Region - Manitoba Women's Institute; Douglas Women's Institute



# David Sommerville Charleson fonds

### http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions4827

RG 5 Western Manitoba Manuscript Collection
Collection
21-1997
textual records
November 8, 1915
2 mm (1 two-page letter 1 letter with envelope)

History /

**Biographical:** 

David Sommerville Charleson was born January 14th, 1884, in Brandon, Manitoba. The Charleson's settled in the GlenSouris area south of Brandon, Manitoba in 1882. David Charleson enlisted on 24 September 1914. He served as a lieutenant in the 6th Infantry Battalion of the Canadian Expeditionary Force. Later, he transferred to the 8th Battalion. In Belgium, Charleson was a victim of an enemy gas attack early in the war, following which he returned to Canada incapacitated. Miss Estella Cullen, a trained nurse, cared for him following his return to Canada. David Sommerville Charleson died on May 12, 1925 a victim of war-time injuries. He is buried in the GlenSouris Cemetery just south of Brandon.

Custodial History:

This fonds was accessioned by the McKee Archives in 1997. Prior custodial history is unknown.

Scope and Content:

Fonds consists of one letter written by Charleson from Belgium in early 1915 to Miss Estella Cullen in Rounthwaite, Manitoba. In the letter, Charleson describes the circumstances facing the Canadian troops in the trenches during the Great War and provides an account of the German trenches facing him. This is an evocative and reflective letter. Philatelists may find the condition of the stamps on the letter envelope of interest.

Notes:	CAIN No. 202606
Subject Access:	Estella Cullen
	World War I
	trench warfare
	Great War
	soldier's life
	Canadian Expeditionary Force
Storage Location:	1997 accessions
Storage Range:	1997 accessions



# Elm Creek/Wingham Branch United Farmers of Manitoba fonds

### http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions4803

Part Of:	RG 5 Western Manitoba Manuscript Collection
Description Level:	Collection
Accession Number:	39-1997
GMD:	textual records
Date Range:	1921-1940
Physical Description:	12 cm
History /	

Biographical:

The United Farmers of Manitoba was founded in 1920. It was an inclusive farmers' organization established to replace the Manitoba Grain Growers' Association. The UFM supported farmer candidates in the 1920 provincial election. In 1922, it helped elect the UFM government of John Bracken (1922-42). The UFM also participated in federal politics, supporting twelve successful candidates in the 1921 federal election. The UFM was financed by its members. Its membership varied from 15,700 in 1923, to 3700 in 1931. In 1939, the UFM became the Manitoba Federation of Agriculture.

Custodial History:

This fonds was accessioned by the McKee Archives in 1997. Prior custodial history is unknown.

Scope and Content:

Fonds includes documents relating to the membership, both male and female, of the Wingham branch of the United Farmers of Manitoba and the United Farm Women of Manitoba. Documents dealing with the position of the branch on prohibition c. 1922, discussion within the branch of the "wheat pool" movement, annual reports for the organization, newsletters, correspondence on matters political and agrarian, and records relating to the activities of the branch as a cooperative buying agency are also included. Fonds also contains minutes of the provincial convention of the UFM and correspondence from the central office of the UFM.

Notes: CAIN No. 202633

Subject Access:	S.P. Graham	
	rural women's movement	
	agrarian politics	
	social reform	
Storage Location:	1997 accessions	
Storage Range:	1997 accessions	



# Fairfax United Church fonds

### http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions4819

Part Of:	RG 5 Western Manitoba Manuscript Collection
Description Level:	Collection
Accession Number:	42-1997
GMD:	textual records
Date Range:	1921-1970
Physical Description:	6 cm

History /

**Biographical:** 

The Fairfax/Elgin United Church was formed in 1921, combining the Methodist (founded in 1889), and Presbyterian (founded in 1887) congregations in these communities. In 1968, the Elgin and Souris congregations joined and, in 1969, the original Elgin United Church was sold to the Fairfax Community Club.

### Custodial History:

The fonds was accessioned by the McKee Archives in 1997. Prior custodial history is unknown.

#### Scope and Content:

Fonds contains minute books (1922-1968), account books (1953-1970), account statements (1966-68), one annual report (1967), and documents of insurance and property transfer (1960-1970) concerning the Fairfax/Elgin United Church.

Notes:	CAIN No. 202638
Subject Access:	Harold W. Ritchie
	C.H. Kirbyson
	Ken L. Dobson
	United Church
	church union
	rural history
	rural development
	religious history
Storage Location:	1997 accessions
Storage Range:	1997 accessions