

S. J. McKee Archives



Kathleen Emily Kenner fonds

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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



Lady's stick

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions4557>

Part Of:	RG 6 Brandon University fonds
Description Level:	Item
Series Number:	16.3
Item Number:	1
Item Number Range:	1
GMD:	multiple media
Date Range:	1923-1966
Physical Description:	90 cm

History /

Biographical:

Lady and Senior Stick were honorific positions that existed during the Brandon College era. The offices of Senior Stick and Lady Stick were replaced by the offices of President and Vice-President of the Brandon College Students' Association on January 29, 1966. The change was the result of proposed changes to the B.C.S.A. constitution passed almost unanimously by the student body; the office of President enabled a co-ed to hold the highest student office, which was impossible under the previous system. Following the change in 1966, the Class Presidents were renamed faculty Sticks. At some point during the Brandon University era the faculty Stick positions were renamed faculty commissioners. The use of "stick" appears to be a particularly Canadian one.

The stick of office was carried by the incumbent as a symbol of his or her position.

Like the sticks of office at other universities and colleges in Canada, the Brandon Lady's stick is composed of an elongated wooden rod, painted or stained dark, with a metal bottom cap and an ornamental metal top in silver. The Brandon College Lady's stick also contains silver rings dating from the 1923-1924 school year, each ring containing the name of the Lady Stick chosen for that year.

It was also customary to attach a ribbon(s) in the college colours (blue and gold) to the stick. The ribbons attached to the Brandon College Lady's stick were donated by the 1954-1955 Lady Stick Verda Peden (McDonald) in 2006.

Scope and Content:

Item is the Brandon College Lady's stick.

Notes:

Information in the History/Bio field was adapted from Wikipedia at: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Senior_Stick (October 2006). Additional History/Bio information was taken from the March 1966 issue of Alumni News.

The Lady's stick was previously displayed in a glass fronted display case donated by the Class of 1966. Unfortunately, two holes were drilled in the stick to anchor it to the display case. The Senior stick was also displayed in the same case, however at some point prior to 1997 it disappeared from the display case.

The silver rings and crown on the stick easily tarnish, but can be shined with any silver polish.

Part of BU 16.3 Artifacts - other.

Name Access: Aleta Stewart (1923-1924)
Kathleen Kenner
Rose J. Vasey
Ruth Buement
Doris M. Cochrane
Bertha Clark
Mary Dunkin
Lois Gainer
Phyllis Blandford
Ruth Thornton
Eileen Metcalfe
Marion I. Thomson
Ruth J. Bell
Doris M. Fraser
Mary S. Murray
Elva L. Way
Gwen E. Dobbie
Ruth H. Hunter
Alix A. Meadows
Doreen J. Bolstad
Iva J. Delamater
Lenore G. Gusdal
F. Elizabeth Northcott
Doreen M. Rowse
Eunice M. Hunter
Marjory E. Flemming
Margaret L. Gerow
Patricia A. Magnacca
F. Joan Garnett
Mary Jane McLachlan
Olga A. Evaskow
Verda Peden
Jean Hannah
Barbara Mills
Elaine Fraser
Barbara Russell
Regina Armstrong
Penelope Smith
Florence English
Verna Moore
Poppy Cumming
Anne Franklin
Terry Moore (1965-1966)

Storage Location: RG 6 Brandon University fonds
Series16: Brandon University/College artifacts
16.3 Artifacts - other
Box 1

Related Material: Biographical information for Aleta Stewart can be found in the November 1970 issue of Alumni News, p. 23.