

# S. J. McKee Archives



## Verda McDonald collection

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14293>

Part Of:	MG 2 Brandon College students
Description Level:	Collection
Accession Number:	16-2016
GMD:	multiple media
Date Range:	1951-2005
Physical Description:	10.5 cm textual records 18 loose photographs
Physical Condition:	Some of the pages and photographs in the scrapbooks have become loose

## History /

### Biographical:

Verda Joan McDonald (nee Peden) was born in Brandon, MB on May 2, 1934. She was the middle daughter of Bill, a school principal, and Phyllis Peden. McDonald attended school at King George, Alexandra (now Betty Gibson), Earl Oxford and Brandon Collegiate Institute.

In 1951, McDonald enrolled in the Bachelor of Arts program at Brandon College. A fellowship program from the local YMCA enabled her to teach gym and swim programs after school and on Saturday for a small salary, which enabled her and some other students to finance their education. She graduated in 1955 with a Bachelor of Arts degree. During her graduating year, McDonald served as Lady Stick for Brandon College; the title of Lady Stick was an elected position and an honour, and gave McDonald and the person elected Senior Stick, Frank McKinnon, the responsibility of leading the student council for that year. In 1956, McDonald obtained her Bachelor of Pedagogy degree, also from Brandon College, which allowed her to teach grades 1 to 12 in Manitoba.

Verda married her college sweetheart, Dick McDonald, on August 25, 1956, and the couple moved to Dauphin to teach at the Dauphin Collegiate and Technical Institute for two years. They returned to Brandon in September 1958, and Verda proceeded to teach at Brandon Collegiate, Neelin High School and Vincent Massey until December 1960.

When Dick finished his degree at Brandon College and started teaching, Verda stayed at home to raise their three sons, Rick, Paul and Daren. During this time she began her many years of volunteering within the community. She served seven years on each of the following three boards: The Brandon Schools Instrumental Music Association; The Brandon University Alumni Board; and The Board of Fairview Nursing Home. She became President of each board during her term.

McDonald supported her husband throughout his teaching and financial career, as well as his strong involvement in the Artillery Reserve Army with the 26th Field Regiment where he served as Commander and later Honorary Colonel. Both McDonald and her husband maintained strong ties with Brandon University and have contributed generously to funding campaign and scholarships. The Sports Wall of Fame in the Health Living Centre on the Brandon University campus is named in their honour.

In addition to their involvement with Brandon University, the McDonald's were members of the Kinsmen, K40 service club, gold and bridge clubs and enjoyed many years together in Brandon. They enjoyed going on cruise ship holidays and visited many countries together.

Since Dick's death in September 2015, Verda has tried to maintain her involvement in university activities. She continues to reside in Brandon, MB.

### Custodial History:

Records were created and collected by Verda McDonald during her years as a student and alumna of Brandon College/Brandon University. The records were stored in her home until their donation to the McKee Archives in 2015.

#### Scope and Content:

Collection consists of records dealing with Verda McDonald's experiences as a student and alumna at Brandon College/University. The majority of the collection contains records from the early 1950s during McDonald's college years (1951-1955). These records, which cover the social and athletic aspects of Brandon College in the 1950s, provide a detailed look at college student life during this time period. The collection also contains a small number of records (1955-2005), documenting McDonald's experiences as an alumna of Brandon College/University.

The collection consists of four scrapbooks, which contain photographs, newspaper clippings, graduation cards, lyrics for class songs, and programs for graduation banquets, school dances, graduation ceremonies and drama productions. The scrapbooks also contain ephemera such as sports emblems, table decorations, election paraphernalia. It also includes McDonald's oath of office from when she was sworn in as Lady Stick, as well as her acceptance speech from the same ceremony.

The three file folders in the collection include: a list written by Frank McKinnon, a classmate of McDonald's, outlining his reasons for coming to Brandon College and his recollections of being a student at Brandon College; the rules of Clark Hall residence hall; and pamphlets for various celebrations and events at Brandon University (Homecoming 2009, Homecoming 2006, Reunion Weekend 2005, Reunion Weekend 2004, Homecoming 1995 and 1995 Reconovocation program, Homecoming 1980, 1975 Open House).

Finally, the collection contains 18 loose photographs. A number of the photos document important reunions for the Class of 1955 (40th Anniversary in 1995, 50th Anniversary in 2005), while others were taken at alumni events over the years (1988-1997). There is one postcard of Brandon University buildings (Original Building and Clark Hall, McMaster Hall and the Queen Elizabeth II School of Music building). Some of the 1995 reunion photos include images of the Brandon College Building and Clark Hall under renovation. Also included are a composite portrait of the Class of 1955 and class portraits Arts and Science for the Class of 1960.

Notes: History/Bio information provided by Verda McDonald. Description by Emily Bate (October 2016) and Christy Henry.

Name Access: Verda McDonald  
Dick McDonald  
Brandon University Alumni Association  
Henry Champ  
Joan Garnett  
Eileen McFadden  
Norma Walmsley  
Ernie Criddle  
Jean Wilkie  
Jean Brown  
Frank McKinnon  
Hilt Stewart  
Lou Visentin  
Edward Schreyer  
Doug Adams  
Carla Eisler  
Shawna English  
Cindy Yacyshen  
Jim Minions  
Walter Huculak  
Ben Ward  
Elaine Cameron  
Elaine McCrorie  
Barrie McLeod  
Gord Williams  
Harvey Young  
George Strang  
Gerald Graham  
Helen Batho  
Helen Mitchell  
Allan Hattie  
Trevor McNeely  
Russ Roney  
Harold Woods  
George Gooden  
Harold Stewart  
Jack Meyers  
Ron McMurray  
Ken Adams  
Bill Keller  
Lorne Day  
Don Dillistone

Subject Access: student life  
student activities  
graduations  
convocations  
homecomings  
reunions  
chancellors  
student productions  
residences  
college athletics  
college initiation  
Student government  
Lady stick

Storage Location: 2016 accessions

Related Material: Dilys Collier collection  
Bob Blair collection  
Brandon College fonds  
Brandon University fonds

Arrangement:

Two of the scrapbooks are in chronological order. The third scrapbook contains miscellaneous materials from the 1950s until 2005.



## Georgina Matiation (Hill) collection

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions4887>

Part Of: RG 1 Brandon College fonds  
Description Level: Sub-series  
Series Number: MG 2 2.23  
Accession Number: 29-1998  
GMD: multiple media  
Date Range: 1954-1956  
Physical Description: 1 cm textual records  
3 photographs

## History /

### Biographical:

Georgina Bernice Matiation (Hill) was born in Virden, Manitoba on February 19, 1936, daughter of Gordon and Florence Hill. She received her education at Brandon College (1954-1956). Originally a student in Arts, she graduated from the Teacher Training program in 1956. During her time at Brandon College, Matiation participated in the College Glee Club as well as college track and field meets. She also acted as Junior Ladies Athletic Representative in 1955. In addition, Matiation was was the President of her Normal School class.

Matiation began her teaching career in Hargrave and Melita, before taking a position at Prince Charles School in Portage la Prairie in 1960. She remained at that institution until her retirement in 1991. In addition to her teaching career, Matiation was a past president of the Portage Evening Ladies Curling Club, a past president of the La Prairie Lioness and a leader of CGIT. She was a lifelong member of the Lenore Presbyterian Church.

Georgina Hill married Zane Matiation in 1970. They had no children. Georgina Matiation died on October 28, 1995 in Portage la Prairie at the age of 59 years.

### Custodial History:

This collection was donated to the McKee Archives by Bessie Marie Hill of Winnipeg on May 1, 1998.

### Scope and Content:

The collection consists of items collected by Mrs. Matiation (Hill) during her years as a student at Brandon College. The collection contains a scrapbook of photos of students and activities at the College taken from 1954-1956. Fonds includes copies of speeches made by her at various school events, such as her validictorian speech at the Normal School Graduation in 1956. There is also an autograph book with messages to her from friends and classmates. Finally, the collection includes two photographs of students in the 1924-25 Brandon Normal School, and one photograph of the Westminster Presbyterian Church in Brandon.

Notes: CAIN No. 202616. Description by Christy Henry.

Subject Access: Georgina Matiation (Hill)  
Brandon College  
Brandon  
Manitoba  
Westminster Presbyterian Church of Brandon  
MB  
college life  
student life  
scrapbooks

Storage Location: MG 2 Brandon College Students  
2.23 Georgina Matiation (Hill)

The collection is located with MG 2 2.2 Gerald Brown. It was placed there as a result of space issues.

Related Material: Bessie Marie Hill (33-1999, 12-2001, 6-2003)



## Martin Johns fonds

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions5087>

Part Of: RG 1 Brandon College fonds  
Description Level: Sub-series  
Series Number: MG 1 1.11  
Accession Number: 17-2007, 8-2009  
GMD: multiple media  
Date Range: 1939-1944  
Physical Description: 0.5 cm textual records  
21 b/w photographs

History /

Biographical:

Martin Wesley Johns was born to missionary parents Alfred and Myrtle Johns in Chengtu, West China on March 23, 1913. The family returned to Canada in 1925. Johns attended high schools in Tacoma, Washington; Vancouver, BC; Brandon, Manitoba; and Exeter, Ontario. He studied at Brandon College from 1928-1931 before obtaining his B.A. (1932) and M.A. (1934) from McMaster University and his Ph.D. from the University of Toronto (1938). From 1937-1946, he taught physics at Brandon College. In 1972, Brandon University awarded him an honorary Doctor of Science degree.

Johns served in the Canadian Officers Training Corps (C.O.T.C.) in 1940-1941 doing research concerned with neutron physics at Chalk River. In 1947, he joined the Physics Department at McMaster University, where he remained for the remainder of his career.

Johns married Margaret Mary Hilborn on July 15, 1939. Together they have four children: Robert, Elizabeth, Kenneth and Kathryn. Following Margaret's death c. 1979, Johns was married to Elsie North for twenty years. At the age of 90, Johns fell in love with his sweetheart Marian Thompson.

Martin Wesley Johns died on September 18, 2008 at McMaster Hospital.

Custodial History:

The notebooks in accession 17-2007 were in the possession of Wesley Wong, former member of the Physics Department at Brandon College, who mailed them to Martin Johns in 2002. Wong suggested Johns donate them to the McKee Archives, which he did on January 28, 2004. The photographs in accession 8-2009 were sent to Carla Eisler, Alumni Relations Officer, Brandon University by Ken Johns (Martin Johns' son) following Martin's death. Eisler transferred them to the Archives in February 2009.

Scope and Content:

Accession 17-2007 contains two lab record notebooks used by Martin Johns while he was a member of Brandon College's Department of Physics. The notebooks record class lists, grades, absences, and seating charts for courses Johns taught, as well as regulations for lab reports and major assignments.

Accession 8-2009 contains twenty-one black and white photographs dealing with Brandon College students, faculty and buildings. There are a few photographs of Brandon, as well as one of the Queen Mother from her visit to Brandon in 1939.

Notes: History/Bio information taken from the Martin W. Johns bio file in the Archives reading room.

Subject Access:       Brandon College  
                              faculty  
                              freshman initiation  
                              freshies  
                              Assiniboine bridge  
                              student elections  
                              Second World War  
                              C.O.T.C.  
                              classroom activities

Storage Location:     MG 1 Brandon College Teaching and Administration  
                              1.11 Martin Johns

                              Photographs: MG photograph storage drawer



## 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



## Robert Troy Blair fonds

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13300>

Part Of: RG 1 Brandon College fonds

Description Level: Sub-series

Accession Number: 18-2013

GMD: multiple media

Date Range: September 1950 - June 1954

Physical Description: 2 scrapbooks (7.5 cm)

Physical Condition: Excellent

Robert (Bob) Troy Blair was born on March 11, 1930 in Brandon, MB. His first six years were spent in Alexander, MB, where his father and uncle operated a grocery store. In 1936, his family moved to Souris, MB, where his father ran a grocery store. Blair received his primary and high school education, with the exception of Grade 12, in Souris.

Blair remembers his school years in Souris as mainly happy years. He was involved with both piano and organ music lessons. he was never interested in physical sports with the exception of golf. World War II broke out in September of 1939. Souris became the site of #17 SFTS and home base for the British Commonwealth Air Training Plan. Many of the service men came from England, Australia and New Zealand. Blair's mother always entertained at least two for dinner every Sunday. Rationing of sugar, tea and coffee, butter and meat became a way of life. Blair had the job every Saturday of pasting the ration coupons into booklets. It was also when he was in Grade 6, that Blair realized he was more attracted to boys than to girls. Perhaps it was because so many attractive airmen surrounded him!

In November of 1947, the Blair family relocated to Alexander where Bob Blair finished his Grade 11. This was not a good year due to bullying. In September of 1948, Blair moved to Winnipeg to attend United College for his Grade 12. Upon completion of Grade 12, Blair remained in Winnipeg until June 1950. he worked at a number of businesses - Gestetner, Eaton's Mail Order shoe department, Maple Leaf Milling, and the drug store in the Medical Arts Building. In September 1950, he entered Brandon College. Blair was very active in extra-curricular affairs while at Brandon College; particularly drama. Following his B.A. he enrolled in the Education Faculty, having decided to become a teacher.

Blair's teaching career spanned 34 years. All but one year was spent in the Brandon School Division. On his first day of teaching in the Division he met the man with whom he would spend the next 46 years. He was primarily a teacher of English and Music. A highlight of his career was exchange teaching in Sacramento, California in 1961. Orientation for exchange took place in August in Washington, D.C., where Blair had the opportunity to meet President J.F. Kennedy. He vividly recalls the morning that JFK was assassinated on November 22, 1963. In September 1965, Blair assumed the principalship of Park School and in September of 1969, the same position at George Fitton School where he remained until his retirement in 1989. He was a member of the Brandon Principals' Association, the National Association of Elementary School Principals, and served as President of the Brandon Teachers' Association. Among his major accomplishments during his time as principal were the introduction of a centralized school library in both Park and George Fitton Schools and the integration of special needs students into regular classroom situations wherever possible. He was made a Life Member of the Manitoba Teachers' Society (Brandon) in June 1990. Following his retirement Blair worked as a Library Automation Consultant (1989-1993).

Blair also had numerous community involvements during his time in Brandon. he was active in the Brandon Little Theatre (Best Actor Award, Manitoba Drama Festival for One Act Plays in 1963), the Brandon Festival of the Arts, the Eckhardt-Grammatte National Music Competition, and Arm Industries to name a few.

Following the death of his partner in 2001, Blair moved to Saskatoon to live with a younger gay couple. He has been active in volunteerism: as an Ambassador for the Saskatoon Airport Authority, assistant with the Saskatoon Health Region's Immunization Clinics, information clerk for the Festival of Trees, data entry clerk for the Saskatoon Music Festival, on the Board of the Saskatoon Jazz Society, and Hospitality Coordinator for the Saskatoon Jazz Festival.

As of October 2013, Bob Blair continues to live in Saskatoon, SK.

Custodial History:

Records were in Blair's possession until he donated them to the McKee Archives on Homecoming weekend October 2013.

Scope and Content:

Fonds consists of two scrapbooks containing 145 photographs and ephemera (play and graduation programs, tickets, pins, newspaper clippings) documenting Bob Blair's days at Brandon College. Social events and extra-curricular activities are heavily featured in the two scrapbooks. Also included are graduation portraits for the Classes of 1951, 1952 and 1953. Of the 145 photographs all are black and white except for two photos of the Class of '53 reconconvocation (May 1993), and one from the Class of '53 reunion (2003).

Notes: History/Bio provided by Bob Blair (October 2013).

Name Access: Brandon College  
Angus Jackson  
Pat Magnacca  
Freshie Week  
Senior Stick  
Lady Stick  
Harvest Cabaret  
Sigma Mu  
Glee Club  
Bob Blair  
Jack Yeomans  
Walter Dinsdale  
Don Cronk  
Bob McPherson  
Lorne Watson  
Marg Sanderson  
Hazel Turnbull  
Claudia Dickey  
Gordon Bradley  
Terry Prysiazniuk  
Diane Lissaman  
Joan Garnett  
Doris Penstock  
Dianne Macdonald  
Ivey Graham  
Joyce Pickard  
Cathy Crawford  
Robertta Wilkie  
Marie Kullberg  
Isabel Lyon  
Shirley Pryce  
J.R.C. Evans  
Marjorie Kyles  
Jo Thordarson  
Ross George

Edward Perry  
Ernest Birkinshaw  
Barney Thordarson  
Fall Formal  
Variety Night  
Installation Night  
Paul McKinnon  
The Saga of Brandon  
Bill White  
Ron Bell  
Jerry Jerret  
Rosa Ziolkowski  
Murray Smith  
Class of 1951  
Harold Moffat  
Bill Sutherland  
Murray Coulthard  
Frank Adamski  
John McLean  
Jack Medd  
Jack Muir  
Bill Fraser  
Ken Morrison  
Clifford Kitson  
Ray Brown  
Mike Doig  
Ernie Shaw  
Jack Scott  
Doreen Dennison  
Lois Kennedy  
Lorna Prokaska  
Ferne Henderson  
Doreen Fedoruk  
Marg Leckie  
Freshie Parade  
Helen Batho  
Fred Calverly  
Jim Crawford  
Verda Peden  
Olga Evasko  
Betty Finch  
Fred Schwarok  
Jim Struthers  
Muriel Bedford  
John Brown

Freshie Royalty  
Booster Night  
Mary Jane Sexton  
Marilyn Rust  
Mildred McMurray  
Mary-Jane MacLachlan  
George Leask  
George Jakubowski  
Jack Purvis  
My Sister Eileen  
Edith Laycock  
Ivey Robbins  
Ken Campbell  
Mac Andrews  
Marion Simmons  
Arnold Minish  
Madeline Irving  
Ernie Criddle  
Don Dillistone  
Gordon Hunter  
Cathy Nelson  
Jim Kelleher  
Anne Kelleher  
Neil McKellar  
Ron Doupe  
Bruce Watson  
Neil MacKay  
Peter Prokaska  
Roger Ramsden  
Bill Bridgett  
Graham Hunt  
John Muirhead  
David Brodie  
Murray MacDonald  
Dr. Kidd  
Cam Finlay  
Blair MacRae  
Donna McPhail  
Louise Hoey  
Agnes Nicholson  
Jean Allan  
Joan Urie  
Royce Richardson  
Don Rousell  
Bill Black

Ken McNeeley  
Rosalie Prokopchuk  
Jean Morrison  
Jacice Forrest  
Fuzz Fedoruk  
Brian Davison  
Joan MacLachlan  
First International Relations Club Conference  
Minot Teachers' College  
International Peace Gardens  
Bruce McIlroy  
Jean Shingfield  
Campaign Week  
Sigma Mu Dance  
Arnold Wawruch  
Jack Meyers  
Jack Hilton  
Bev Francis  
Bert Gogol  
Dick McDonald  
Frank McKinnon  
Stuart Craig  
John Blackwood  
Norman Hedison  
Bob Hilton  
John Minions  
Kay Oliver  
Mary Jane MacLachlan  
Ben Ward  
Ken Gunning  
Trevor McNeely  
Hilton Stewart  
Jerry Graham  
Bette Mitchell  
Joan Curlock  
Faye Myers  
Jean Hannah  
Mary Babuick  
Mr. College Spirit  
John Augustus McGee  
Don Dillstone  
Flora Johnson  
Del Gusdal  
Color Night  
Don Burrows

Jim Casey Trophy  
Marj Kyles  
Prince Edward Hotel  
Class Day  
Dahl Harvey  
Shirley Mitchell  
Al Burton  
Irving Bateman  
Joyce Marie Thordarson  
Eileen McFadden  
Patricia Pope  
Louise Astle  
Ariel Genik  
Western Canada Student Teacher Conference  
Brandon College Glee Club  
Be Your Age  
Ike Prokaska  
Joan Hilton  
Fred Lynch  
Garth Kidd  
Ivy Robbins  
Joyce Dunham  
Shirley Popple  
Grand March  
Westley Wong  
Stewart Perdue  
H.V. Kidd  
J.E.M. Young  
Adelene Bailey  
Mrs. Evans  
Dennis Anderson  
Stanley Knowles  
Edward Schreyer  
Lou Visentin



Subject Access:	Student government initiations student activities dances basketball talent shows drama productions major productions Hockey graduations programs parades dorm rooms student housing literary "B's" college letters class flags banquets
Storage Location:	2013 accessions



## Maureen Johnson collection

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions9012>

Part Of:	RG 5 Western Manitoba Manuscript Collection
Description Level:	Collection
Accession Number:	10-2009, 14-2009
GMD:	multiple media
Date Range:	1908-c.1965; predominant 1915-1921
Physical Description:	32 photographs 1 sound recording 2 cm textual records
Material Details:	17 photographs are digital records

## History /

### Biographical:

Maureen Johnson (nee Sills) was born in Brandon, MB in 1936 and grew up in western Manitoba. She spent three years in Ethiopia (1958-1961) and two years in Houston, Texas before taking up permanent residence in Winnipeg, MB. She attended Brandon College in 1953-1954, living in the Tower Room of Clark Hall.

From 1960-1979, Johnson raised her family, volunteered in the St. Vital community and was Secretary to the Manitoba Schools Science Symposium (1973-1977). She worked in the Office of the President at the University of Manitoba from 1980 to 1996.

Johnson is a visual artist and photographer, and is a member of the Winnipeg Sketch Club, Manitoba Society of Artists and Winnipeg South Photo Club. Her work is on permanent display at Medea Gallery ([www.medeagallery.ca](http://www.medeagallery.ca)) where she has been a member since 1985. She also has work in the Rental Program at the Winnipeg Art Gallery.

For biographical information on Sarah Persis Darrach see RG 1 Brandon College fonds, Series 9: Clark Hall women's residence.

### Custodial History:

The original photographs in accession 10-2009 are in the custody of Maureen Johnson in Winnipeg, MB. Copies were digitally scanned by Johnson and sent to the Archives in March 2009. The 1921 photographs of Brandon College students were given to Johnson by Eileen McKenzie, her aunt, who attended Brandon College at that time. The photos of Sarah Persis Darrach (Johnson's great-aunt and maternal grandmother's sister) are from her family albums.

All of the records in accession 14-2009, except for the 1920 Quill and the Clark Hall Rules 1912, were collected by Johnson during her time at Brandon College. The Quill issue belonged to Johnson's aunt Eileen McKenzie, a student at Brandon College in the early 1920s. The records were in Johnson's possession at her home until their donation to the McKee Archives in May 2009.

### Scope and Content:

Accession 10-2009 consists of seventeen digital photographs. Seven photographs are of Sarah Persis Darrach (nee Johnson), taken primarily during her time as a nursing sister during World War I. Two photographs are of Eileen McKenzie. The remaining photographs depict students and student activities at Brandon College in the early 1920s.

Accession 14-2009 consists of a copy of the sound recording and program for Mr. College Spirit, a musical comedy presented by the Brandon College Literary Board and written by James Struthers and Kenneth Gunning. Accession also includes fifteen photographs from 1953-1954, when Johnson attended Brandon College. Subjects include: Freshie King and Queen; Graduation Banquets (1955, 1956); senior and lady sticks; Jim Casey Trophy; Grand March 1954; Capettes basketball team 1954; Glee Club 1953; Variety Night - Men's Chorus; Caps Football Team; Caps Hockey Team 1954; Cheerleaders 1954; Caps Basketball 1954; and Touques.

Textual records include graduation banquet and commencement programs, news clippings, programs for Variety Night and Be Your Age, a list of football cheers and a copy of the Fall Number of the 1920 Quill. Textual records also include two color photocopies: Clark Hall Rules 1912 and Johnson's Arts and Science Departments, Brandon College Registration card.

### Notes:

History/Bio information and Custodial History provided by Maureen Johnson (April 2009). A review of the play, written by Kay Rowe, appeared in the March 6, 1953 issue of the Quill.

Name Access:	Sarah Persis Darrach Eileen McKenzie Brandon College Brandon General Hospital
Subject Access:	World War I First World War student activities snowshoeing
Location Original:	Maureen Johnson (Winnipeg)
Storage Location:	T:\Library\Archives\Shared.02\photos\2009 Accessions
Related Material:	RG 1 Brandon College fonds, Series 9: Clark Hall women's residence MG 1 1.9 Sarah Persis Darrach fonds MG 2 2.4 James Struthers fonds



## Registration Day

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions1709>

Part Of: Brandon University Photograph Collection

Description Level: Item

Series Number: 6

Item Number: 6.7.8

GMD: graphic

Date Range: post-1963

Physical Description: 5.25" x 7.25" (b/w)

Physical Condition: Left side of the photograph has been trimmed.

Scope and Content:

Photograph of three female students registering as residents of the Women's Residence at Brandon University. Behind counter: Flora Cowan.

Name Access: Flora Cowan

Subject Access: registration

student activities

campus life

Storage Location: Faculty activities photo box

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## Lawrence Jones collection

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions12333>

Part Of: RG 6 Brandon University fonds

Description Level: Sub-series

Series Number: MG 3 1.24

Accession Number: 9-2011

GMD: textual records

Date Range: 1957-1959, 1976-1992

Physical Description: 30 cm

History /

Biographical:

See RG 6 Brandon University fonds, 7.4.1 Dean of Music for biographical information.

Custodial History:

The records were collected during the course of Jones' career as a member of the School of Music and as Dean of the School of Music. They remained in his possession until their donation to the McKee Archives on June 29, 2011.

Scope and Content:

Collection consists of records created and collected during the course of Lawrence Jones' teaching career in the School of Music and during his tenure as Dean of the School of Music at Brandon University.

Records include: dean's log books; recital programs and related materials; personal documents; academic papers; planning documents; contracts; administration documents; workshop documents; teaching documents; proposals; reviews; evaluations; violin concerto by S.C. Eckhardt-Gramatte, piano score, edited by Lawrence Jones. Topics include: planning for the School of Music; Master's degree program; award winners; the music building expansion; adjudicating; the New Brandon University Trio; and the National Music Festival.

Name Access: Lawrence Jones

Brandon University Trio

Shane Levesque

National Music Festival

Peggy Sharpe

Deidre Irons

Kenneth Drake

School of Music

Subject Access: Education

music

administration

performing arts

performing artists

Storage Location: MG 3 Brandon University Teaching and Administration  
1.24 Lawrence Jones



## Cast of The Swan

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions10102>

Part Of: Ruth and Archie MacLachlan fonds

Description Level: Item

Series Number: MG 2 2.33

Item Number: 23-2009.10

Accession Number: 23-2009

GMD: graphic

Date Range: 1933-1934

Physical Description: 3.5" x 2.5" (b/w)

History /

Biographical:

The Swan is a three-act comedy written by Ferenc Molnár. The production was staged during the 1933-1934 academic year and directed by Miss Marjorie B. McKenzie. For additional information about the production see page 32 of the 1934 Sickle.

Custodial History:

See fonds level description for custodial history.

Scope and Content:

Photograph of the cast of The Swan. Front Row, second from the left: Archie MacLachlan as Father Hyacinth. Front Row, second from the right: Ruth Wade as Princes Maria Dominica.

Name Access: The Swan

Marjorie McKenzie

Subject Access: student activities

drama

Storage Location: RG 5 photograph storage drawer

23-2009

Arrangement:

Photograph is from page seven of Ruth MacLachlan's scrapbook.

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## Junior Miss

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions2857>

Part Of: Brandon University Photograph Collection

Description Level: Item

Series Number: 5.6

Item Number: 5.6.2

Other Numbers: Formerly 12.4.3

GMD: graphic

Date Range: [1950 or 1951]

Physical Description: 5" x 4" (b/w)

Scope and Content:

Photograph of the cast members of Junior Miss on set. L to R: Doreen Dennison, Isabel Lyon, Lorne Scott, Sheila McLaren (?).

Notes: Cast members names provided by Isabel Sokol (nee Lyon).

Name Access: Doreen Dennison

Isabel Lyon

Lorne Scott

Junior Miss

Sheila McLaren

Subject Access: drama productions



## Kathleen Emily Kenner fonds

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions4304>

Part Of: RG 1 Brandon College fonds

Description Level: Sub-series

Series Number: MG 2 2.1

Accession Number: 29-1997

GMD: textual records

Date Range: 1921-1936: predominant 1921-25

Physical Description: 7.5 cm

## History /

### Biographical:

Kathleen Emily Kenner was born in Pierson, Manitoba on December 6, 1903. Her father, W.S. Kenner, was a General Merchant there. Kathleen had one brother, Ewing. She took her early education in Pierson, then moved to Brandon to take her Grade XI course in 1919. The following year, Kathleen moved to the Clark Hall Annex on Louise and 11th, in order to attend Brandon College (B.C.) as a student in the Music Department. In the fall of 1921, she entered the Arts Department of Brandon College. During her time at the college, Kathleen was very involved with student life. She was elected Lady Stick for the school year 1924-1925, the highest position in student government that a woman could attain. In the spring of 1925, she graduated with her B.A., then began studies in the Faculty of Education at the University of Toronto.

Kathleen taught school in Melfort, Saskatchewan from approximately 1930-1949, and for several years after that was an instructor at the Saskatchewan Government Correspondence School. Sometime during this period, Kathleen left to serve in the Air Force during the Second World War.

Kathleen Kenner married William A. Kennedy in 1950, and through marriage she gained one son, John Kennedy, and two daughters, Mrs. Claire H. A. Still and Mrs. Janet Sheridan. Around the same time, Kathleen and William moved to Winnipeg, Manitoba where Kathleen was very active in the church and the community. Kathleen Kenner Kennedy died suddenly on November 28, 1967 at the age of 61.

### Custodial History:

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

### Scope and Content:

The Kathleen Kenner Fonds are organized in three series:

Series 1 – scrapbook (6.5 cm.)

Series 2 - file of correspondence (8 mm.)

Series 3 - newspaper clippings (1 mm.)

The scrapbook contains pictures of Kathleen's life and times at Brandon College and the University in Toronto. There are pictures of students and friends, Brandon College, the University of Toronto, Victoria College, Toronto City Hall, Grandpa Ewing's Farm in Ontario, grad pictures, a train station, and much more. The pictures show dress, women's activities, the ladies' Basketball team, and what Brandon itself looked like in the 1920's. She also included personal notes, cards, invitations to dinners, dances, and luncheons, poems, dance cards, hockey tickets, and various other university mementos.

There are numerous newspaper clippings. One file contains poetry, mainly from her friend Mary McLaughlin MacDonald, letters from her father and mother, a list of College yells, and a copy of "Hail Our College". Kenner has various excerpts from The Quill, letters from former students, and a grapho-analyst report (1933) that she received. An interesting possession in this collection are two speeches that Kenner delivered and kept originals of. The first is her reply to being nominated for Lady Stick in 1924. The second is a speech that she made when she invested her duties of Lady Stick to the new Lady Stick, Rose Vasey in 1925.

Notes: A portion of the description was written by Kathleen Scammell (2000).

Name Access: Kathleen Kenner  
Rose Vasey  
Mary McLaughlin MacDonald  
Lady Stick



Subject Access: scrapbooks  
memorabilia  
student activities

Storage Location: MG 2 Brandon College Students  
2.1 Kathleen Emily Kenner



## Literary shield program costumes

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions10095>

Part Of: Ruth and Archie MacLachlan fonds

Description Level: Item

Series Number: MG 2 2.33

Item Number: 23-2009.2

Accession Number: 23-2009

GMD: graphic

Date Range: 1932-1933

Physical Description: 2.25" x 3.5" (b/w)

Custodial History:

See fonds level description for custodial history.

Scope and Content:

Photograph of (L to R): Dorothy Webb (?), Dorreene McGuinness and Ruth Wade in costume for the Class of 1933's program in the Literary Shield competition.

Name Access: Dorothy Flora Webb  
Dorreene Louise McGuinness  
Ruth Alverda Wade  
Literary Shield  
Class of 1933

Subject Access: student activities  
drama  
costumes

Storage Location: RG 5 photograph storage drawer  
23-2009

Arrangement:

Photograph is from page three of Ruth MacLachlan's scrapbook.

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## Literary shield program costumes

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions10096>

Part Of: Ruth and Archie MacLachlan fonds

Description Level: Item

Series Number: MG 2 2.33

Item Number: 23-2009.7

Accession Number: 23-2009

GMD: graphic

Date Range: 1932-1933

Physical Description: 2.5" x 3.25" (b/w)

Custodial History:

See fonds level description for custodial history.

Scope and Content:

Photograph of (L to R): Marionne Scott (?), Agnes Lund and Ruth Thornton in costume for the Class of 1933's program in the Literary Shield competition.

Name Access: Marionne Scott  
Agnes Merle Lund  
Ruth Thornton  
Literary Shield  
Class of 1933

Subject Access: student activities  
drama  
costumes

Storage Location: RG 5 photograph storage drawer  
23-2009

Related Material: Marionne Scott fonds (MG 2 2.29)

Arrangement:

Photograph is from page five of Ruth MacLachlan's scrapbook.

### Images

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## Literary shield program costumes

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions10097>

Part Of: Ruth and Archie MacLachlan fonds

Description Level: Item



Series Number: MG 2 2.33  
Item Number: 23-2009.4  
Accession Number: 23-2009  
GMD: graphic  
Date Range: 1932-1933  
Physical Description: 2.25" x 3.5" (b/w)  
Custodial History:

See fonds level description for custodial history.

Scope and Content:

Photograph of (L to R): Dorothy Webb (?), Dorreene McGuinness and Ruth Wade in costume for the Class of 1933's program in the Literary Shield competition.

Name Access: Dorothy Flora Webb  
Dorreene Louise McGuinness  
Ruth Alverda Wade  
Literary Shield  
Class of 1933

Subject Access: student activities  
drama  
costumes

Storage Location: RG 5 photograph storage drawer  
23-2009

Arrangement:

Photograph is from page five of Ruth MacLachlan's scrapbook.

## Images

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Class of 1933 girls in costume for the literary shield



<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions10098>

Part Of: Ruth and Archie MacLachlan fonds

Description Level: Item

Series Number: MG 2 2.33

Item Number: 23-2003.5

Accession Number: 23-2009

GMD: graphic

Date Range: 1932-1933

Physical Description: 2.25" x 3.5" (b/w)

Custodial History:

See fonds level description for custodial history.

Scope and Content:

Photograph of the girls from the Class of 1933 in costume for their program in the Literary Shield competition. Back Row (L to R): Viola Olmstead or Margaret Strachan, Marionne Scott (?), Agnes Lund, Dorothy Webb (?), Ruth Wade, Elenanor McKinnon (?), ? and Dorreene McGuinness. Front Row (L to R): Ruth Thornton, Grace Armstrong, ?, Grace Hopkins and Florence Simpson.

Name Access: Edith Louise Batho  
Dorothy Flora Webb  
Dorreene Louise McGuinness  
Ruth Alverda Wade  
Viola Olmstead  
Margaret Evelyn Strachan  
Agnes Merle Lund  
Eleanor Madeleine McKinnon  
Ruth Thornton  
Grace Armstrong  
Grace Darling Hopkins  
Florence Simpson  
Literary Shield  
Class of 1933

Subject Access: student activities  
drama  
costumes

Storage Location: RG 5 photograph storage drawer  
23-2009

Arrangement:

Photograph is from page five of Ruth MacLachlan's scrapbook.

## Images

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## Class of 1933 girls in costume for the literary shield

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions10099>

Part Of: Ruth and Archie MacLachlan fonds

Description Level: Item

Series Number: MG 2 2.33

Item Number: 23-2009.6

Accession Number: 23-2009

GMD: graphic

Date Range: 1932-1933

Physical Description: 2.25" x 3.5" (b/w)

Custodial History:

See fonds level description for custodial history.

Scope and Content:

Photograph of the girls from the Class of 1933 in costume for their program in the Literary Shield competition.

Name Access: Literary Shield

Class of 1933

Subject Access: student activities

drama

costumes

Storage Location: RG 5 photograph storage drawer

23-2009

Arrangement:

Photograph is from page five of Ruth MacLachlan's scrapbook.

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## Snowshoe party

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions9020>

Part Of: Maureen Johnson collection

Description Level: Item

Series Number: 10-2009

Item Number: 10-2009.8

Accession Number: 10-2009

GMD: graphic

Date Range: c. 1920

Physical Description: 1200 x 815 (219 KB)

Material Details: JPEG

### Custodial History:

See collection level description of the Maureen Johnson collection (10-2009) for custodial history.

### Scope and Content:

Candid photograph of various Brandon College students wearing snowshoes standing around a barrel sunk in the snow.

Subject Access: student activities

winter sports

Storage Location: T:\Library\Archives\Shared.02\photos\2009 Accessions

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## Snowshoe party

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions9021>

Part Of: Maureen Johnson collection

Description Level: Item

Series Number: 10-2009

Item Number: 10-2009.9

Accession Number: 10-2009

GMD: graphic

Date Range: c. 1920

Physical Description: 1200 x 804 (367 KB)

Material Details: JPEG

### Custodial History:

See collection level description of the Maureen Johnson collection (10-2009) for custodial history.

### Scope and Content:

Group photograph of various Brandon College students during a snowshoeing party.

Subject Access: **student activities**

**winter sports**

Storage Location: T:\Library\Archives\Shared.02\photos\2009 Accessions

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## Snowshoe party

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions9022>

Part Of: Maureen Johnson collection

Description Level: Item

Series Number: 10-2009

Item Number: 10-2009.10

Accession Number: 10-2009

GMD: graphic

Date Range: c. 1920

Physical Description: 1076 x 716 (196 KB)

Material Details: JPEG

### Custodial History:

See collection level description of the Maureen Johnson collection (10-2009) for custodial history.

### Scope and Content:

Group photograph of various Brandon College students during a snowshoeing party taken in front of some kind of building in a wooded area.

Subject Access: **student activities**

**winter sports**

Storage Location: T:\Library\Archives\Shared.02\photos\2009 Accessions

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## 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
	rectials
	concerts
	commencement
	graduation banquet
	programmes
Storage Location:	arts and library building
	2016 accessions