

S. J. McKee Archives



RG2SF1 Provincial Exhibition of Manitoba

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Part Of:	RG 2 Provincial Exhibition of Manitoba Association fonds
Description Level:	Sous-fonds
Fonds Number:	RG2SF1
GMD:	multiple media
Date Range:	1903-1991
Physical Description:	3.47 m textual records; 793 graphics
History /	

Biographical:

The Provincial Exhibition of Manitoba has been an institution almost as long as Brandon has been a city, although under the guise of several different names. The idea of an exhibition came from Charles Whitehead, who was the founder and first president of the fair. Whitehead was one of the earliest and most prominent businessmen in Brandon. The first Brandon fair was organized in October of 1882, by the Brandon Agricultural Society (BAS). The Board of Directors of the BAS offered up two hundred dollars in prize money, but poor weather and a subsequently small turnout of people and exhibits to the downtown location caused the fair to do poorly. Undeterred, the Board of Directors began to make plans for the second fair, in what was to become an annual event. This time, due to generous grants from the city, district, and province, the Board of Directors was able to purchase land just south of the city to hold the fair on and built a Crystal Palace to hold exhibits in. In October 1883, there were seven hundred and thirty entries, and the fair, the first to be held on the new fair grounds, was considered successful.

The Brandon Exhibition was not financially sound however, and by 1888, the Directors knew that major changes had to be made if they wanted to continue the fair. It was decided that October was not the best time to hold an agricultural exhibition because most farmers were in the middle of harvesting and did not have time to leave their farms for an exhibition. A decision was made to move the exhibition to the summer, when most farmers could get away for a few days. In July 1889, the first Brandon summer fair was held. The Directors had managed to revamp the fair in order to appeal to the wider public. The fair was a huge success, with both city and rural people attending.

The Board of Directors formally established the Western Agricultural and Arts Association (WAAA) in 1892 to take over management duties of the fair from the BAS. However, the first meeting of the WAAA was not until 1897. There is no explanation for the five year delay. The WAAA received generous donations from the various governments, and the citizens of Brandon. In 1897, the Board of Directors purchased another 42 acres of land from the city that was located beside the fair grounds. They erected a grandstand and new stables. Prize money was increased, there were special prizes offered for the first time, and special exhibition trains were available to transport fair goers at a reduced rate.

The 1897 fair was the major turning point for the Brandon exhibition. The fair appealed to both urban and rural dwellers. The Board wanted to put Brandon on the map, and accordingly, they brought forward events and entertainment that would do so. The first Traveller's Day, still running strong today, was put on in 1912. The parade associated with it was unlike any

Brandon had seen before. Despite the attractions, carnivals and midways that were beginning to dominate the fair, organizers insisted that it was still primarily an agricultural event. The promotion of agriculture was still prominent at the exhibition. As local historians have written, "the exhibition symbolized the accomplishments and potential of the region, and encouraged all agriculturists to strive towards higher standards."

By 1912, all outstanding loans had been paid off, and the Board of Directors could boast an eleven thousand dollar surplus in funds. As well, the physical assets available to the summer fair were expanded dramatically in 1913. In 1913, Brandon was granted the honour of hosting the Dominion Exhibition. From the funding that came in for this prestigious event the Board of Directors was able to build a new grandstand, erect new display buildings, replace the racetrack, and generally expand and improve the fair grounds. Another 80 acres of land was bought from the city for the summer fair. The Brandon Dominion Exhibition was declared open on 15 July 1913 by Manitoba Premier Rodmond Roblin. Although it was a resounding success, the Directors ended up having to pay for parts of it out of their own pockets.

Canada entered World War One in the late summer of 1914. The WAAA reached an agreement with the military that the army could use the fairgrounds during the year if they allowed the WAAA use of the grounds for the fair week. Because of limitations put on the fair because of the war, the Brandon exhibition became more involved with the Western Canada Fair Circuit. This organization enabled the summer fair to join in the exhibitions that worked together to bring events like the midway to their exhibitions.

It was also during this time that moral reform became more prevalent in Canadian society. Due to this growing concern with moral purity and the desire for social reform, the Directors had to find ways to ensure that the summer exhibition did not cross the boundaries of good taste. There was a short-lived protest in 1913 against horseracing, but by 1916, then-president of the fair, R.M. Matheson, cast the tie breaking vote in favour of letting both the horseracing and the betting continue. By 1917, the Board had decided against allowing betting, but the horseracing was allowed to continue.

After the war ended, financial stress on the part of the winter fair brought forward a proposal to amalgamate the summer and winter fairs. The provincial government stated that they were interested in supporting an amalgamation, and the two fair boards resolved to consider the option. In spring of 1920, the winter fair backed out the deal because they felt they would lose out to the WAAA in the deal. Not to be deterred, the WAAA applied for incorporation with the provincial government. On 3 April 1920, the WAAA was incorporated as the Provincial Exhibition of Manitoba (PEM). In 1920, the official title of the summer fair was changed from the Inter-Provincial Exhibition to the Provincial Exhibition of Manitoba.

After incorporation the Board of Directors was increased to a membership of twenty. The provincial exhibition continued to increase and change with the times. The directors tried to make each fair interesting and stimulating for the people of Brandon and the surrounding areas. A Manitoba Government Building was opened in 1927, by Premier John Bracken, and an Automobile Building opened in 1927. By 1929, the Provincial Exhibition was one of the leading summer exhibitions in Western Canada. Unfortunately, 1929 was also the beginning of a decade-long Depression throughout Canada and the United States. The exhibition continued though, although at a less grandiose level. The exhibition was the site of some work relief programs throughout the thirties, but the grants were generally small.

It was also during the 1930s that people began wanting a change in the management of the Board. For many years, almost since the inception of the fair, the Board had been run by the same group of men who took turns in the various positions. In 1933, there were several men brought forward to run against the Directors at the annual general meeting. A total of forty four nominations went up for the twenty positions. After the dust had settled, seven new faces took seats around the Directors table.

During World War Two, the Provincial Exhibition managed to continue. The Board made an agreement with the military that while their buildings could be used by the military during the war, the fair would be able to take control of the buildings for fair week. While the fair remained open, its exhibits were hampered by the war. In 1942, for example, the Wartime Prices and Trades Board declared that farm machinery could not be exhibited for the duration. This was one of the fair's bigger draws, and its absence was felt greatly. As another concession to the war, the livestock show had to be reduced from five days to three, although this decision was met by protest from many of the directors. Despite these impediments, the entries into the agricultural exhibits continued to increase. Horse racing, long a bone of contention among members of the Board was almost eliminated in 1942, but a compromise was made and the Directors allowed one day of racing at the 1943 fair.

After the war, the prize money increased by up to twenty-five percent in an effort to increase the number of exhibitors. Many new events were added to the fair roster, including an annual 4-H show and farm camps for children. A Trade Show was added in 1952 and became a large success. The fair always enjoyed support from the City of Brandon, although there were the occasional tensions between the two. In 1955 the Board approved a proposal by R.A. Hodges to sponsor a Dream Home contest. While the attraction was a big success, the Directors evidently did not receive the cut of the proceeds that Hodges had promised them. The fair Board ended up fifty-five hundred dollars in debt.

In 1958 an attempt was made to break the all male hold on the directorate. While no women were elected to the Board itself, a Women's Advisory Committee was created to provide input into fair activities. The original committee was made up of Mrs. D. Elviss, Mrs. D. Graham, Mrs. G. McRae, and Mrs. F. Heeney.

It was also during this time that the Board began to face more direct competition from Winnipeg. The Red River Exhibition had been operating for several years, and its Board of Directors wanted their exhibition to be admitted into the Western Canadian Association of Exhibition. This would not have been particularly good for the Brandon Provincial Exhibition. Partly due to the Brandon Board's vigorous protests, Winnipeg was only granted an associate membership.

By the end of 1958, the Brandon fair was once again facing financial difficulties. The Provincial Exhibition was at its peak at the end of the 1950s. By 1961 the fair recorded a net loss of sixty-five hundred dollars. Because of financial problems, the fair Board had to mortgage its property for \$50 000. As well, the Royal American Shows left Brandon for Winnipeg in 1966, leaving the Directors scrambling to find another midway. It took several years and several different companies before the Directors settled on the Conklin Brothers Shows. To make matters worse, the grandstand was condemned in 1974, leaving the fair without a place to hold its grandstand show. This show was replaced by the Western Canada Rodeo Circuit, in an attempt to regain patrons.

By 1966 both the summer and winter fair Boards had decided that one facility could be used to house both the summer and winter fairs. Both financially and practically, it became an increasingly good idea to merge the two fairs together. In 1969, the Provincial Exhibition of Manitoba and the Manitoba Winter Fair were amalgamated to become the Manitoba Exhibition Association. Ground was broken a few years later on the summer fair grounds, and by 1972, the Keystone Centre was open for business. The official opening was at the 1973 Winter Fair. From then on, the Provincial Exhibition, Royal Manitoba Winter Fair and, later, AgEx, were housed in the same building, and run by the same board of directors.

Custodial History:

These files were housed with the WAAA, the PEM, and the MEA until c1986 when they were transferred to the S.J. McKee Archives at Brandon University.

The sous-fonds consists of textual records and photographs from the Provincial Exhibition of Manitoba. The textual records include prize lists, programs, minutes, financial, contracts, by laws, administrative files, original results, news releases, scrapbooks and tickets. The photographs include animal shows and events, dignitaries, entertainment, attractions, ceremonies, buildings and other events.

It has been divided into eleven series, including: (1) Documents; (2) Minutes; (3) Financial reocrds; (4) Administrative files; (5) Prize lists and programs; (6) News releases; (7) Original results; (8) Tickets; (9) Photographs; (10) Scrapbooks; and (11) Miscellaneous.

Storage Location:

RG 2 Provincial Exhibition of Manitoba Association fonds RG2SF1 Provincial Exhibition of Manitoba



RG2SF2 Manitoba winter fair

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Part Of:	RG 2 Provincial Exhibition of Manitoba Association fonds
Description Level:	Sous-fonds
Fonds Number:	RG2SF2
GMD:	multiple media
Date Range:	1908-1992
Physical Description:	2.65 m textual records 780 graphics

History /

Biographical:

The first attempts to hold a winter agricultural fair in Brandon happened in 1884, when a show was held in the buildings owned by A. Harrison and Company. However, this did not become an annual event. There were also several unsuccessful attempts to establish annual Stallion Sales in the late spring by horsemen in the area. In 1904, J.D. McGregor petitioned Brandon City Council for a winter fair. The petition was accepted by the city, and in 1906 Brandon's first winter fair was held. It was a big success, and the Board of Directors looked forward to it becoming an annual event. The summer fair, which had been in operation since 1882 welcomed this new exhibition. The Board of the summer fair felt that a winter fair would be complementary to the summer exhibition. Although the two fairs were not amalgamated, they did share a secretary-treasurer and several Board members.

In 1907, the Cattle Breeders Association decided to make the Brandon Winter Fair the site of its annual stock sale. With this support, it was felt that the winter fair would become an annual event. A joint stock company was created in 1907 entitled the Brandon Winter Fair and Livestock Association (BWFLA), to be used primarily as a land-holding company. Land was purchased at Tenth Street and McTavish Avenue in order to erect a winter fair building.

The following year, the Provincial Winter Fair and Fat Stock Association was created to manage the winter fair. The name was soon changed to the Manitoba Winter Fair and Fat Stock Association (MWFFSA). Unlike the summer fair, the winter fair was solely an agricultural event. The Board felt no need to please the citizens with carnivals and midways. The winter fair was "by and for the farmers...[and]...the primary functions of the Brandon Winter Fair were to educate the agricultural community and to honour the community's accomplishments."

Additional land was bought on Eleventh Street and Victoria Avenue to build a new winter fair building. The building opened in 1913. By this time, the Brandon Winter Fair was one of the

best livestock and agricultural exhibitions in the province.

When the First World War broke out, the winter fair buildings were requisitioned by the military for troop accommodation and eventually as a detention centre for Ukrainian internees and other "enemy aliens." Unlike the summer fair, which was allowed to use their buildings during fair week, the winter fair buildings were not released for the exhibition. This led to the cancellation of both the 1915 and 1916 winter fairs.

By 1917 the winter fair was allowed to open again, but by this time both the BWFLA and the MWFFSA were experiencing financial difficulties. It was at this time that the proposal first went out regarding an amalgamation of the summer and winter fairs. The provincial government approved of the idea of an amalgamation, and both fair Boards considered the proposal. However, in early 1920 the winter fair Board pulled out of the discussions, as it felt that the winter fair would lose out to the WAAA. The winter fair Board decided to struggle on independently.

Financial problems heightened Board concerns that the winter fair was not exciting enough to keep the public interest. To add to the financial concerns of the winter fair board, in the fall of 1920, the old winter fair pavilion caught fire and burned. Forty six horses were killed and the fair Board had to cancel the 1921 winter fair. When the new winter fair building opened in 1922, it was greeted with enthusiasm. The Directors, in an attempt to ease the increasing financial burden they were feeling, tried to keep the buildings open year round for other events.

In 1929, the Depression began in Canada. While the winter fair continued to run, its buildings were once again requisitioned by the government, this time to house men looking for work. The winter fair Directors were conscious of the problems that the citizens of Brandon were facing, and they offered free admission to those on relief. The fair received grants from the government to provide work relief programs, but these were often small or canceled. The Board members may have resorted to helping to pay for the fair out of their own pockets.

Despite financial problems, the winter fair managed to survive the Depression. Unfortunately, as Brandon recovered from the Depression of the 1930s, the Second World War broke out. For the third time in as many decades, the government requisitioned the winter fair buildings. This time, however, instead of canceling the fair as in previous years, the winter fair went on as scheduled, although it was held on the summer fair grounds.

By 1945, the directors were at a loss financially. They decided that the best course of action in order to keep the fair going was to turn over the buildings to the City of Brandon. By the fall of 1946 the BWFLA had ceased operations.

While the Manitoba Winter Fair and the Provincial Exhibition of Manitoba were still not amalgamated, they continued to share the same secretary-manager and several Board members. After the cessation of the war, the Directors knew they had to become more appealing to the wider public. There were promotional events held and more entertainment was offered to attract the public. These additions led to dessention among Board members, as some wanted the fair to remain purely agricultural. The appeal for the greater good of the fair, even if it did include some non-agricultural attractions, eventually won out.

The fair was still to be plagued with difficulties though. In 1952 the fair had to be canceled because of an outbreak of hoof and mouth disease. Despite setbacks such as this, the Board persevered. The following year a 4-H seed show was created and sponsored by the provincial agronomist, P.F. Ford. A carcase class was added in 1957. Soon the fair was successful and stable and rapidly outgrew its facilities.

It was decided by 1966 that the winter fair and the summer fair should be housed in one building. In 1969, the respective Boards went one step further and decided to become one organization. The Manitoba Winter Fair and the Provincial Exhibition of Manitoba

amalgamated in 1969 to become the Manitoba Exhibition Association. In 1970, the year of Manitoba's Centennial, it was decided that an organization in the province would receive the designation "Royal" by Queen Elizabeth II. After much consideration by the province, the Manitoba Winter Fair was chosen, and in 1970 it became known as the Royal Manitoba Winter Fair. In 1972 the construction of a common facility was completed, and the 1973 winter fair was the occasion of the official opening of the Keystone Centre. The winter fair continues in this facility and under this designation to this day.

Custodial History:

The records were housed at the MWFFSA, the MWF and the MEA until c1986 when they were transferred to the S.J. McKee Archives at Brandon University.

Scope and Content:

The sous-fonds consists of textual records and photographs pertaining to the Winter Fair. The textual records include prize lists, programs, minutes, financial, administrative files, original results, news releases, scrapbooks, and tickets. The photographs include animal shows and events, dignitaries, entertainment, ceremonies, buildings, and other events.

The sous-fonds has been divided into eleven series, including: (1) Documents; (2) Minutes; (3) Financial records; (4) Administrative files; (5) Prize lists and programs; (6) News releases; (7) Original results; (8) Tickets; (9) Photographs; (10) Scrapbooks; and (11) Miscellaneous

Storage Location: RG 2 Provincial Exhibition of Manitoba Association fonds



RG2SF3 AgEx

Part Of:	RG 2 Provincial Exhibition of Manitoba Association fonds
Description Level:	Sous-fonds
Fonds Number:	RG2SF3
GMD:	multiple media
Date Range:	1975-1992
Physical Description:	1.51 m textual records 316 graphics

History / Biographical:

In 1973, the Board of Directors of the Provincial Exhibition of Manitoba along with various farm representatives around the area began to feel the need for another, this time purely agricultural, exhibition. The issue was raised in the form of a report written by Donn Mitchell, the chairman of the livestock committee. Because of the growth of both the winter and summer fairs, there was little time and room to properly show the livestock that farmers brought into Brandon. A fall show and sale was thought to be the best solution to the pressing need for both time and space.

After receiving support from the provincial government and the Manitoba Beef Growers Association, the Board decided to hold a fall exhibition. While the Board was wary that the show would succeed, the strong support from producers, government and agri-business virtually ensured success. The first AgEx was officially opened on 3 November 1975. Although the first year was not a financial success, the concept of an agricultural exhibition was, and AgEx continues to thrive in Brandon.

While no minutes are held in this collection for either the Board of Directors or committees, it is evident from the prize lists and programs that the following committee structure existed. There were several committees created by the Board of Directors of AgEx. By 1984 the committees included the AgEx Chairman, the Executive, Aberdeen Angus, Blonde d'Aquitaine, Charolais, Hereford, Holstein, Limousin, Maine Anjou, Salers, Simmental, Steers, Swine, and 4-H/Junior Activities. A Shorthorn committee was added by 1985, and by 1988 there was a Commercial Classic committee.

Custodial History:

The sous-fonds was housed at the MEA until c1986 when it was transferred on a continuing basis to the S.J. McKee Archives located at Brandon University.

Scope and Content:

The sous-fonds contains textual records and photographs pertaining to AgEx. The textual records include prize lists, programs, administrative files, original results, and news releases. The photographs include animal events and shows, dignitaries. entertainment, and various other events.

The sous-fonds has been divided into five series, including: (4) Administrative files; (5) Prize lists and programs; (6) News releases; (7) Original results; and (9) Photographs. In keeping with the numbering system used for the series in the other sous-fonds in RG 2 Provincial Exhibition of Manitoba Association, the series in RG2SF3 maintain the same numbering system, therefore there is no series 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, or 3.8.

Storage Location: RG 2 Provincial Exhibition of Manitoba Association fonds RG2SF3 AgEx



RG2SF4 Miscellaneous

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Part Of:	RG 2 Provincial Exhibition of Manitoba Association
Description Level:	Sous-fonds
Fonds Number:	RG2SF4
GMD:	multiple media
Date Range:	1908-1992
Physical Description:	1.04 m textual records 29 graphics

History /

Biographical:

The series consists of records that either did not fit, or could not easily be placed into one of the preceding three manuscript groups. The series had several creators, including the Board of Directors for both the summer and winter fairs, the combined Provincial Exhibition of Manitoba Board of Directors, and others. The records also include several documents, and financial records of the combined winter and summer fairs organization, known as the Provincial Exhibition of Manitoba Association. This Association began in the fall of 1969 with the amalgamation of the Manitoba Winter Fair and the Provincial Exhibition of Manitoba.

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Custodial History:

The sous-fonds was housed in the WAAA, the PEM, the MWFFSA and the MEA until c1986 when it was transferred to the S.J. McKee Archives at Brandon University.

Scope and Content:

The sous-fonds consists of textual records and photographs that did not fit easily into one of the other manuscript groups. The textual records include financial, scrapbooks, shareholder's lists and miscellaneous. There are several documents regarding the building of the Keystone Centre, as well as administrative papers dealing with the Provincial Exhibition of Manitoba Association. There are some minutes, and several financial records, as well as a brief administrative file. The photographs are diverse.

The sous-fonds has been divided into seven series, including: (1) Documents; (2) Minutes; (3) Financial records; (4) Administrative files; (9) Photographs; (10) Scrapbooks; and (11) Miscellaneous. In keeping with the numbering system used for the series in the other sous-fonds in RG 2 Provincial Exhibition of Manitoba Association, the series in RG2SF4 maintain the same numbering system, therefore there is no series 4.5, 4.6, 4.7, or 4.8.

Storage Location: RG 2 Provincial Exhibition of Manitoba Association fonds RG2SF4 Miscellaneous



Johnston and Ella McPherson and miscellaneous

Part Of:	Alfred Angus Murray McPherson collection
Description Level:	Box
File Number:	1.1 - 1.18
Accession Number:	21-2006
Other Numbers:	Box A
GMD:	multiple media

Date Range: 1884-1968

Scope and Content:

Contains the following files:

1.1 Johnston McPherson's drivers licenses and membership cards 1923-1963 (includes 2 photos)

1.2 Miss Ella McKay/Mrs. Johnston McPherson correspondence 1903-1919

1.3 Mrs. Johnston McPherson miscellaneous [1903-1968]

1.4 Mr. and Mrs. Johnston McPherson correspondence 1960 (includes "Story of the Brandon Hills" and "Fun and Happiness on Treasure Trail"

1.5 Mr. and Mrs. Johnston McPherson correspondence 1961

1.6 Mr. and Mrs. Johnston McPherson correspondence 1962-1963

1.7 (Possibly Johnston McPherson) hay account book 1902; same volume contains a travel diary

1.8 Johston McPherson - Land Title (1910) and correspondence re: land purchase (1909)

1.9 Transcript of History of Justice, Manitoba 1956

1.10 Brandon Hills Busy Bees account book 1927-1934

1.11 Basil McDonald's land patent 1884

1.12 List of electors 1938

1.13 Brandon Hills School teacher's notebook 1927

1.14 List of electors in Glenwood [1915-1941] and Blanchard 1933

1.15 Unidentified correspondence [1902-1929]

1.16 Ella McPherson unsorted correspondence 1915-1952

1.17 Address book with newsclippings ca. 1940 (the bigger of the two address books)

1.18 Ella McPherson address book 1913-1939 (includes 2 photographs; was given to Ella McPherson by Ethel McPherson in 1913; the smaller of the two address books).

Storage Location: Margaret McPherson family fonds Box 1



Wes Pentland

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Part Of:	Alfred Angus Murray McPherson collection
Description Level:	Box
File Number:	2.1 - 2.12
Accession Number:	21-2006
Other Numbers:	Box B
GMD:	multiple media
Date Range:	1886-1951
History /	

Biographical:

Thomas Elton Wesley (Wesley) Pentland, son of T.J. and Annie Isabel (McVety) Pentland, was born on October 21, 1889 in Justice, MB. He died on September 25, 1981 in Brandon, MB. Wesley married Harriet Mary Brownell on April 14, 1942 in Winnipeg, MB. They had no children.

Scope and Content:

Contains the following files:

2.1 Income tax forms 1939

2.1a Wes Pentland correspondence 1911-1917

2.2 Moore/Thomas deed of land 1886-1906

2.3 Postcards ca.1900 - ca.1910

2.4 Correspondence 1911-1946

2.5 Oil leases (Rio Bravo, Canadian Superior, Imperior) 1949-1950

2.6 Livestock records 1947-1951

2.7 Orange Lodge speech and visitations [1939]; dividend certificates 1939

2.8 Automobile club membership 1937-1944

2.9 Life insurance documents 1919-1945

2.10 Mortgage documents 1914-1922

2.11 School records [1911-1913]

2.12 Mrs. Wes Pentland (Harriet) fur insurance policy 1948

Notes: Part of the Alfred Angus Murray McPherson collection.

Storage Location: Alfred Angus Murray McPherson collection Box 1



Wes Pentland; Elton municipality; reeve; school board

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Part Of:	Alfred Angus Murray McPherson collection
Description Level:	Box
File Number:	3.1 - 3.24
Accession Number:	21-2006
Other Numbers:	Box C
GMD:	multiple media
Date Range:	[19] - 1980
History / Biographical:	

For biographical information on Wes Pentland, see the description for Box 2 of the Alfred Angus Murray McPherson collection.

Contains the following files:

- 3.1 Permit books 1951-1978 (missing 1971-1973)
- 3.2 Tax bills 1971-1980 (missing 1973)
- 3.3 House material costs
- 3.4 Carberry town planning 1961
- 3.5 Boundary hearing 1967
- 3.6 Manitoba Pool Elevators 1955-1962
- 3.7 Brandon General Hospital 1978-1979
- 3.8 Elton School financial records 1960-1967
- 3.9 Elton schools 1961-1963
- 3.10 Pictures of Justice (located at the back of the box)
- 3.11 Hutterites 1957
- 3.12 Talks and debates ca.1923 ca.1933
- 3.13 Elton-Cornwallis Joint Planning Commission 1968
- 3.14 Elton planning schemes 1970-1971
- 3.15 Manitoba Hospital Commission 1969
- 3.16 Farm expenses 1952, 1978-1979
- 3.17 School plans for Fraserwood and a Winnipeg school (blueprints)
- 3.18 Elton larger school area information 1959-1969
- 3.19 Elton (municipal records?) 1938-1964
- 3.20 Elton agricultural records 1924-1955
- 3.21 Wes Pentland photographs [n.d. (ca. 1970s?)]
- 3.22 Wes Pentland miscellaneous (lease, land analysis, Elton history) 1966, 1979
- 3.23 Letter from Clare Pentland re: hutterites 1957
- 3.24 Income tax 1940-1950 (2 files)

Notes:	Part of the Alfred Angus Murray McPherson collection.
Storage Location:	Alfred Angus Murray McPherson collection
	Box 2



Georgie McPherson

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Part Of:	Alfred Angus Murray McPherson collection
Description Level:	Box
File Number:	4.1 - 4.13
Accession Number:	21-2006
Other Numbers:	Box D
GMD:	textual records
Date Range:	1906-1939
History /	

Biographical:

Georgina Jane McPherson, daughter of Hugh and Margaret (Sellers) McPherson, was born in 1875 in Nova Scotia. Georgie never married and lived at home most of her life. She was a loyal member and supporter of the Women's Missionary Society, the Busy Bees and Brandon Hills Church. Due to ill health she lived for a time in the 1940s at Ninette Sanatorium. During her last years she resided with her sister Hattie Morrison, at Rounthwaite. Georgie died in Brandon, MB in 1953.

Scope and Content:

Contains the following files:

4.1 Chattel mortgage documents 1906-1939 (includes 1906 Land Title and 1919 Agreement for land sale)

- 4.2 Greeting postcards
- 4.3 Non-greeting postcards
- 4.4 Undated correspondence
- 4.5 Correspondence 1939-1946
- 4.6 Correspondence 1937
- 4.7 Correspondence 1936
- 4.8 Correspondence 1935
- 4.9 Correspondence 1934
- 4.10 Correspondence 1933
- 4.11 Correspondence 1932
- 4.12 Correspondence 1931
- 4.13 Correspondence 1918-1930

Notes:	Part of the Alfred Angus Murray McPherson collection.
Storage Location:	Alfred Angus Murray McPherson collection Box 3 (4.1 - 4.12) Box 4 (4.13)



Hugh and Margaret McPherson; Libby Sellars; Kitty and Winnie Prowse

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Part Of:	Alfred Angus Murray McPherson collection
Description Level:	Box
File Number:	5.1-5.15
Accession Number:	21-2006
Other Numbers:	Box E
GMD:	textual records
Date Range:	1871-1936

History /

Biographical:

Hugh McPherson was born January 25, 1845 at West River, Nova Scotia. He married Margaret Esther Sellers (b. March 18, 1849 at Six Mile Brook, Nova Scotia) on February 5, 1875 at Six Mile Brook, Nova Scotia. The couple moved to Brandon Hills, MB c. 1880. Together they had four children: Georgina (Georgie) Jane; Harriet (Hattie); Johnston (Jack); and Angus.

The couple lived at Watervale, NS until they moved to Manitoba with the Brandon Hills settlers. Hugh travelled to Brandon Hills with the Roddick group in 1879, leaving his wife and three children in Nova Scotia. He selected the N.E. 1/4 of section 10, township 9, range 18 as his homestead. Margaret and the children joined Hugh in 1880.

Situated as it was just north of the river and slightly to the east of the end of the hills, the McPherson home became a sopttin house for travellers from the south making their way to and from Grand Valley and later Brandon. The family records show that literally scores of people stayed with the family during the early years. The fee charged for a meal for the driver plus feed for a team was thirty-five cents. Nellie McClung later described the farm and the stopping-house in one of her early books.

Hugh McPherson died at Brandon Hills, MB on March 7, 1916. Margaret Esther Sellers McPherson died at Brandon Hills, MB on July 13, 1935.

In the fall of 1892, Margaret's brother, Angus Sellers and his family arrived at the McPherson home. Included in this part was Margaret's two sisters Jessie Murray and Libby Sellers. The Sellers family remained with the McPherson's until mid-summer of 1893, when they moved to their new farm at Bunclody.

In 1902, after the death of his wife Blanche, Arthur Prowse accepted Margaret McPherson's offer to foster his daughters Winnie and Kitty. The girls stayed with the McPherson's until their marriages; Winnie to Alex Brown and Kitty to Frank Allbright.

Contains the following files:

- 5.1 Margaret McPherson correspondence 1903-1926
- 5.2 Margaret McPherson correspondence 1927-1931
- 5.3 Margaret McPherson correspondence 1932-1935
- 5.4 Margaret McPherson correspondence (undated)
- 5.5 Margaret McPherson burial/marriage notices 1895-1924
- 5.6 Margaret McPherson greeting postcards
- 5.7 Mr. and Mrs. H. McPherson non-greeting postcards
- 5.8 Margaret McPherson non-greeting postcards
- 5.9 Hugh Mcpherson notebook 1871
- 5.10 Hugh McPherson financial records 1913-1918
- 5.11 Hugh McPherson postcards
- 5.12 Libby Sellers non-greeting postcards
- 5.13 Libby Sellers greeting postcards
- 5.14 Libby Sellers correspondence 1882-1936 (some undated)

 5.15 Kitty and Winnie Prowse correspondence and postcards 1916-1923

 Notes:
 Part of the Alfred Angus Murray McPherson collection

 Storage Location:
 Alfred Angus Murray McPherson collection

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Angus and Ethel McPherson; Johnston and Ella McPherson; Hattie McPherson

Part Of:	Alfred Angus Murray McPherson collection
Description Level:	Box
File Number:	6.1 - 6.20
Accession Number:	21-2006
Other Numbers:	Box F
GMD:	textual records
Date Range:	1895-1972

History / Biographical:

Angus Sellers McPherson, son of Hugh and Margaret (Sellers) McPherson, was born March 1, 1884 in Brandon Hills, MB. He died on September 5, 1953 in Brandon, MB. Angus married Ethel Pentland on July 16, 1913. Together they had three sons: Howard Johnston McPherson (m. Jessie Walsh); Alfred Angus Murray McPherson (m. Margaret Raven); and Kenneth George McPherson (m. Mary Spratt).

Ethel (Pentland) McPherson was born May 7, 1890 to Thomas (T.J.) and Annie Isabel (McVety) Pentland. Raised at Justice, MB, Ethel was agraduate of the Winnipeg Normal School; she taught for a number of years at Orange Hall and Brandon Hills. After her husband's death, Ethel remained on the family farm with her sons until she moved to Brandon in 1957. She died on September 20, 1976, in Brandon, MB.

Johnston McPherson, son of Hugh and Margaret (Sellers) McPherson, was born February 7, 1879 in Nova Scotia. He died on September 17, 1966 in Brandon, MB (Johnston McPherson was the last of the original party that settled the Brandon Hills). From 1896 until 1914, he farmed at Brandon Hills. Johnston married Ella Harvey McKay on July 26, 1918. They had no children.

Ella Harvey McKay, daughter of Simon and Sarah McKay, was born September 5, 1885 at Brandon Hills. Her family moved to Alberta and then British Columbia sometime after her birth. Ella worked in Trail, B.C. for Consolidated Mining and Smelting, before her marriage to Johnston "Jack" McPherson. She died on November 25, 1971 in Brandon, MB.

Harriet (Hattie) McPherson Morrison, daughter of Hugh and Margaret (Sellers) McPherson, was born at Watervale, NS in 1877. She attended Brandon Hills and Central School in Brandon before receiving her teacher training; she taught school at Chatfield and Dunrea. Hattie married Robert Morrison at Brandon Hills in 1920 and together they had two children: Robert Morrison Jr. (m. Lila Berdux) and Margaret Morrison (m. George Walton). The family owned a farm at Rounthwaite until 1964, at which point Hattie and Robert moved to Brandon. Hattie died in Brandon, MB in 1965.

Contains the following files:

- 6.1 Angus McPherson financial records 1909-1955
- 6.2 Angus McPherson greeting postcards
- 6.3 Angus McPherson non-greeting postcards
- 6.4 Ethel McPherson ration cards [1939-1945]
- 6.5 Ethel McPherson non-greeting postcards
- 6.6 Ethel McPherson insurance documents 1959-1968
- 6.7 Angus McPherson financial documents 1912-1962
- 6.8 Ethel McPherson correspondence 1914-1972 (some undated)
- 6.9 Angus McPherson correspondence 1899-1957 (some undated)
- 6.10 Johnston McPherson correspondence 1895-1970
- 6.11 Johnston McPherson financial records 1907-1928
- 6.12 Johnston McPherson non-greeting postcards
- 6.13 Johnston and Ella McPherson correspondence 1918-1956
- 6.14 Johnston and Ella McPherson correspondence 1957-1959 (some undated)
- 6.15 Ella McPherson correspondence 1920-1971
- 6.16 Hattie McPherson correspondence 1908-1919
- 6.17 Hattie McPherson/Mrs. Robert Morrison correspondence 1920-1935
- 6.18 Hattie McPherson greeting postcards
- 6.19 Ethel McPherson Normal School notebook
- 6.20 Ethel McPherson diaries
- Notes:
 Part of the Alfred Angus Murray McPherson collection.

 Storage Location:
 Alfred Angus Murray McPherson collection Box 4 (6.1 - 6.12)

Box 5 (6.13 - 6.20)



Unsorted Christmas greeting cards

Alfred Angus Murray McPherson collection	
Box	
7.1 - 7.10	
21-2006	
Box G	
textual records	
after 1930	
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7.7 Unsorted Christmas cards after 1930	
7.8 Unsorted Christmas cards after 1930	
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tmas cards after 1930	
8.1 Unsorted greeting cards up to 1930	
8.2 Unsorted greeting cards up to 1930	
8.3 Unsorted greeting cards up to 1930	
8.4 Unsorted greeting cards up to 1930	
8.5 Unsorted greeting cards up to 1930	
8.6 Unsorted greeting cards up to 1930	
8.7 Unsorted greeting cards up to 1930	
g cards up to 1930	
Part of the Alfred Angus Murray McPherson collection.	
Alfred Angus Murray McPherson collection Box 5 (7.1 - 7.6) Box 6 (7.7 - 8.8)	



Unsorted greeting cards

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Part Of:	Alfred Angus Murray McPherson collection	
Description Level:	Box	
File Number:	8.1 - 8.12	
Accession Number:	21-2006	
Other Numbers:	Box H	
GMD:	textual records	
Date Range:	[n.d.]	
Scope and Content:		
Contains the following files:		
8.9 Unsorted greeting cards after 1930		
8.10 Unsorted greeting cards up to 1930		
8.11 Unsorted greeting cards up to 1930		
8.12 Unsorted greeting cards up to 1930		
Notes:	Part of the Alfred Angus Murray McPherson collection.	
Storage Location:	Alfred Angus Murray McPherson collection Box 6 (8.1 - 8.8) Box 7 (8.9 - 8.12)	



Brandon College

Part Of:	Alfred Angus Murray McPherson collection
Description Level:	Box
File Number:	9.1 - 9.18
Accession Number:	21-2006
Other Numbers:	BoxI
GMD:	textual records
Date Range:	1938-1952

Contains the following files:

9.1 Class list and lost alumni 1941-1948

9.2 "Spectrum" April 1944

9.3 "The Sickle" 1941-1945 (missing 1944)

9.4 Graduation programmes 1927, 1940-1952 (includes photo of Arts Banquet, Brandon College 1942)

9.5 "The New Era" 1947

9.6 Murray McPherson diary 1942

9.7 The Quill and The Sickle account book [1939-1941]

9.8 Brandon College documentation 1942-1943

9.9 Calendar 1940-1941

9.10 Murray McPherson's notes 1938-1939 (Brandon Collegiate)

9.11 Brandon College notes [1941-1944] (2 files)

9.12 Commencement programme 1944

9.13 Brandon College commencement programmes 1944, 1945, 1952 (also contains 1937-1938 Brandon College calendar and a copy of "S.J. McKee of Brandon College" by Tommy McLeod)

9.14 Physics notes [1942]

9.15 Murray McPherson - math and physics notes 1943

9.16 Murray McPherson - math notes 1944

9.17 Murray McPherson account book 1938-1940 (Brandon Collegiate)

9.18 Miscellaneous pamphlets re: Brandon College and hockey 1909 - ca.1945 (including Student Handbooks 1940-1944 and the 1913 convocation programme, the 1909 Manitoba Amateur Hockey Association constitution, pamphlets from The Boys' Brigade and a pamphlet with etiquette and manner advice for teenagers)

Notes: Part of the Alfred Angus Murray McPherson collection.

Storage Location: Alfred Angus Murray McPherson collection Box 7



Unused postcards and unidentified greeting cards

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Part Of:	Alfred Angus Murray McPherson collection	
Description Level:	Box	
File Number:	11.1 - 11.4	
Accession Number:	21-2006	
Other Numbers:	Box K	
GMD:	textual records	
Date Range:	[n.d.]	
Physical Description:	12 cm	
Scope and Content:		
Contains the following files:		
11.1 Unused postcards and unidentified greeting cards		
11.2 Unused postcards and unidentified greeting cards		
11.3 Unused postcards and unidentified greeting cards		
11.4 Unused postcards and unidentified greeting cards		
Notes:	Part of the Alfred Angus Murray McPherson collection.	
Storage Location:	Alfred Angus Murray McPherson collection Box 9	



McPherson scrapbooks

http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions4535

Part Of:	Alfred Angus Murray McPherson collection
Description Level:	Box
File Number:	12.1 - 12.7
Accession Number:	21-2006
Other Numbers:	Box L
GMD:	multiple media
Date Range:	1879 - ca.1947
Physical Description:	File 12.6 is very fragile and has some water damage that has warped the pages, but hasn't damaged the clippings.
Physical Condition:	12.5 cm
History / Biographical:	

For biographical information on Angus and Ethel McPherson see the description for Box 6 of the Alfred Angus Murray McPherson collection. For biographical information on Annie I. McVety (Pentland) see the description for Box 10 of the Alfred Angus Murray McPherson collection.

Scope and Content:

Contains the following files:

12.1 Angus McPherson album (clippings, poems, etc.) - MISSING

12.2 Ethel McPherson scrapbook 1920-1942

12.3 Ethel McPherson scrapbook 1942-1947

12.4 Ethel McPherson scrapbook 1941-1954 (loose entries)

12.5 Ethel McPherson scrapbook (loose entries)

12.6 Annie I. McVitie scrapbook (poems etc. on an old school register)

12.7 Annie I. McVitie poetry 1879

 Notes:
 Part of the Alfred Angus Murray McPherson collection.

 Storage Location:
 Alfred Angus Murray McPherson collection

Box 10



Alfred Angus Murray McPherson collection miscellaneous

http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions4536

Part Of:	Alfred Angus Murray McPherson collection
Description Level:	Box
File Number:	13.1 - 13.8
Accession Number:	21-2006
Other Numbers:	Box M
GMD:	multiple media
Date Range:	1883-1952
Physical Description:	25 cm
Scope and Content:	

Contains the following files:

13.1 Georgina McPherson newspaper clippings 1897-1949 (arranged by Margaret McPherson in 1952)

13.2 Angus McPherson autograph album 1901

13.3 Ella McKay McPherson 1903

13.4 Jessie Sellers autograph album 1883

13.5 Postcard albums [early 1900's] - some are loose

13.6 Souvenir cards and photo album

13.7 Angus and Ethel McPherson photograph album 1909-1915

13.8 Photograph album [turn of the 20th century] - many of the photographs appear to be of Roseland, B.C.

 Notes:
 Part of the Alfred Angus Murray McPherson collection.

 Storage Location:
 Alfred Angus Murray McPherson collection

 Box 10 (13.1)
 Box 11 (13.2 - 13.8)



Farm records

http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions4537

Part Of:	Alfred Angus Murray McPherson collection
Description Level:	Box
File Number:	14.1 - 14.8
Accession Number:	21-2006
Other Numbers:	Box N
GMD:	textual records
Date Range:	1882-1944
History /	

Biographical:

For biographical information onf Angus McPherson and Mrs. (Ella) Johnston McPherson see the description for Box 6 of the Alfred Angus Murray McPherson collection. For biographical information on Thomas and Annie Pentland see the description for Box 10 of the Alfred Angus Murray McPherson collection.

Scope and Content:

Contains the following files:

14.1 Account books [1906-1916]

14.2 Farmers pocket ledger [1935]

14.3 Mrs. Johnston McPherson - field book [1921-1944]

14.4 Account day book 1913-1915

14.5 Annie I. Pentland - miscellaneous records and accounts 1916-1934

14.6 Thomas Pentland account book 1917-1932

14.7 Thomas Pentland blacksmith account book 1882-1883

14.8 Angus McPherson account book 1916-1941

Notes: Part of the Alfred Angus Murray McPherson collection.

Storage Location: Alfred Angus Murray McPherson collection Box 12



Angus McPherson; Murray McPherson; Hugh McPherson; Georgie McPherson; Hattie McPherson Morrison; George Richardson

Part Of:	Alfred Angus Murray McPherson collection
Description Level:	Box
File Number:	15.1 - 15.15
Accession Number:	21-2006
Other Numbers:	Box O

GMD:	textual records
Date Range:	1909-1956
Physical Description:	17 cm
History /	
Biographical:	

For biographical information on Angus McPherson and Hattie McPherson Morrison see the description for Box 6 of the Alfred Angus Murray McPherson collection.

For biographical information on Murray McPherson see the fonds level description for the Alfred Angus Murray McPherson collection.

For biographical information on Hugh McPherson see the description for Box 5 of the Alfred Angus Murray McPherson collection.

For biographical information on Georgie McPherson see the description for Box 4 of the Alfred Angus Murray McPherson collection.

There is no biographical information for George Richardson.

Scope and Content:

Contains the following files:

15.1 Medical receipts 1945-1950

15.2 Miscellaneous farm receipts 1945-1950

15.3 Cattle and grain papers 1941-1953

15.4 Correspondence 1943-1951

15.5 Insurance 1909-1952

15.6 Angus McPherson wills 1937-1953

15.7 Angus McPherson - income tax forms and papers 1946-1956 (includes Farmers Income Tax Guides and Farm account book)

15.8 Murray McPherson correspondence 1934-1956

15.9 Hugh McPherson - blank form for Fenian Raid Volunteer Bount Act 1912

15.10 Miscellaneous 1929-1950

15.11 Angus McPherson income tax forms and papers 1943-1947

15.12 Income tax forms/papers 1943-1947 for George Richardson (1947), George McPherson and Hattie McPherson

15.13 Angus McPherson - income tax forms 1918

15.14 Receipts 1947

15.15 Receipts 1949

Notes: Part of the Alfred Angus Murray McPherson collection.



Farm records

http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions4539

Part Of:	Alfred Angus Murray McPherson collection
Description Level:	Box
File Number:	16.1 - 16.13
Accession Number:	21-2006
Other Numbers:	Box P
GMD:	textual records
Date Range:	1879-1954
Physical Description:	13 cm
History /	
Biographical:	

For biographical information on Hugh and Margaret McPherson see the description for Box 5 of the Alfred Angus Murray McPherson collection.

For biographical information on Johnston and Angus McPherson see the descrption for Box 6 of the Alfred Angus Murray McPherson collection.

For biographical information on Murray McPherson see the fonds level description for the Alfred Angus Murray McPherson collection.

Howard Johnston McPherson, the oldest son of Angus and Ethel (Pentland) McPherson, was born on July 6, 1920. He graduated from Brandon Collegiate in 1938 and joined his father on the farm. In 1941, he joined the R.C.A.F. and trained as an air engine mechanic. Returning from Europe in 1945, Howard continued to live with his parents until his marriage to Jessie Walsh (b. March 21, 1922) of Sceptre, SK on June 18, 1955. Together they had three children: Muriel Ruth (m. Cody Johnson); Nancy Carol (m. Dennis Mauthe); and Donald Howard (m. Ann). The family farmed in the Brandon Hills district. Howard died on May 2, 2005.

Contains the following files:

16.1 Hugh and Margaret McPherson account book 1879

16.2 McPherson Farm cash book (Hugh, Johnston, Angus) 1906-1912

16.3 McPherson Farm account book 1890's

16.4 Cash book 1953

16.5 Cash book [1943-1949]

16.6 Angus McPherson - Canadian Wheat Board emergency cheque correspondence 1949

16.7 Angus McPherson - insurance documents 1948-1950

16.8 Murray McPherson - agreement between SC Area #1 and District Association 1951

16.9 Angus McPherson - Canadian Wheat Board permits (8) 1944-1954

16.10 Angus McPherson - cattle inventories 1951-1952

16.11 Howard and Angus McPherson miscellaneous farm correspondence 1950-1953

16.12 Documents re: Angus McPherson estate 1951-1954

16.13 Income tax forms and documents 1945-1953

 Notes:
 Part of the Alfred Angus Murray McPherson collection.

 Storage Location:
 Alfred Angus Murray McPherson collection

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Alfred Angus Murray McPherson collection miscellaneous http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions4540

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