

# S. J. McKee Archives

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# Oscar Gallis collection

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Part Of: Special collections

Description Level: Collection

Accession Number: 2-2008

GMD: textual records

Date Range: 1910-1935

Physical Description: 42 cm

### Custodial History:

The books were originally collected by Oscar Gallis in Winnipeg. After his death the collection of books were gathered by his nephew Bruce Sarbit and brought to Brandon where the books were stored at the Sarbit residence. On September 25, 2007 Mr. Sarbit donated the collection to the McKee Archives at Brandon University. In August 2024, Sarbit donated a copy of an essay he wrote entitled "A Family of Readers."

### Scope and Content:

Collection consists twenty two socialist and Marxist inspired texts many published by the Charles H. Kerr Company Publishers, noted for its role in the distribution of Marxist texts in North America. Authors represented include Karl Marx, Friedrich Engels, Karl Kautsky, Lenin, Antonio Labriola, Wilhelm Liebknecht, and Paul Lafargue. The titles in this collection represent a cross-section of the type of literature acquired by labour activists in Winnipeg's working class community in the early decades of the twentieth century. Collection also contains one essay written by Bruce Sarbit, which contains, in part, his memories of his uncle Oscar Gallis.

Finding Aid: Inventory of collection available.

Storage Range: 2008 accessions

## Documents

**"A FAMILY OF READERS"**  
Bruce Sarbit

*"Show me a family of readers,  
and I'll tell you the people who make the world!"*

Our Uncle, Oscar, called to ask if we had received an invitation to attend the Annual Banquet of the Trade Union and after the Banquet, but to my regret, I could not attend. I was in the hospital at the time. Oscar and my wife, Edna, had attended the Banquet and had a very good time. Oscar and my wife, Edna, had attended the Banquet and had a very good time. Oscar and my wife, Edna, had attended the Banquet and had a very good time.

The Gallis family (Gallis) came to Canada from White Russia (now Belarus) in 1918, just after the Russian Revolution and after the Bolsheviks, but to my regret, I could not attend. I was in the hospital at the time. Oscar and my wife, Edna, had attended the Banquet and had a very good time. Oscar and my wife, Edna, had attended the Banquet and had a very good time.

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