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Alvie Spafford CNR retirement

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Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection

Description Level: Item

Series Number: McG 9

Item Number: 20-2009.76

Accession Number: 20-2009

GMD: graphic

Date Range: 1956

Physical Description: 5" x 3.5" (b/w)

History /

Biographical:

Harry Spafford (b. 22 Oct 1888, d. 10 May 1978) was born in Holmfield, Manitoba. He married Isabella Hawking of Ninga in 1914 and the couple moved to Brandon in 1915 where they continued to reside until 1973. Harry worked as a locomotive fireman and then as an engineer with the Canadian Northern Railway (CN). While with CN, he was an active member of the Brotherhood of Local Engineers and Firemen No. 788 of Brandon. He served as an alderman in Brandon from 1928 to 1945. In 1932, Harry ran in the Manitoba by-election for Brandon as an Independent Labour candidate and lost to the Conservative member George Dinsdale. In 1952, Harry ran as a Co-Operative Commonwealth Federation (CCF) member in the provincial election and lost to Conservative party representative Reg Lissaman. Harry Spafford passed away in Burnaby, BC, and is interred in the Ocean View Cemetery. (Source: see obituary in McG 4.1 File 66)

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Scope and Content:

Photograph shows [left to right] Carl Spafford, Alva Spafford, Ken Hawking, and Harry Spafford posing together in a banquet room. Ken Hawking is shaking Alvie's hand. On the table in front of the group is a suit case, which may be a possible retirement gift for Alvie from the CNR.

Notes: Writing on the back of the photograph reads: Carl S. [Spafford], Alva S. [Spafford], Ken Hawking, Harry Spafford right, 1956, at Alva's retirement.

Name Access: Alva Spafford
Alvie Spafford
Harry Spafford
Carl Spafford

Subject Access: banquets

Images



Alvie Spafford CNR retirement banquet

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Description Level: Item
Series Number: McG 9
Item Number: 20-2009.77
Accession Number: 20-2009
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Date Range: 1965
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History /

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Scope and Content:

Photograph shows [left to right] Carl Spafford, Alva Spafford, and Harry Spafford posing together in a banquet room.

Notes: Writing on the back of the photograph reads: Harry Spafford on right, Alva Spafford center, Carl nephew of Harry on left. Harry retired in 1962 as an Engineer. Alva retired in 1965 as a Conductor. Carl retired in 1977 as a Conductor. [Note: conflicting dates are provided on photographs for Alva's retirement, i.e., 1956 vs. 1965]

Name Access: Alva Spafford
Alvie Spafford
Harry Spafford
Carl Spafford

Subject Access: banquets

Storage Location: RG 5 photograph storage drawer 2 (hanging photos)

Images



Spafford brothers 1909-1910

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13758>

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection

Description Level: Item

Series Number: McG 9

Item Number: 20-2009.69

Accession Number: 20-2009

GMD: graphic

Date Range: 1909-1910

Physical Description: 3.25" x 5.5" (b/w)

Material Details: postcard

History /

Biographical:

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Scope and Content:

Postcard is a studio portrait of the Spafford brothers. Harry is seated on the left, Alva ("Alvie") is standing with his right arm around his brother.

Notes: Writing on the front of the postcard reads: Harry on left, Harry & Alva Spafford, our early Railroad days in Winnipeg 1909 or 1910.

Name Access: Harry Spafford
Alvie Spafford
Alva Spafford

Subject Access: portraits

Storage Location: RG 5 photograph storage drawer 2 (hanging photos)

Images





Spafford brothers at Oak Lake 1917

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13762>

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection

Description Level: Item

Series Number: McG 9

Item Number: 20-2009.73

Accession Number: 20-2009

GMD: graphic

Date Range: 1917

Physical Description: 4.5" x 2.75" (b/w)

History /

Biographical:

Harry Spafford (b. 22 Oct 1888, d. 10 May 1978) was born in Holmfield, Manitoba. He married Isabella Hawking of Ninga in 1914 and the couple moved to Brandon in 1915 where they continued to reside until 1973. Harry worked as a locomotive fireman and then as an engineer with the Canadian Northern Railway (CN). While with CN, he was an active member of the Brotherhood of Local Engineers and Firemen No. 788 of Brandon. He served as an alderman in Brandon from 1928 to 1945. In 1932, Harry ran in the Manitoba by-election for Brandon as an Independent Labour candidate and lost to the Conservative member George Dinsdale. In 1952, Harry ran as a Co-Operative Commonwealth Federation (CCF) member in the provincial election and lost to Conservative party representative Reg Lissaman. Harry Spafford passed away in Burnaby, BC, and is interred in the Ocean View Cemetery. (Source: see obituary in McG 4.1 File 66)

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Scope and Content:

Photograph shows the Spafford brothers posing with their geese after a successful hunt. The brothers are standing in front of a canvas tent with the birds strung between the tent poles.

Notes: Writing on the back of the photograph reads: Oak Lake 1917, lots of geese and ducks, Harry on right, Alvie on the left.

Name Access: Harry Spafford

Alvie Spafford

Alva Spafford

Oak Lake

Subject Access: hunting

duck hunting

Storage Location: RG 5 photograph storage drawer 2 (hanging photos)

Images



Spafford brothers hunting

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13763>

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection

Description Level: Item

Series Number: McG 9

Item Number: 20-2009.74

Accession Number: 20-2009

GMD: graphic

Date Range: 1960

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

History /

Biographical:

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Scope and Content:

Photograph shows Harry Spafford and Ernie Bailey posing with their geese after a successful hunt. The men are standing in a backyard; the geese are hanging from a clothes line.

Notes: Writing on the back of the photograph reads: A Kindersley goose shoot. Harry Spafford on left, Alvie Spafford not shown, Ernie Bailey on left [sic.], 1960. Ernie was a CNR Engineer.

Name Access: Harry Spafford
Alvie Spafford
Alva Spafford
Subject Access: hunting
duck hunting
Storage Location: RG 5 photograph storage drawer 2 (hanging photos)

Images



Spafford brothers hunting trip

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13761>

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection
Description Level: Item
Series Number: McG 9
Item Number: 20-2009.72
Accession Number: 20-2009
GMD: graphic
Date Range: 1968
Physical Description: 3.5" x 3.5" (b/w)

History /

Biographical:

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Scope and Content:

Photograph shows the Spafford brothers posing with their mallard ducks after a successful hunt. The brothers are standing next to a residential garage with the ducks strung between them. Their guns are leaning against the garage.

Notes:	Writing on the back of the photograph reads: Alvie & Harry 19 Mallard ducks near Whitewater Lake, October 1968, 1 short of our limit of 20, Harry on right.
Name Access:	Harry Spafford Alvie Spafford Alva Spafford
Subject Access:	hunting duck hunting
Storage Location:	RG 5 photograph storage drawer 2 (hanging photos)

Images





Spafford brothers in cowboy costumes

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13759>

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection

Description Level: Item

Series Number: McG 9

Item Number: 20-2009.70

Accession Number: 20-2009

GMD: graphic

Date Range: [19--]

Physical Description: 3.25" x 5.5" (b/w)

Material Details: postcard

History /

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Scope and Content:

Postcard is a studio portrait of the Spafford brothers dressed as cowboys in chaps, bandanas, and hats. Harry is standing on the left and is reaching for a bottle resting on a stool. Alvie is standing on the right and is pointing a pistol at his brother. Behind the brothers is the back of train car that reads "leaving Winnipeg."

Notes: Writing on the front of the postcard reads: Early railroad day in Wpg, Harry on left, Alvie on right.

Name Access: Harry Spafford

Alvie Spafford

Alva Spafford

Subject Access: portraits

cowboys

costumes

Storage Location: RG 5 photograph storage drawer 2 (hanging photos)

Images



Spafford family 1912

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13760>

Part Of:	Fred McGuinness collection
Description Level:	Item
Series Number:	McG 9
Item Number:	20-2009.71
Accession Number:	20-2009
GMD:	graphic
Date Range:	1912
Physical Description:	3.5" x 5.5" (b/w)
Material Details:	postcard
Physical Condition:	Postcard is stained and ripped in the right hand corner. A label is taped to the front of the postcard. The postcard has been issued.

History /

Biographical:

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Scope and Content:

Postcard is a group photograph of some of the members of the Spafford family standing on the front steps of a residence. The four women and four men are dressed in heavy coats and jackets.

Notes:

Writing on the front of the postcard reads: Harry Spafford on left, Alvie Spafford in centre, Alf Spafford on extreme right, about 1910; The back of the postcard is addressed to Mrs. Alva (Francis) Spafford of Bannerman, Manitoba. Alvie Spafford has written a brief note to his wife, Francis. The postmark reads November 23, 1912, Winnipeg, Manitoba. The names Aunt Ida, -- --, Uncle Harry, Alf, and Alva are written in pen at the top of the postcard.

Name Access:

Harry Spafford
Alvie Spafford
Alva Spafford
Alfred Spafford

Subject Access:

portraits
cowboys
costumes

Storage Location:

RG 5 photograph storage drawer 2 (hanging photos)

Images



Harry Spafford on left
Alvie ✓ in center
Alf ✓ on extreme right
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