

# S. J. McKee Archives



## Lorelei Cederstrom fonds

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions3989>

Part Of: RG 6 Brandon University fonds

Description Level: Sub-series

Series Number: MG 3 1.4

Accession Number: 14-2005

GMD: textual records

Date Range: 1972-1998

Physical Description: 98 cm

History /

Biographical:

Lorelei Cederstrom (nee Sajeck) was born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin on August 16, 1938. She obtained her B.A. from Valparaiso University in 1959 with majors in English and Music, and her M.A. in English from Carleton University in 1969. She was employed by the University of Manitoba as a teaching assistant in the English Department and Lecturer in the Evening and Extension Division from 1971 - c. 1979. In 1980, she began her career at Brandon University as an Assistant English Professor with BUNTEP/Impacte.

With James C. Cederstrom she had two children, a son and a daughter. Lorelei Cederstrom passed away in Brandon, Manitoba on July 27, 2002.

Scope and Content:

Fonds contains course materials, course outlines, grades, notebooks, correspondence, memos, minutes for various University committees, English Department records, publications and research. The latter includes material on Doris Lessing and Walt Whitman.

Name Access: Lorelei Cederstrom

Subject Access: English Department

Accruals: None expected

Access Restriction: Permission of the Archivist required for access to the files.

Storage Location: MG 3 Brandon University Teaching and Administration  
1.4 Lorelei Cederstrom

Related Material: RG 6 Brandon University fonds  
Series 7: Faculties and Schools  
7.1 Faculty of Arts

## Henri Francq fonds

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions3998>

Part Of: RG 6 Brandon University fonds

Description Level: Sub-series



Series Number: MG 3 1.8  
Accession Number: 12-1999  
GMD: textual records  
Date Range: 1965-1990  
Physical Description: 81.5 cm  
Physical Condition: Excellent  
History /  
Biographical:

Henri Georges Francq was born September 11, 1904 in Charleroi, Belgium. He was educated at Licencie L.S.C. in Antwerp (1924) before joining he father's import/export firm. He lived in France, Algeria and Spain before emigrating to Canada in the early 1960s. Francq obtained Canadian citizenship in 1975.

In 1963-1964, Francq taught French at Swan River Collegiate, before joining the faculty of Brandon University in 1964. For the next ten years Francq taught French, Linguistics and French Literature, and from 1970-1972 he was Acting Head of the Department of French. Francq also organized several French festivals in Brandon and lectures of visiting professors from France and the University of Alberta, and introduced the program of Voix et Images de France at Brandon University. After his retirement in 1974, he was accorded the status of Professor Emeritus (French).

During his career Francq was also the head of the Department of French at the Banff Summer School of Fine Arts (1968), and invited to give lectures and poetry recitals (in French) at: St. Boniface College; the University of Calgary; the University of Regina; the University of Saskatchewan (Saskatoon); Simon Fraser University; the University of Victoria; and the University of Western Ontario. In addition to these activities, Francq was also a prolific writer; he is the author of approximately fourteen fiction and non-fiction books in both English and French, as well as numerous articles. His wide interests included satire and history, as well as fiction.

Henri Francq, who was survived by his wife Yvonne, died in Brandon on May 5, 1991.

#### Custodial History:

The records in accession 12-1999 were donated to the McKee Archives in May 1990.

#### Scope and Content:

Fonds consists of correspondence, original manuscripts and published versions of fiction, non-fiction works and research materials.

Repro Restriction: Copyright for this material remains with the Francq estate.  
Storage Location: MG 3 Brandon University Teaching and Administration  
1.8 Henri Francq  
Related Material: RG 6, Series 7, Sub-series 7.1 (Dean of Arts) contains a file on Henri Francq.

## Documents



## George F. MacDowell collection

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

Part Of:	RG 6 Brandon University fonds
Description Level:	Sub-series
Series Number:	MG 3 1.12
Accession Number:	9-2002
GMD:	textual records
Date Range:	1941-1987, predominant 1960-1982
Physical Description:	8.1 m
Physical Condition:	Good
History / Biographical:	

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

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

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

Custodial History:

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

Scope and Content:

The bulk of this fonds falls into five main categories:

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

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

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

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

Subject Access:	economics
	trade unions
	economics curriculum
	public service unions
	prairie politics
	Edward Schreyer government
	labour
	Manitoba business loans
	government economic reports
Access Restriction:	Collection includes financial data on many Manitoba businesses. Consult the archivist for access.
Repro Restriction:	Researchers are responsible for observing Canadian copyright restrictions.
Storage Location:	MG 3 Brandon University Teaching and Administration 1.12 George F. MacDowell
Related Material:	Related material regarding George MacDowell's involvement with the A.E. McKenzie Company can be found in RG 3 McS A.E. McKenzie Company fonds.



## John Welsted fonds

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions4050>

Part Of: RG 6 Brandon University fonds  
Description Level: Sub-series  
Series Number: MG 3 1.7  
Accession Number: 21-2003, 04-2007  
GMD: textual records  
Date Range: 1965-2001  
Physical Description: 21 pages of textual records; approximately 4500 slides  
Physical Condition: Excellent

### History /

#### Biographical:

John Welsted was born in Norwich, England on December 6, 1935. In 1958, he received his B.Sc. from the University of Bristol. He obtained his M.Sc. from McGill University in 1960, and his post-graduate certificate in Education from the University of Bristol in 1961. He completed his Ph.D. at the University of Bristol in 1971.

In the early 1960s, Welsted taught at high schools in Midenhead, England and in Oromocto, New Brunswick. In 1964-1965, he was an Instructor in the Geography Department at the University of Bristol, and in the summers of 1965-1967, he completed fieldwork in New Brunswick and Nova Scotia. Welsted joined the faculty of Brandon College/University in 1965, as a member of the Geography Department. There he taught courses and served as Acting Head in 1968. John Welsted retired from Brandon University in 1997.

With his wife June, Welsted had two children: Alison and Ian. He later married Kathleen Georgison and became stepfather to Kjirsten, Paul, Peter and Hayley. John Welsted died in Victoria, BC on September 21, 2009.

#### Custodial History:

The document was donated to the Archives on November 5, 2001 by Dr. John Welsted of the Geography Department. The slides were donated by Welsted in August 2006.

#### Scope and Content:

Fonds consists of a paper, 21 pages in length, titled "Geography at Brandon University: 1962-2001."

It also contains human and physical geography slides of Manitoba and areas other than Manitoba. The slides were created by John Welsted as visual aids for use in his teaching and for use in publications by himself and the Geography Department. They constitute a unique record of the geography of southwestern Manitoba in the later half of the twentieth century.

Notes: All commercially produced slides were culled. An inventory by subject and by box is available.

Subject Access: geography, slides

Storage Location: MG 3 Brandon University Teaching and Administration  
1.7 John Welsted

#### Arrangement:

Welsted organized the slides topically and we have adhered to his original order in the arrangement of the slides in our arrangement.



## D.R. MacKay fonds

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions4052>

Part Of: RG 6 Brandon University fonds

Description Level: Sub-series

Accession Number: 14-2000

Other Numbers: MG 3 1.9

GMD: textual records

Physical Condition: Good

History /

Biographical:

See RG 6, series 4, sub-series 4.2 (Office of the Vice-President (Administration & Finance)) for biographical information on D.R. MacKay.

Custodial History:

Records were accessioned by the McKee Archives in 2000. Previous custodial history is unknown.

Scope and Content:

Fonds consists of personal correspondence and financial records of D.R. MacKay.

Access Restriction: Personal correspondence is restricted. Consult the Archivist for access.

Related Material: Additional records relating to D.R. MacKay are located in RG 6, series 4, sub-series 4.2 (Office of the Vice-President (Administration & Finance)); and RG 6, series 10 (Office of Development).



## Donald Wheeler fonds

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions4069>

Part Of: RG 6 Brandon University fonds

Description Level: Sub-series

Series Number: MG 3 1.13

GMD: textual records

Date Range: 1934-1994

Physical Description: 2.5 cm

## History /

### Biographical:

Donald N. Wheeler taught Economics at Brandon University between 1970-1980. He received his B.A. from Reed College in 1935 and two years later graduated with a B.A. First Class in the Final Honour School of Philosophy, Politics, and Economics at Oxford. From 1937-1938, he pursued studies as a Candidate for Doctorat en Droit in the Faculty of Law at the University of Paris. He received his M.A. and Ph.D. (1975) from Oxford University.

Upon his return to the United States in 1933, Wheeler became an Instructor of Government at Yale University. From 1939 through 1941, he was a research economist for the U.S. Treasury department and the Senate Banking and Currency Committee. With the outbreak of World War Two, Wheeler was assigned to the State Department, where he worked as a section chief in the Research and Analysis Branch of the OSS until 1946. Following the war, Wheeler became a casualty of McCarthyism and spent the majority of the next twenty years farming in Washington State.

Wheeler returned to academic life in 1965, as a professor of Economics at Franconia College; he resigned from the position in 1968 and returned to Oxford University as a Candidate for a Doctorate in Philosophy.

While at Brandon University, Wheeler was a member of the Senate, and served on committees of BUFA, the Faculty of Arts and the Board of Governors. He taught courses in economic development, economic history, the history of economic thought and agricultural economics. Wheeler was named Professor Emeritus of Brandon University in 1986.

Donald Wheeler died in Seattle on November 8, 2002.

### Custodial History:

Following the death of Professor Wheeler, his daughter put together a collection of his writings. A copy was given to Errol Black, who then donated it to the Archives on March 31, 2006.

### Scope and Content:

Fonds consists of "The Collected Writings of Donald Niven Wheeler" edited by Honeybee Wheeler Burns, transcribed by Susan E. Wheeler and published by Linda M. Elias. Fonds also includes a draft of Imperialism and Revolution in Afghanistan prepared by Wheeler and dated April 1, 1986.

Notes:	Some of the biographical information on Donald Wheeler was taken from an article in "The Quill" (December 11, 1986).
Storage Location:	RG 6 Brandon University fonds MG 3 Brandon University Teaching and Administration 1.13 Donald Wheeler
Related Material:	Wheeler's papers are in the Archives of the University of Washington and his library will be donated to the George A. Meyers Collection at Frostburg University in Maryland.

There is a great deal of correspondence between Wheeler and Errol Black in the Errol Black fonds (MG 3 1.1).



## FOCUS

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions4224>

Part Of: RG 6 Brandon University fonds



Description Level: Sub-series  
Series Number: 9.2  
GMD: textual records  
Date Range: 1971-1973  
Physical Description: 24 cm

History /

Biographical:

The FOCUS (For an Open Campus within the University System) program grew out of an innovative proposal submitted to the Department of Youth and Education (Planning and Research) in the Fall of 1971. The proposal, prepared by Evan H. Pepper (Brandon University), carried the recommendation of the Inter-University Committee on Summer and Evening Sessions. The original proposal aimed at reaching individuals who were denied access to university by virtue of geographical isolation or inadequate educational background. It also provided a more effective method of supplying course materials to remote areas. Finally, the course content was deliberately planned to include large components of discussion, feed-back, evaluation and self-direction. While the original proposal was designed to deliver a course in Environmental Biology, with a rather modest budget, the final project was altered in several ways. The budget was increased substantially and additional courses were added. The delivery systems and teaching strategies remained essentially unchanged.

Following several trips to the north, teaching centres and discussion leaders were selected for the two courses: Biology, which was offered in The Pas, Gillam, Leaf Rapids and Churchill; and Economics, which was offered in The Pas, Flin Flon, Thompson, Gillam and Leaf Rapids.

Each course in each centre had a person serving as a discussion leader, equipment operator, and liaison with the southern instructors. Each centre was supplied with library reference materials, a video-tape recorder, video-camera, video-monitor, an Instamatic camera, an audio-tape recorder and cassettes, and assorted instructional materials. The courses were organized in such a way that a certain amount of material was standardized and inflexible, while the remainder of the course content was determined by the students to meet their special interests and needs. The video-taped materials that were prepared in the south served as "discussion stimulators" to which the students at each centre reacted and responded. The students, in turn, prepared audio- and video-tapes that were to be sent south for evaluation and response.

The FOCUS project was funded by the Provincial Government, although students did pay tuition for each of the courses. Arrangements were made for financial assistance for some students.

The goals of the FOCUS program were: to deliver university degree-credit courses to small, sparsely-populated, remote locations in Manitoba, north of the 53rd parallel; to deliver university degree-credit courses to individuals who have not previously been involved in traditional university programs; to relate university degree-credit courses to the local community, wherever possible, and to respond to the educational needs of the community; to provide learning that is inter-disciplinary; to utilize, to the fullest, the resources of the local community and its members; to promote lifelong learning and motivation to action; to provide for course and curriculum flexibility and a program that would satisfy individual differences in learning rates.

Notes: The information in the History/Bio field was taken from documents found in the FOCUS files. The document was most likely written by Evan H. Pepper.

Storage Location: RG 6 Brandon University fonds  
Series 9: Department of Extension



## Dale Lakevold fonds

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions4225>

Part Of: RG 6 Brandon University fonds

Description Level: Sub-series

Series Number: MG 3 1.11

Accession Number: 7-1999

GMD: textual records

Date Range: ca. 1999

Physical Description: 1 document

History /

Biographical:

Dale Lakevold lives in Minnedosa, Manitoba. His work has been produced primarily in Manitoba, including the North. He was a finalist for the John Hirsch Award in 1999. Alder and Ringe published his play *Misty Lake*, written with Darrell Racine, in 2001 and by Kingfisher in the anthology *Voice of the Drum* in 2000. Loon Books (MB) will publish *Misty Lake* in a new edition in 2005. Dale's play *Track Records* won the Du Maurier National Playwriting Competition for One-Act Play in 1996. He has been a member of the Manitoba Association of Playwrights since 1993. Dale teaches English and creative writing part-time at Brandon University and is a member of the Manitoba Association of Playwrights and the Playwrights' Guild of Canada.

Scope and Content:

Fonds consists of a copy of "Tales from Brandon University 1899-1999," a script for a performance during the 1999 Brandon University Foundation dinner.

Notes: Information in the History/Bio field was taken from the Brandon University website at [http://www.brandonu.ca/News/article.asp?A\\_ID=631](http://www.brandonu.ca/News/article.asp?A_ID=631) (February 16, 2006).

Name Access: Brandon University Foundation

Repro Restriction: Copyright: Dale Lakevold

Storage Location: MG 3 Brandon University Teaching and Administration  
1.15 Dale Lakevold



## Raymond R. Bailey fonds

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions4229>

Part Of: RG 1 Brandon College fonds

Description Level: Sub-series

Series Number: MG 2 2.7

Accession Number: 10-2006, 11-2006.

GMD: textual records

Date Range: 1940-1944, 2005

Physical Description: 1 file (0.5 cm)  
1 book, 491 pp.(3.75 cm)  
3 yearbooks

Physical Condition: Very good

## History /

### Biographical:

Ray Bailey was born in Brandon Manitoba in 1922. A Bachelor of Science degree from Brandon College in 1944 completed his education there. Following a short stint as a Chemist he entered the University of Manitoba. There, in 1946, he earned a Diploma in Education. Subsequent study brought a Master of Education degree in 1966. In 1973, he was awarded a Canada Council grant for additional studies.

He began his teaching career at Killarney, MB in March 1946, teaching science. Later he held teaching and administrative positions in Melita, Morris and Seven Oaks School Divisions. He retired as Principal of Arthur E. Wright Elementary School in 1986. Bailey was active in the Manitoba Teachers Society and the Manitoba Library Trustees Association. In 1973, the city of Winnipeg gave him a community service award. In 2005, he was a recipient of the Brandon University Alumni Association's Distinguished Alumni Award.

He married Joan Pettipher in 1949. They had four children, Ronald, Ann, Mary and Robert. Joan Bailey died in 1988. Raymond Bailey lived in Winnipeg with his wife Barbara until his death on July 23, 2015.

### Custodial History:

Book was acquired at a book launch sponsored by Pennywise Books, Brandon, Manitoba in January 2006. The Brandon College documents were probably collected by Bailey during his time as a student in the early 1940s. He donated them to the McKee Archives in November 1994. The yearbooks were delivered to the Archives by Gerald Brown for Bailey in April 2008.

### Scope and Content:

Fonds consists of an autographed copy of Bailey's book "tadpole to Little Frog (in a big pond)." It also includes three Brandon Collegiate Institute yearbooks the New Era for 1938-40, one file of Brandon College records, including eligibility lists for the Students' Association, a Physics IV test, a letter to Bailey excusing him from non-combat duty due to his work as an assistant in the Chemistry Department, a dance program for the Valentine Formal (1943), a freshman reception list and a program/invitation to a musical evening at the home of Martin Johns, Professor in the Physics Department.

Notes:	History/Bio information taken from the author description in Bailey's book. Description by Christy Henry.
Name Access:	Raymond Bailey
Subject Access:	autobiography the Depression Manitoba history War years Brandon College
Location Copy:	Photocopies of some of the lists are located in the file with the originals.
Storage Location:	MG 2 Brandon College Students 2.7 Raymond R. Bailey



## Archibald P. McDiarmid

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions4239>

Part Of: RG 1 Brandon College fonds

Description Level: Sub-series

Series Number: 2.1

GMD: textual records

Date Range: 1899-1912

Physical Description: 1.71 m

History /

Biographical:

Dr. McDiarmid was born in 1852 in Yarmouth, County Elgin, Ontario to John and Christina McDiarmid. He graduated from grammar school at St. Thomas and from the Canadian Literary Institute at Woodstock. Dr. McDiarmid was the prize man every year at the University of Toronto and won the silver medal in metaphysics in 1875, his graduating year. He was a student pastor at Clarence Baptist Church his junior year at Toronto. In 1876 he received the Master of Arts degree. McDiarmid attended the Rochester Theological Seminary in Rochester, NY. The Board of Woodstock College subsequently offered him a position as Examiner of Metaphysics and Logic. McDiarmid also worked as a pastor at Strathroy and Point Hope.

In 1886 he was called to be the minister of First Church, Ottawa. His scholarly preaching and warm, personal sympathy greatly increased the church membership. McDiarmid went to Brooklyn, NY for two years. He was then appointed Secretary of the Foreign Mission Society of the Ontario and Quebec Convention. In 1899, at age 47, Dr. McDiarmid was asked by the Western Baptist Committee to assume headship of the newly formed Brandon College. McDiarmid accepted the offer and became the first Principal in 1899. In 1910 his position title was changed to President. Dr. McDiarmid retired in 1912 and moved to Robson, B.C., where he owned a farm. He died on January 24, 1946 at the age of 94 in Robson.

Scope and Content:

Dr. McDiarmid's papers contain a wide variety of items. Because the positions of Bursar and Registrar would not be created until 1910, it was McDiarmid who handled all of the finances of the college. The collection includes letters from prospective students and room requests. The tenders for the building of Brandon College are also in this collection. There is substantial correspondence on the Baptist's fundraising efforts, and lists of pledges and subscriptions. There is also correspondence regarding the quest for a university charter, and the eventual affiliation with McMaster University.

Name Access: Archibald P. McDiarmid

Storage Location: RG 1 Brandon College fonds  
Series 2: Office of the Principal/President



## Howard Primrose Whidden

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions4240>

Part Of: RG 1 Brandon College fonds

Description Level: Sub-series

Series Number: 2.2

GMD: textual records

Date Range: 1912-1923

Physical Description: 3.79 m

History /

Biographical:

Dr. Whidden was born in Antigonish, Nova Scotia in 1871. He graduated from the Department of Arts at Acadia. In 1894, he was part of the graduating class in Theology at McMaster University. After graduation, Whidden was a pastor in Morden, Manitoba and Galt, Ontario. From 1900-1903 he was Professor of Biblical Literature and English at Brandon College. In 1904, Whidden left Canada to become pastor at the First Baptist Church in Dayton, Ohio. After the retirement of Dr. McDiarmid in 1912, Dr. Whidden was asked to return to Canada to take over the position of President of Brandon College. Dr. Whidden, his wife, and their six children, Charles, Gwen, Evan, Reginald, Bruce and Howard returned to Brandon, where Dr. Whidden became the College's second President. In 1917, Dr. Whidden ran as the Union Government candidate. He won the election, and in 1918 took his position in the House of Commons. Dr. Whidden remained Brandon College President until his retirement in 1923. In 1923, he assumed the position of Chancellor of McMaster University. He retired from the Chancellorship in 1941.

Scope and Content:

Dr. Whidden's papers include substantial correspondence dealing with Baptist fundraising efforts for the college. There is also a great deal of correspondence to students from the Registrar and Bursar. Board of Director Meeting minutes are also included. The collection covers the World War I situation, and how it affected Brandon College. The 1917 election is documented. There are tenders and correspondence between Dr. Whidden and the architects who designed the Science Building. There is also correspondence dealing with the MacNeill controversy in the early 1920's.

Name Access: Howard Primrose Whidden

Storage Location: RG 1 Brandon College fonds  
Series 2: Office of the Principal/President



## Franklin W. Sweet

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions4241>

Part Of: RG 1 Brandon College fonds

Description Level: Sub-series

Series Number: 2.3

GMD: textual records

Date Range: 1923-1924

Physical Description: 60.5 cm

History /

Biographical:

Dr. Sweet was born in Dayton, Ohio. He graduated from Denison University, Granville, Ohio in 1889. In 1892 he graduated from the Rochester Theological Seminary in Rochester, NY. His first pastorate was in Adrian, Michigan, where he was ordained. Dr. Sweet served ten years at the Calvary Church in Minneapolis. In 1920, Dr. Sweet was appointed to a committee by the Northern Convention to inquire into the loyalty of schools to the historic faith of the Baptists. Sweet received his Doctor of Divinity from Denison University in 1921. He worked for the Y.M.C.A. during World War I in the United States and Overseas. After Dr. Whidden retired in 1923, Dr. Sweet was offered the position of President of Brandon College. He accepted the offer and arrived in Brandon with his wife and six children on September 10, 1923. Mrs. Sweet was a graduate of Mt. Holyoke College, and she had been a faculty member at Denison University. Dr. Sweet felt that Brandon was a call of God. He was inaugurated on October 11, 1923, and was readily accepted by students and faculty members alike.

His enthusiasm for fund raising was apparent, and he often took long trips in search of yet another subscription. He won the approval of the faculty, the students, the community and the Baptists. It was thought that Brandon College would prosper under the capable leadership of Dr. Sweet. Unfortunately, he died very suddenly at his home in Brandon on December 30, 1924. He was 55 years old. A funeral was held on January 3, 1925, and a memorial on January 7, 1925.

Scope and Content:

Because of his short term of office, there are few papers left from Dr. Sweet. The collection includes invoices from Brandon College accounts, correspondence to and from the Bursar and Registrar, and Board of Director Meeting minutes. There is considerable correspondence from Dr. Sweet to various people regarding sermon topics, foreign missionary work, and his own faith. As well, Dr. Sweet was very conscious of the need for funds to run the College. He was very involved in the fundraising efforts of the College and the Baptists on behalf of Brandon College. There is also correspondence dealing with the MacNeill controversy in the early 1920's.

Name Access: Franklin W. Sweet

Storage Location: RG 1 Brandon College fonds  
Series 2: Office of the Principal/President



## David Bovington

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions4242>

Part Of: RG 1 Brandon College fonds

Description Level: Sub-series

Series Number: 2.4

GMD: textual records

Date Range: 1925-1926

Physical Description: 26.5 cm

History /

Biographical:

Dr. Bovington was born in Gonbridge Wells, Kent County, England on December 2, 1869 to Richard and Emma Bovington (nee Deuch). He came to Canada in 1890. After training for the ministry at Woodstock College and McMaster University, where he graduated in 1899, he attended Rochester Theological Seminary before being ordained in Victoria BC. In addition to Victoria, Bovington held pastorages in Windsor and St. Thomas, ON.

Bovington married his wife Martha Lockhart (1870-1957) in Oxford, ON on January 3, 1900. The couple had at least four children: Richard Dadson (1901-1972), Marguerite Agnes (1902-1975), David L (1904-1953) and Archibald T (1906-1983).

In 1906, Bovington went to Rochester to take his Doctor of Divinity; while there he was an instructor in Systematic Theology and Homiletics. In 1915, he took his Master's in Systematic Theology at the University of Chicago. From 1916 - 1925, Bovington served as the pastor of First Baptist Church, Cleveland, OH.

In 1925, Bovington was asked to become the fourth president of Brandon College. Although he accepted the position his wife and family did not accompany him to Brandon when he arrived in the summer of 1925. Bovington resigned from the Presidency on May 24, 1926, claiming that the pressure of trying to secure funds for the financial support of the school was beyond his strength.

David Bovington died in Cleveland, OH on August 21, 1955.

### Scope and Content:

Dr. Bovington was President for only nine months. His collection includes correspondence regarding the Baptist Union of Western Canada, Modernists, and Dr. MacNeill. As well, religious field work is documented. There is quite a bit of correspondence from the Registrar and Bursar regarding student accounts. Fundraising for Brandon College is documented, especially the Davies' Fund campaign and the Endowment Fund campaign. There is quite a bit of correspondence to and from Dr. MacNeill, who was Acting President, from before Dr. Bovington arrived in Brandon and after he resigned.

Name Access: David Bovington

Harris MacNeill

Storage Location: RG 1 Brandon College fonds

Series 2: Office of the Principal/President

## John Robert Charles Evans

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions4243>



Part Of: RG 1 Brandon College fonds  
Description Level: Sub-series  
Series Number: 2.5  
GMD: textual records  
Date Range: 1928-1959  
Physical Description: 6.42 m  
History /  
Biographical:

Dr. Evans was born in Nanaimo, B.C. on March 15, 1891. In the fall of 1907, at the age of sixteen, Dr. Evans entered the Academic Department of Brandon College. He played an integral part at the College, participating in academics, sports, and various other college functions and organizations. In his final year he was Senior Stick, the highest position in the Student Government. In 1913, Dr. Evans graduated from Brandon College. Immediately after graduation he was hired to teach Science and Academic Mathematics. In 1917, he became Principal of the Academic Department, while continuing to teach Mathematics and Science. Dr. Evans took leave in 1920 to study post graduate work at the University of Chicago. During the summers, he was the Acting Dean of the Department of Geology in Chicago. He received his Ph.D. in Geology in 1923, and returned to Brandon College. His new positions at the college were of Professor of Geology and Resident Master. He also taught some Chemistry.

On August 1, 1927, Dr. Evans married Adelene M. Bailey (Class of 1921, Music 1924) at the Joseph Bond Chapel in Chicago. He took over as College Dean in 1928 after the position became vacant. In September of 1928, Dr. Evans accepted the position of President of Brandon College, thus becoming its fifth president since the college's inception. Dr. Evans was head of the college at a very difficult time. He guided the College through the Depression and repeated threats of closure from the Baptists. Dr. Evans resurrected the Department of Theology in the mid-1930's. He helped with the reorganization of Brandon College as a non-denominational college in 1938, and its new affiliation with the University of Manitoba. During World War II, Dr. Evans started a War Emergency Fund, aimed at keeping the College from sinking into debt during the war years as enrollment shrank. With increased financial support from the government, Dr. Evans began expansion plans for the College. In 1958, he created the Dr. J.R.C. Evans Student Loan Fund in conjunction with the Alumni Association in order to provide worthy students with interest-free loans. It was also in 1958 that Dr. Evans was awarded the Queen Elizabeth Coronation Medal for his outstanding contribution to education in the British Commonwealth.

On July 29, 1959, Dr. Evans died suddenly at his summer home in Robson, B.C.. On his desk was the programme for the sod-turning ceremony for the new Arts and Library Building and Lecture Theatre. When it was completed, the Lecture Theatre was christened the Dr. J.R.C. Evans Lecture Theatre on behalf of the man who had made sure that it would be built. The Theatre had been his dream, a place to hold Chapel and Assemblies, as the student body grew in number.



#### Scope and Content:

Dr. Evans collection is quite substantial, owing to the fact that he was President of Brandon College for thirty one years. His collection is primarily made up of correspondence between Dr. Evans and various people. The letters deal with students, teachers, finances, fundraising, the Bursar, the Registrar, and legal matters. The collection also includes the minutes from various meetings, including Board of Director meetings and National Conference on Canadian Universities. There are accounts dealing with World War II, its affect on campus, the C.O.T.C, and the lending of part of Brandon College to the R.C.A.F. during the war. The complete withdrawal of Baptist support for Brandon College is well documented in this collection, as is the ensuing affiliation of the College with the University of Manitoba. The Brandon College Campaign and other fundraising endeavors are documented in Evans' papers as well. Evans was bent on the expansion of Brandon College, and there is a lot of correspondence dealing with this topic. There are various financial accounts and financial histories of Brandon College in Evans' collection.

Name Access: J.R.C. Evans  
Storage Location: RG 1 Brandon College fonds  
Series 2: Office of the Principal/President



## John E. Robbins

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions4244>

Part Of: RG 1 Brandon College fonds  
Description Level: Sub-series  
Series Number: 2.6  
GMD: textual records  
Date Range: 1960-1967

## History /

### Biographical:

Dr. John Everett Robbins was born 9 October 1903 in Hampton, Ontario the son of John and Gertrude (Brown) Robbins. He married Catherine St. Denis on 11 June 1934 in Ogdens, New York. John Robbins was raised in Darlingford, Manitoba. He attended the University of Manitoba graduating with a B.A. Hon 1928 and M.A. in 1929. Dr. Robbins completed a Ph.D at the University of Ottawa in 1935. From 1936-1951 he was Director of the Education Division, Dominion Bureau of Statistics.

Dr. Robbins helped to found the Canadian Association for Adult Education, the Social Science Research Council of Canada, the Humanities Research Council of Canada, the United Nations Association in Canada, and the Canadian Citizenship Council. In 1942 he became a member of the Board of Directors of Carlton University. Dr. Robbins was active in UNESCO work: he was a member of Canadian Government delegations to foreign conferences, and, in 1951-52, he spent a year as Director of an educational project for Palestinian Refugees in the Middle East.

In 1960, while editor-in-chief of the newly compiled "Encyclopedia Canadiana," Dr. Robbins was asked to become President of Brandon College. From 1960 to 1967, he oversaw construction of the Arts and Library Building and Lecture Theatre, a Men's Residence, a Dining Hall, a Heating Plant, a Ladies' Residence, a Music Building, a Physical Education Building and an Education Building. After the university charter was granted in 1967, Dr. Robbins was installed as the first President of Brandon University.

After his retirement from Brandon University Dr. Robbins was appointed Canadian Ambassador to the Vatican 1970-73. In the years after his departure from Brandon, he held many positions including President of World Federalists of Canada 1977-79 and President of the Canadian Writers Foundation 1976-78. Dr. Robbins served as Executive Chairman and Treasurer of Amnesty International in Canada 1973-75.

He was the recipient of an honorary LLD from the University of Manitoba (1967), Carleton University (1969) and Brandon University (1974). In 1994, the title President Emeritus of Brandon University was conferred on John Robbins by the Board of Governors of the University. Dr. Robbins died in 1995, at the age of 91.

### Scope and Content:

Dr. Robbins' administrative records are located in the Brandon University fonds.

Notes:	Dr. John E. Robbins archival papers are held at the Library and Archives Canada.
Name Access:	<b>John E. Robbins</b>
Storage Location:	RG 1 Brandon College fonds Series 2: Office of the Principal/President
Related Material:	See RG 6, series 3 (Office of the President) for additional records regarding John E. Robbins.



## Lady Stick's notes

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions4251>

Part Of: RG 1 Brandon College fonds

Description Level: Sub-series

Series Number: 8.1

GMD: textual records

Date Range: 1938-1965

Physical Description: 7 cm

### Scope and Content:

These records consist of notes that Lady Sticks have written regarding functions during their term in office. The records contain suggestions for future Lady Sticks on how to deal with certain aspects of the job.

Storage Location: RG 1 Brandon College fonds  
Series 8: Brandon College Students Association



## Memorial gymnasium book

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions4252>

Part Of: RG 1 Brandon College fonds

Description Level: Sub-series

Series Number: 8.2

GMD: textual records

Date Range: 1923-1932

Physical Description: 7 cm

### Scope and Content:

This book contains the minutes of Memorial Gymnasium Committee meetings during the years 1923 to 1932. There is also a subscription card within the book.

Storage Location: RG 1 Brandon College fonds  
Series 8: Brandon College Students Association



## Minutes

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions4253>

Part Of: RG 1 Brandon College fonds

Description Level: Sub-series

Series Number: 8.3

GMD: textual records

Date Range: 1919-1967, 1948-1965

Physical Description: 9 cm

Scope and Content:

These are the minutes of meetings of the Literary Board.

Subject Access: literary board

Storage Location: RG 1 Brandon College fonds  
Series 8: Brandon College Students Association



## Expansion Fund Committee

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions4254>

Part Of: RG 1 Brandon College fonds

Description Level: Sub-series

Series Number: 8.4

GMD: textual records

Date Range: 1959-1962

Physical Description: 1 cm

Scope and Content:

Includes minutes of the Expansion Fund committee.

Storage Location: RG 1 Brandon College fonds  
Series 8: Brandon College Students Association



## Athletic board finance

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions4255>

Part Of: RG 1 Brandon College fonds

Description Level: Sub-series

Series Number: 8.5

GMD: textual records

Date Range: 1935-1951

Physical Description: 2 cm

### Scope and Content:

These records are a financial statement for the Athletic Board. It includes all expenditures and credits for the years included.

Storage Location: RG 1 Brandon College fonds

Series 8: Brandon College Students Association