

S. J. McKee Archives



Errol Black collection

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions3992>

Part Of:	RG 6 Brandon University fonds
Description Level:	Sub-series
Series Number:	MG 3 1.1
GMD:	multiple media
Date Range:	1909-2010
Physical Description:	4.2 m textual records; 5 cassette tapes; 2 cd roms, 110 photographs (colour and b/w) various sizes

History /

Biographical:

Errol Black was born on September 8, 1939 in Brandon, Manitoba. He was the son of Thomas Alexander Black, who immigrated to Canada from Limerick, Ireland in 1929, and Roberta Jean (nee Groat) Black, a native of Chatham, New Brunswick. Black attended King George Elementary, Earl Haig Junior High, Brandon Collegiate Institute for Grade 10, and completed high school through correspondence courses for Grades 11 and 12. He left school in 1956 to work a variety of jobs in Brandon, Calgary and on the west coast. He spent a short time in the Royal Canadian Navy. Errol Black undertook post-secondary education at Brandon College (1963-1965, graduated with a B.A.), the University of Alberta (1965-1967, graduated 1973 with an M.A. in economics) and Warwick University (1975-1977). Black taught economics at Brandon University from 1970 until his retirement in 2002. Following retirement he was granted Professor Emeritus status in 2003.

Errol Black has published three books, as well as many articles and reports in leading academic journals. He has a longstanding interest in the history of organized labour and working-class politics in Brandon. These remain important themes in his research and writing. He served on the Executive of the Brandon University Faculty Association for many years, and was President of the Manitoba Organization of Faculty Associations for two years. Black is also a member of the Brandon District Labour Council, a founding member of the Manitoba branch of the Canadian centre for Policy Alternatives, and a board member of the Brandon Regional Health Authority (2000-2006). He was elected to Brandon City Council in 1998, and for a second term in 2001. In 1999 he was the federal NDP candidate for Brandon-Souris.

Black married Margaret Millard from Waskada, MB in 1961, with whom he had three sons: Sean, Dennis and Tom.

Custodial History:

Accession 17-1997 was originally owned by Jim Davis, brother to Communist activist Stanley Forkin. Taimi Davis, Jim Davis' wife, mailed the collection from her residence in Ontario to Errol Black in 1994. Professor Black donated the collection to the McKee Archives. Accession 02-2003 was donated to the Archives in November 2002 by Errol Black. Accession 15-2003 was donated to the Archives on April 30, 2003 by Errol Black. Accession 17-2003 was donated to the Archives on July 15, 2003 by Errol Black.

Scope and Content:

The collection consists of a number of accessions. Accession 17-1997, dating from 1935-1936, consists of twelve of the thirteen issues of the "Unemployed Worker," published in

Brandon in the 1930s. The "Unemployed Worker" was the organ of the Brandon Unemployed Workers' Council. This Council, like its counterparts in other communities, was created by Canadian Communist Party militants. The "Unemployed Worker" covered the activities of the Unemployed Workers' Council, the plight of Brandon's unemployed, efforts by the city's unemployed to improve their lives, and City Council decisions, specifically those regarding relief policy.

Accession 02-2003, dating 1917, 1936-1939, 1970-2002 (predominant 1970-2002), contains extensive correspondence from former Brandon University Economic Professor Don Wheeler to Errol Black. In addition, the accession contains an important body of correspondence received by Professor Black from Taimi Davis written by Pat Forkin and his wife Pheobe Forkin to family members in Canada during the years 1936-1939, while Pat was a Moscow based correspondent for the Canadian Communist Party Clarion. The accession also contains personal correspondence of Errol Black dating from ca. 1970, drafts of papers, newspaper clippings, pamphlets related to labour and labour political matters. Two publications of note include: "Labour in Brandon" published by the Brandon and District Labour Council and a student guide to labour law written by George MacDowell. The accession also contains several documents related to Black's involvement in the provincial Industrial Adjustment Committee.

Accession 15-2003, dating 1930-2002 (predominant 1930-1939; 1971-2002), contains extensive clippings from the Canadian Communist Party publications "The Worker" and the "Daily Clarion" from the years 1930-1939; twenty-one personal and family photographs (b/w 3x5) of the Forkin family of Brandon, many of whom were active in the Canadian Communist Party; various historical photographs (b/w 8x10) related to the history of labour in Brandon, Manitoba; personal files containing correspondence, letters and opinion pieces to various newspapers, course outlines, research materials and draft publications, arbitration awards and documents related to Black's involvement with the Manitoba Organization of Faculty Associations (MOFA).

Accession 17-2003, dating 1970-2002, contains correspondence, a manuscript of an autobiography written by Black's father Tom Black, research files, letters to the editor and draft publications by Errol Black.

Accession 3-2011, dating 1909-2010, contains an extensive record of newspaper clippings often of Professor Black's correspondence with the Brandon Sun from the early 1970s through to 2011. Clippings relate to civic issues, labour relations, social justice, economic questions. Documents (membership cards, cards of thanks, stamps) of various kinds, and photographs of Professor Black, family members, and various labour related events including parades and rallies, appear throughout these clippings. Collection includes miscellaneous files relating to the 75th Anniversary of the Winnipeg General Strike including the Brandon Sympathetic Strike of 1919, the Brandon Greys Baseball team, the Assiniboine College BMHC lobby campaign, Brandon and Area Environmental Council, the Brandon East NDP Constituency Association. Editions (1925-31) of the Sons of England - Official Organ of the Sons of England Benefit Society - published in Oshawa, Ontario, and copies of documents related to the Commission of Inquiry (1928) into labour issues at the Brandon Mental Hospital are included. Collection also contains extensive correspondence associated with Professor Black's activities as a department member, scholar, and activist in the Department of Economics at Brandon University. Collection contains as well research materials related to the Brandon labour movement, strikes at A.E. McKenzie Seed Company 1940s, cd roms containing research materials - clippings and images - for Labour Council Anniversary book (2006), and civic politics in Brandon. Records also contain research materials on various members of the Forkin family - in particular the Pat Forkin, Tom Forkin, and Stephen Forkin (aka Jim Davis) - who were active members of the Canadian Communist Party during their adult lives. A collection of family photographs and six tape cassettes containing accounts of the experiences of single unemployed men during the Great Depression and the funeral of Stephen Forkin (Jim Davis) and correspondence from Taimi Davis the widow of Stephen Forkin (Jim Davis) supplement the sources on the Forkin family.

Notes: Photographs of Joe Forkin, Pat Forkin, Stan Forkin, Jim Davis and other members of the Forkin family are contained in Box 3 (15-2003) and Box 10 (3-2011).

Name Access: Errol Black
Stanley Forkin
Stephem Forkin (a.k.a Jim Davies)
Assiniboine Community College
Brandon Greys Baseball Team
Brandon Mental Hospital
Brandon Unemployed Workers' Council
Canadian Communist Party
Brandon
Don Wheeler
Phoebe Forkin
Pat Forkin
Daily Clarion
A. E. McKenzie
The Worker
Industrial Adjustment Committee (Manitoba)
Manitoba Organization of Faculty Associations
Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives
Sons of England

Subject Access: The Great Depression
unemployment
radical press
Brandon
labour
Communism
industrial relations
collective bargaining

Accruals: Further accruals are expected.

Access Restriction: Some restrictions. Consult the University Archivist for access.

Repro Restriction: Researchers are responsible for observing Canadian copyright restrictions.

Storage Location: MG 3 Brandon University Teaching and Administration
1.1 Errol Black

Related Material: MG 3 1.12 contains additional records related to George MacDowell; RG 6, Series 15 (BUFA) contains additional records on the Brandon University Faculty Association; RG 6, Series 7, Sub sub series 7.1.5 (Department of Economics) contains additional records related to the Department of Economics at Brandon University; RG 6, Series 7, Sub-series 7.1 (Dean of Arts) contains files on Don Wheeler and George MacDowell.



The high school music reader

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/specialcollections1264>

Part Of: MG 2 2.15 George E Thorman Collection
Collection: George E Thorman School Textbook Collection
Creator: Tufts, John W. (John Wheeler), 1825-1908
Holt, H. E. (Hosea E.)
Preston, S. H
Description Level: Item
Item Number: Archives 11-999-26-684
Item Number Range: Archives 11-999-26-684
Responsibility: by John W. Tufts and H.E. Holt ; adapted by S.H. Preston
Start Date: 1885
Date Range: 1885
Publication: Toronto : Canada Pub. Co
Physical Description: 216 p. : ill. ; 19 cm
Notes: Authorized: 1887-1890
Subject Access: School songbooks
Singing
Storage Location: Box 26 - Music
Storage Range: Box 26 - Music



J.E. Robbins Portrait

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions98>

Part Of: Brandon University Photograph Collection
Description Level: Item
Series Number: 1
File Number: 1.2.11
Item Number: 1.2.11
Date Range: October, 1974
Physical Description: colour, 12.5 cm x 8.8 cm

Scope and Content:

Portrait: J.E. Robbins; Library Reading Room, Library and Arts Building. Naming of the Library, etc. Dr. D.N. Wheeler, Chairman Faculty Library Committee, Georgia Lightbody Whitman, Dr. J.E. Robbins, Dr. A.L. Dulmage, President, Michael Angel, President, Manitoba Library Association

Name Access: Wheeler; Lightbody Whitman; Robbins; Dulmage; Angel
Subject Access: J.E. Robbins Library



Library Naming Ceremony #3

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions101>

Part Of: Brandon University Photograph Collection

Description Level: Item

Series Number: 1

File Number: 1.2.14

Item Number: 1.2.14

Date Range: October, 1974

Physical Description: colour, 8.8 cm x 12.5 cm

Scope and Content:

Library Reading Room, 2nd floor, McKenzie Building. Naming of the Library, etc. Dr. D.N. Wheeler, Chairman of the Senate Library Committee, Georgia Lightbody Whitman, Stanley Knowles, M.P., Chancellor, Dr. A.L. Dulmage, President

Name Access: Dulmage; Wheeler; Lightbody Whitman; Knowles

Subject Access: Library; Naming Ceremony



Library Naming Ceremony #4

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions102>

Part Of: Brandon University Photograph Collection

Description Level: Item

Series Number: 1

File Number: 1.2.15

Item Number: 1.2.15

Date Range: October, 1974

Physical Description: colour, 8.8 cm x 12.5 cm

Scope and Content:

Library Reading Room, 2nd floor McKenzie Building. Naming of the Library, etc. L to R Dr. D.N. Wheeler, Georgia Lightbody Whitman, Dr. A.L. Dulmage, Stanley Knowles, M.P.

Name Access: Dulmage; Wheeler; Lightbody Whitman; Knowles

Subject Access: Library; Naming Ceremony



Library Naming Ceremony #7

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions114>

Part Of: Brandon University Photograph Collection

Description Level: Item

Series Number: 1

File Number: 1.2.27

Item Number: 1.2.27

Date Range: October 4th, 1974

Physical Description: b/w, 8" x 10"

Scope and Content:

McKenzie Building, 2nd Floor, Library Reading Room. Naming Ceremonies: John E. Robbins Library. Front Row L-R: A. L. Dulmage, John Robbins, Mrs. Georgina Lightbody Whitman, -, Dr. D. N. Wheeler (standing), W. H. N. Hargreaves - Mawdsley (Top of Head), M. V. Naidu, Glenn Sutherland (Alumnus), C. Kennedy, M. Angel (Pres. Man. Library Association), Dick McDonald (Alumnus), ?, L. D. Whitehead (Publisher-Brandon Sun) Background: H. V. Vidal, Cathy Robbins, R. B. Inch, Jos Hardy

Name Access: Robbins
Dulmage
Lightbody Whitman
Wheeler
Hargreaves-Mawdsley
Naidu
Sutherland
Kennedy
Angel
McDonald
Whitehead
Vidal
Inch
Hardy

Subject Access: Library
Naming Ceremony



Lightbody Reading Room, looking North #2

<http://archives.bradonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions112>

Part Of: Brandon University Photograph Collection

Description Level: Item

Series Number: 1

File Number: 1.2.25

Item Number: 1.2.25

Date Range: October, 1974

Physical Description: b/w, 19 cm x 15 cm

Scope and Content:

Library Reading Room looking North, 2nd floor McKenzie Building. Naming of the Robbins Library and opening of the Lightbody reading area. L-R: Stanley Knowles, M.P. Chancellor, Dr. D. N. Wheeler, Chairman of the Faculty Library Committee, Georgia (Lightbody) Whitman, Dr. John E. Robbins, Dr. A. L. Dulmage

Notes: Oxford Calendars

Name Access: Knowles; Wheeler; Lightbody Whitman; Robbins; Dulmage.

Subject Access: Lightbody Reading Room; Library; Naming Ceremony



Lightbody Reading Room, looking South

<http://archives.bradonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions110>

Part Of: Brandon University Photograph Collection

Description Level: Item

Series Number: 1

File Number: 1.2.23

Item Number: 1.2.23

Date Range: October, 1974

Physical Description: b/w, 19 cm x 15 cm

Scope and Content:

Library Reading Room, 2nd floor McKenzie Building looking south. Naming of the Library foreground L-R: Dulmage, Robbins, Cathy Robbins, Whitman, Wheeler

Name Access: Dulmage; Robbins; Whitman; Wheeler

Subject Access: Lightbody Reading Room; Library; Naming Ceremony



Lightbody Reading Room, looking South #2

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions113>

Part Of: Brandon University Photograph Collection

Description Level: Item

Series Number: 1

File Number: 1.2.26

Item Number: 1.2.26

Date Range: October, 1974

Physical Description: b/w, 19 cm x 15 cm

Scope and Content:

Library Reading Room looking south 2nd floor McKenzie Building foreground; L-R: McFadden, ?, Knowles, Dulmage, Robbins, Cathy (Mrs. J. E.) Robbins, with corsage, Whitman, Angel, Wheeler, Campbell

Name Access: McFadden

Knowles

Dulmage

Robbins

Whitman

Angel

Wheeler

Campbell

Subject Access: Lightbody Reading Room

Library

Naming Ceremony



Naming of Library & Opening of Lightbody Reading Area

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions106>

Part Of: Brandon University Photograph Collection

Description Level: Item

Series Number: 1

File Number: 1.2.19

Item Number: 1.2.19

Date Range: October, 1974

Physical Description: colour, 12.5 cm x 8.8 cm

Scope and Content:

Two works of art from the University Collection, south end Library Reading Room, McKenzie Building. Naming of the Robbins Library and opening of the Lightbody Reading area. L to R (numbered as on back of picture) 1) Dorothy Luchansky, 2) Lillian Phillips, 3) Prof. Marion Crowhurst ?, 4) Elsie Paterson (Stewart), 5) Stella Tolmie, 6) Shirley Gillespie, 7) Alice Gregory (Orr) (back), 8) Dr. Robert Brockway, 9) Dr. D.N.Wheeler (back), 10) Dr. R.F.B. King (part), 11) Marg. McKinnon Nos. 1-10 University Staff; 11-Mental Health Centre

Name Access: Luchansky
Phillips
Crowhurst
Paterson (Stewart)
Tolmie
Gillespie
Gregory (Orr)
Brockway
Wheeler
King
McKinnon

Subject Access: Library
Naming Ceremony
Lightbody Reading Room



The new normal music course : book two

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/specialcollections1265>

Part Of: MG 2 2.15 George E Thorman Collection
Collection: George E Thorman School Textbook Collection
Creator: Tufts, John W. (John Wheeler), 1825-1908
Description Level: Item
Item Number: Archives 11-999-26-685
Item Number Range: Archives 11-999-26-685
Responsibility: by John W. Tufts and H. E. Holt ; edited by Leonard B. Marshal and Samuel W. Cole
Start Date: c1913
Date Range: c1913
Publication: Toronto : W. J. Gade and Co. : Educational Book Co
Physical Description: 224 p. : music ; 21 cm
Subject Access: School songbooks
Canadian
Storage Location: Box 26 - Music
Storage Range: Box 26 - Music



Wheeler's graded studies in English : first lessons in grammar and composition

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/specialcollections800>

Part Of: MG 2 2.15 George E Thorman Collection
Collection: George E Thorman School Textbook Collection
Creator: Wheeler, William H. (William Henry), 1854-1936
Description Level: Item
Item Number: Archives 11-999-3-80
Item Number Range: Archives 11-999-3-80
Start Date: c1898
Date Range: c1898
Publication: Chicago : W.H. Wheeler and Company
Physical Description: 192 p. : ill. ; 20 cm
Notes: Includes index
Subject Access: English language Composition and exercises
Storage Location: Box 3 - English
Storage Range: Box 3 - English