

# S. J. McKee Archives



## Brandon Regals

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions11974>

Part Of: CKX fonds  
Creator: CKX  
Description Level: Item  
Item Number: 11-2010.B65c  
Accession Number: 11-2010  
GMD: graphic  
Date Range: after 1954  
Physical Description: 1 1/2" x 1" (b/w)  
Material Details: Negative  
Custodial History:

See fonds level of the CKX records for custodial history.

### Scope and Content:

Portrait of two Brandon Regals' coaches.

Name Access: CKX Television  
Brandon Regals  
Subject Access: Hockey  
sports  
team sports  
Storage Location: CKX fonds - 2010 accessions

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## Army

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions11978>

Part Of: CKX fonds  
Creator: CKX  
Description Level: Item  
Item Number: 11-2010.A18b  
Accession Number: 11-2010  
GMD: graphic  
Date Range: after 1954  
Physical Description: 5" x 4" (b/w)  
Material Details: Negative

### Custodial History:

See fonds level of the CKX records for custodial history.

### Scope and Content:

Image of Canadian Provost Corps soldiers in training, most likely at CFB Shilo.

Name Access: CKX Television

Subject Access: television broadcasting

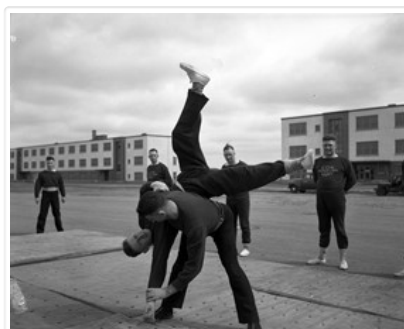
military personnel

military training

Storage Location: CKX fonds - 2010 accessions

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## Stuart Craig

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions11981>

Part Of: CKX fonds  
Creator: CKX  
Description Level: Item  
Item Number: 11-2010.C1a  
Accession Number: 11-2010  
GMD: graphic  
Date Range: March 4, 1964  
Physical Description: 2.5" x 2.5" (b/w)  
Material Details: Negative  
Custodial History:

See fonds level of the CKX records for custodial history.

Scope and Content:

Image of Stuart Craig adjusting the programming board.

Name Access: CKX Television  
Stuart Craig  
Subject Access: television broadcasting  
Storage Location: CKX fonds - 2010 accessions

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## Francis Chaplin collection

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions8557>

Part Of: RG 6 Brandon University fonds

Description Level: Sub-series

Series Number: MG 3 1.20

Accession Number: 13-2008

GMD: textual records

Physical Description: 13 m

History /

Biographical:

Francis (Eugene) Chaplin, violinist, was born in Newcastle, NB on Dec. 30th, 1927 and died in Brandon, MB on Dec. 3rd, 1993. He received his Artist Diploma from the Juilliard School in 1950, a Graduate Diploma from Juilliard in 1951, and an honorary D Mus from Mt Allison University in 1974. His childhood musical education began with Hans Graae in Newcastle, continued with Clayton Hare from 1940-45 at Mount Allison Academy in Sackville, NB and by private study in Calgary. His debut, at age 16 in Toronto, was described as brilliant. He continued at the Juilliard School as a full scholarship student with Louis Persinger 1946-49 and Ivan Galamian 1949-53, and upon graduation received the Morris Loeb Memorial Award. He moved in 1953 to Halifax, where he was concertmaster of the CBC Halifax Orchestra and the Halifax (Atlantic) Symphony Orchestra. Chaplin gave weekly recitals for Halifax CBC radio and later on national CBC TV's Souvenirs and Reflections programs. He appeared as recitalist and as soloist with major orchestras in Toronto, Calgary, Edmonton, Regina, Quebec City, Hamilton and Halifax, and at the New York Museum of Modern Art. He was a member of the Halifax (later Brandon University) Trio and the Halifax String Quartet. The trio moved to Brandon University in 1966 and Chaplin began teaching violin and viola there in 1967. He continued as a member of the School of Music faculty until his death. Among his pupils were James Ehnes, Gwen Hoebig, Tom Williams, and other accomplished violinists. Chaplin recorded for the CBC with the Brandon Trio, and with Judy Loman and the Johnny Burt orchestra. In 1984 Chaplin recorded 10 Caprices for Solo Violin by S.C. Eckhardt-Gramatte for the Masters of the Bow label; he also edited an edition of the Caprices (Brandon University School of Music Press, 1993). Chaplin died from smoke inhalation following a house fire. - Biographical information taken from the Canadian Encyclopedia

Scope and Content:

Sub-series consists of annotated musical scores and resources pertaining to teaching of private violin and viola students

Notes: Description by Donna Lowe.

Storage Range: MG 3 Brandon University Teaching and Administration  
1.20 Francis Chaplin

Related Material: RG 6 Brandon University fonds, Series 7 Faculties and Schools, 7.4  
School of Music.

Arrangement:

Original order was maintained.



## Original Brandon City Hall

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions9288>

Part Of: RG 11 Lawrence Stuckey fonds

Creator: D.L. Bottley

Description Level: Item

Series Number: 3.1

Item Number: 1-2002.3.1D2a

Accession Number: 1-2002

GMD: graphic

Date Range: [196-?]

Physical Description: 2 1/2" x 2 1/2"

Material Details: Negative

Custodial History:

For custodial history see the collection level description of the Lawrence Stuckey collection.

Scope and Content:

City Hall, Brandon

Notes: Including CKX studio & Prince Edward Hotel sign.

[Mr. Stuckey did not file or number this negative. We have integrated it into the collection.]

Name Access: Brandon City Hall

Prince Edward Hotel

CKX Television

Subject Access: public buildings

city halls

hotels

television stations

Brandon Public Buildings

Repro Restriction: The McKee Archives is the copyright holder for the Stuckey materials.

Storage Location: Lawrence Stuckey collection

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## Ag. reviews

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions10952>

Part Of: CKX fonds  
Creator: CKX  
Description Level: Item  
Item Number: 11-2010.A2a  
Accession Number: 11-2010  
GMD: graphic  
Date Range: October 30, 1963  
Physical Description: 5" x 4" (b/w)  
Material Details: Negative  
Custodial History:

See fonds level of the CKX records for custodial history.

### Scope and Content:

Image of a group of men, possibly from CN, on the Ag Reviews show.

Name Access: Ag Review  
CKX  
CN  
Subject Access: Agriculture  
television broadcasting  
Storage Location: CKX fonds - 2010 accessions

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## Ag. reviews

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions10953>

Part Of: CKX fonds  
Creator: CKX  
Description Level: Item  
Item Number: 11-2010.A2b  
Accession Number: 11-2010  
GMD: graphic  
Date Range: October 30, 1963  
Physical Description: 5" x 4" (b/w)  
Material Details: Negative  
Custodial History:

See fonds level of the CKX records for custodial history.

### Scope and Content:

Image of a group of men, possibly from CN, on the Ag Reviews show.

Name Access: Ag Review  
CKX  
CN  
Subject Access: Agriculture  
television broadcasting  
Storage Location: CKX fonds - 2010 accessions

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## R.C. Aitkins

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions10954>

Part Of: CKX fonds  
Creator: CKX  
Description Level: Item  
Item Number: 11-2010.A3a  
Accession Number: 11-2010  
GMD: graphic  
Date Range: after 1954  
Physical Description: 5" x 4" (b/w)  
Material Details: Negative

### Custodial History:

See fonds level of the CKX records for custodial history.

### Scope and Content:

Portrait of R.C. Aitkins.

Name Access: R.C. Aitkins  
CKX  
Subject Access: television broadcasting  
photography  
Storage Location: CKX fonds - 2010 accessions

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## R.C. Aitkins

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions10955>

Part Of: CKX fonds  
Creator: CKX  
Description Level: Item  
Item Number: 11-2010.A3b  
Accession Number: 11-2010  
GMD: graphic  
Date Range: after 1954  
Physical Description: 5" x 4" (b/w)  
Material Details: Negative

### Custodial History:

See fonds level of the CKX records for custodial history.

### Scope and Content:

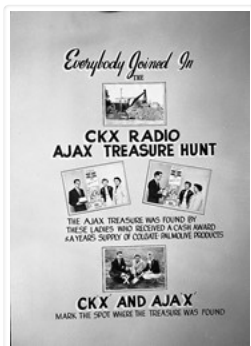
Portrait of R.C. Aitkins.

Name Access: R.C. Aitkins  
CKX  
Subject Access: television broadcasting  
photography  
Storage Location: CKX fonds - 2010 accessions

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## AJAX treasure hunt

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions10956>

Part Of: CKX fonds  
 Creator: CKX  
 Description Level: Item  
 Item Number: 11-2010.A4a  
 Accession Number: 11-2010  
 GMD: graphic  
 Date Range: after 1954  
 Physical Description: 5" x 4" (b/w)  
 Material Details: Negative

### Custodial History:

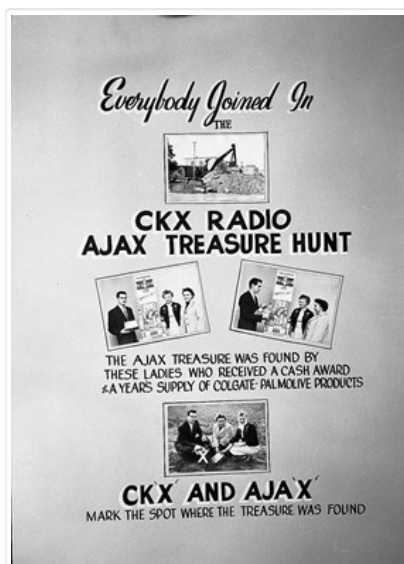
See fonds level of the CKX records for custodial history.

### Scope and Content:

Image of an advertisement for the CKX/AJAX treasure hunt.

Name Access: CKX  
 AJAX  
 Subject Access: television broadcasting  
 signs and signboards  
 Storage Location: CKX fonds - 2010 accessions

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## AJAX treasure hunt

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions10957>

Part Of: CKX fonds  
Creator: CKX  
Description Level: Item  
Item Number: 11-2010.A4b  
Accession Number: 11-2010  
GMD: graphic  
Date Range: after 1954  
Physical Description: 4" x 5" (b/w)  
Material Details: Negative  
Custodial History:

See fonds level of the CKX records for custodial history.

### Scope and Content:

Image of road construction related (presumably) in some way to the AJAX treasure hunt.

Name Access: CKX  
AJAX  
Subject Access: television broadcasting  
construction of roads  
machinery  
vehicles  
Storage Location: CKX fonds - 2010 accessions

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## AJAX treasure hunt

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions10959>

Part Of: CKX fonds  
Creator: CKX  
Description Level: Item  
Item Number: 11-2010.A4c  
Accession Number: 11-2010  
GMD: graphic  
Date Range: after 1954  
Physical Description: 5" x 4" (b/w)  
Material Details: Negative  
Custodial History:

See fonds level of the CKX records for custodial history.

Scope and Content:

Image of an AJAX treasure hunt display.

Name Access: CKX  
AJAX  
Subject Access: television broadcasting  
store interiors  
Storage Location: CKX fonds - 2010 accessions

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## AJAX treasure hunt

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions10960>

Part Of: CKX fonds  
Creator: CKX  
Description Level: Item  
Item Number: 11-2010.A4d  
Accession Number: 11-2010  
GMD: graphic  
Date Range: after 1954  
Physical Description: 4" x 5" (b/w)  
Material Details: Negative  
Custodial History:

See fonds level of the CKX records for custodial history.

Scope and Content:

Image of an AJAX treasure hunt display.

Name Access: CKX  
AJAX  
Subject Access: television broadcasting  
store interiors  
store displays  
Storage Location: CKX fonds - 2010 accessions

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## Hunting party in cabin

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13814>

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection

Description Level: Item

Series Number: McG 9

Item Number: 20-2009.124

Accession Number: 20-2009

GMD: graphic

Date Range: 1955-1965

Physical Description: 3.5" x 3" (b/w)

Scope and Content:

Photograph shows a group of four men seated on couch and chairs. A cougar skin is stretched out behind them on the cabin wall. The men are eating dinners off of TV trays/tables.

Notes: Photograph is part of series of photographs (20-2009.13 to 20-2009.124) of an antelope hunting trip that likely occurred in Alberta.

Subject Access: hunting  
winter  
animal skins

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

Arrangement:

Originally stored in McG 20-2009 #4 plastic envelope #3

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## Red Cross - CKX blood donor clinic

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13928>

Part Of: CKX fonds  
Creator: CKX  
Description Level: Item  
Series Number: R  
Item Number: 11-2010.R100g  
Accession Number: 11-2010  
GMD: graphic  
Date Range: May 1966  
Physical Description: 2.5" x 2.5" (b/w)  
Material Details: Negative

### Custodial History:

See fonds level of the CKX records for custodial history.

### Scope and Content:

Image of CKX employees preparing to film CKX-TV Bingo.

Name Access: CKX  
Red Cross

Subject Access: persons  
television broadcasting  
broadcasting equipment  
ckx staff  
television segments  
games  
bingo

Storage Location: CKX fonds - 2010 accessions

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## Roy Rogers

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14085>

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection

Description Level: Item

Series Number: McG 9

Item Number: 1-2015.155

Accession Number: 1-2015

GMD: graphic

Date Range: [c.1955]

Physical Description: 3" x 3" (b/w)

History /

Biographical:

Roy Rogers (1911-1998) was an American singer and cowboy actor. Rogers career spanned radio, television, and film.

Scope and Content:

Photograph shows a close-up of Roy Rogers wearing his trademark white cowboy hat and fringed western shirt.

Name Access: Roy Rogers

Subject Access: entertainers

cowboys

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

Arrangement:

Cigar box photographs

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## Roy Rogers with Tommy Douglas

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14086>

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection

Description Level: Item

Series Number: McG 9





Item Number: 1-2015.156  
Accession Number: 1-2015  
GMD: graphic  
Date Range: [c.1955]  
Physical Description: 3" x 3" (b/w)

History /

Biographical:

Roy Rogers (1911-1998) was an American singer and cowboy actor. Rogers' career spanned radio, television, and film.

Thomas "Tommy" Clement Douglas (1904-1986) was a Baptist minister and social democratic politician. In 1935, he became a member of parliament representing the Co-operative Commonwealth Federation (CCF). From 1944 to 1961, he served as Saskatchewan's seventh premier whose CCF party introduced the universal health care program. In 1961 Douglas returned to federal politics, where he served as the leader of the New Democratic Party (NDP). He remained in federal politics until 1979.

Scope and Content:

Photograph shows Tommy Douglas and Roy Rogers smiling together and holding cowboy hats.

Name Access: Roy Rogers  
Tommy Douglas

Subject Access: entertainers  
cowboys  
hats  
politicians & civil servants

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

Related Material: City of Toronto Archives Fonds 1257

Arrangement:

Cigar box photographs

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Roy Rogers with Tommy Douglas



<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14087>

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection

Description Level: Item

Series Number: McG 9

Item Number: 1-2015.157

Accession Number: 1-2015

GMD: graphic

Date Range: [c.1955]

Physical Description: 3" x 3" (b/w)

History /

Biographical:

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Thomas "Tommy" Clement Douglas (1904-1986) was a Baptist minister and social democratic politician. In 1935, he became a member of parliament representing the Co-operative Commonwealth Federation (CCF). From 1944 to 1961, he served as Saskatchewan's seventh premier whose CCF party introduced the universal health care program. In 1961 Douglas returned to federal politics, where he served as the leader of the New Democratic Party (NDP). He remained in federal politics until 1979.

Scope and Content:

Photograph shows Tommy Douglas and Roy Rogers smiling together and wearing cowboy hats. It appears that Douglas is presenting Douglas with a new cowboy hat.

Name Access: Roy Rogers

Tommy Douglas

Subject Access: entertainers

cowboys

hats

politicians & civil servants

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

Related Material: City of Toronto Archives Fonds 1257

Arrangement:

Cigar box photographs

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## Roy Rogers with Tommy Douglas

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14088>

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection

Description Level: Item

Series Number: McG 9

Item Number: 1-2015.158

Accession Number: 1-2015

GMD: graphic

Date Range: [c.1955]

Physical Description: 3" x 3" (b/w)

History /

Biographical:

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Tommy Douglas

Subject Access: entertainers

cowboys

hats

politicians & civil servants

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

Related Material: City of Toronto Archives Fonds 1257

Arrangement:

Cigar box photographs

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## Western Manitoba Philharmonic Choir fonds

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14288>

Part Of:	RG 5 Western Manitoba Manuscript Collection
Description Level:	Fonds
Accession Number:	8-2001, 13-2016
GMD:	multiple media
Date Range:	1965-1980, predominant 25 May 1965 - 30 September 1976
Physical Description:	12 cm textual records 6 b/w photographs (loose) 1 artefact
Physical Condition:	Some of the items in the scrapbook have come loose from their pages, some documents are stained from a liquid, likely coffee

### History /

#### Biographical:

In 1965, Chris Verhoef, member of the Overture Concert Association, Allied Arts Centre, and Brandon Citizens' Committee for the Performing Arts, called for a meeting of Western Manitoba citizens interested in the prospect of a Philharmonic Choir for the region. The meeting took place on 26 May 1965; the steering committee that gathered, led by Margaret Goodman, undertook the formation of the Choir. The Choir would have an Executive consisting of at least four members, and a committee consisting of a minimum seven members. Each executive member would be elected on an annual basis. The Choir's executive, in collaboration with the conductor, would determine the choir's repertoire for the year. The establishment of the Western Manitoba Philharmonic Choir (WMPC) sought to encourage amateurs to sing for enjoyment, provide the opportunity for a choir to perform choral compositions in collaboration with a symphony orchestra and promote and sponsor the musical arts in the Western Manitoba region. Membership to the choir would be open to all citizens of the region, and members would be accepted based on the discretion of the conductor. The first meeting of prospective members took place on 27 September 1965 in St. Matthews Cathedral parish Hall where more than 90 people gathered and registered to become a member of the WMPC.

Chris Verhoef led the Western Manitoba Philharmonic Choir into its first season as President of the choir's Executive Committee. For the organization's first season, the WMPC hired two members of the Brandon College School of Music: Lucien Needham for the position of conductor and Louise Chapman for the position of accompanist. Brandon College, as well as

other donors sponsored the choir for its first season. The Choir held its debut performance in collaboration with the Winnipeg Symphny Orchestra (WSO) on 12 March 1966, and the Choir's performance of Vivaldi's Gloria and Handel's Dettingen te Deum attracted an audience of more than 1400 people. The performance was well received by the public. The debut performance's asuccess earned the CHoir a recommendation for a grant from the Manitoba Centennial Corporation that would sponsor a special concert during the centennial year. Furthermore, the Canada Council supported the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra, by the means of special funds, to make the Symphony's appearance witht he Philharmonic Choir possible.

For the WMPC's second season, membership rose to 111 amateur singers. Verhoef remained as President of the Executive, while the Brandon Citizens' Committee for the Performing Arts provided sponsorship. Following the Choir's performance of Schubert's Mass in Eb Major on 17 November 1966, the membership increased to 132 singers. On 20 January 1967, the WMPC's first taped broadcast was released over CBC and CKX. The broadcast's success resulted in an offer from CBC to record another broadcast for a similar release. The Kiwanis Club of Rivers invited the Choir to perform in Rivers on 25 January 1967. On 7 April 1967, the Choir performed Haydn's oratorio, The Creation, in the Brandon College Gymnasium.

The choir elected Murray Ames as President to lead it through its thrid and fourth seasons. In its third season, the WMPC, conducted by Leonard Mayoh, performed Handel's Messiah on 22 November 1967 in the Brandon University Gymnasium. The Choir's spring concert, name the "Chris Verhoef Memorial Concert," in honour of Chris Verhoef who had passed away December 1967, featured works by Bach, Brahms and Perry. Held on 9 March 1968, in the Brandon University Gymnasium, the concert featured Brandon university student James Stewart as soloist and was received with great praise. In addition to the memorial concert, the WMPC also established a \$500 scholarship for a Brandon University music student to honour Verhoef's substantial contribution to the community.

The first concert of the Western Manitoba Philharmonic Choir's fourth season was held on 10 December 1968, in the J.R.C. Evans Lecture Theatre at Brandon University and featured selections from Handel's Messiah. A piano trio comprised of Francis Chaplin (violin), Malcom Tait (cello) and Gordon Macpherson (piano), as well as a brass trio, also performed at the chori's winter concert. In its fourth season, the WMPC performed two concerts in the second half of its season. On 15 FElbruary 1969, in cooperation with CKX Radio and Television, the choir performed works by Mozart, Hindemith, and Mahler in collaboration with the Winnipeg Sympony Orchestra conducted by George Cleve. Later in the season, the choir performed Brahms' Requiem Mass, once again in collaboration with the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra.

Dr. R. Parker filled the position of President of the Executive for the duration of the Choir's fifth, sixth and seventh seasons. The fifth season saw the WMPC performing four concerts. Conducted by Leonard Mayoh, it opened its season on 11 october 1969 with a performance at the Grand Finale of the Grand Opening of the Western manitoba Centennial Auditorium, performing theoverture to Mozart's The Magic Flute and Beethoven's Symphony No. 9. Their Christmas concert, also conduceted by Mayoh, took place on 10 December 1969. The Choir's third concert of its fifth season was held on 31 January 1970, in cooperation with CKX RADio and Television, and featured works by Mendelssohn, Ravel, and Schubert, in collaboration with the WSO under the direction of conductor George Cleve. The season concluded with another concert in collaboration with the WSO on 7 March 1970, conducted by Leonard Mayoh. This concert featured works by Vaughn Williams, Handel and Poulenc.

Seasons six and seven consisted of two concerts each. The Choir held its fifth annual Christmas Concert on 5 December 1970. Led by Leonard Mayoh, it performed its spring concert on 10 April 1971 in collaboration with members from the Winnipeg Symphony, featuring selections by Bach and Mozart in the Western manitoba Centennial Auditorium. Into its seventh season, the Choir performed Bach's Christmas Oratorio on 4 December 1971 in the Central United Church. For its final concert of the year the WMPC revisited a piece that

the Central United Church. For its final concert of the year, the WMPC featured a piece that had been the main focus of its second season: Haydn's oratorio, *The Creation*. The Choir performed this Haydn masterwork on 8 April 1972 under the direction of Piero Gamba.

Helen Riesberry led the choir through its eighth and ninth seasons as President of the Executive. In its eighth season, the WMPC held its annual Christmas concert on 12 December 1972 in collaboration with the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra in the style of a sing-along led by Mitch Miller. The choir's spring concert featured another masterwork, Beethoven's *Missa Solemnis*, conducted by Piero Gamba. The WMPC and members of the WSO performed the Requiem Mass on 28 April 1973 at the Western Manitoba Centennial Auditorium. Despite the lack of attendance at rehearsals since the Christmas concert, the WMPC presented an overall effective performance of the challenging Requiem Mass.

In its ninth season, Derek Morphy took over the position of conductor from Leonard Mayoh. Morphy had his debut performance as conductor with the WMPC at the annual Christmas concert on 17 December 1973. In March 1974, in collaboration with members from the WSO, Morphy led the Choir in its performance of Mendelssohn's oratorio, *Elijah*, in the Western Manitoba Centennial Auditorium. Later in the season, the choir performed a concert entitled "Reflections," a choral programme for Lent and Easter, accompanied by organist Arthur Bower.

Nearing the end of its ninth season, the Philharmonic Choir encountered severe financial challenges. The Choir released a notice in the newspaper that the anticipated \$3000 grant from the Manitoba Arts Council had been cut to \$1000, leaving the Choir \$3100 in debt. The notice explained that the Choir needed funds in order to enable operation and continue hiring the WSO for concerts. The WMPC executive and committee held a Leonard Mayoh Night in an attempt to gain funds and donations. Although the Manitoba Arts Council raised the grant to \$2000 and the City of Brandon contributed \$500, the Choir's financial situation remained in a dire state as its ninth season came to a close.

The Choir elected Edith Hayden to lead it through its tenth and eleventh seasons as President of the Executive. The opening of the tenth season challenged the WMPC. In addition to its financial woes, the Choir's Executive struggled to overcome the lack of attendance at rehearsals and the shortage of male voices. The WMPC had experienced membership issues in earlier seasons as well. In its third season, despite a membership of 130 individuals, the choir had struggled to create a balanced sound due to a lack of male membership and therefore a lack of lower voices. In its sixth season, the Choir opened their concert year with an appeal for members. In an effort to improve the choir's financial affairs, the Choir Executive and conductor decided against hiring the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra for the time being. In an attempt to improve the situation, Derek Morphy wrote a letter to the members of the Choir outlining his concern that he may not be meeting their expectations as a conductor but hoped to generate positive and hopeful prospects for the future of music-making together.

The Choir's annual Christmas concert featured a collaboration with the Brandon School Division Music Department and Brandon School Orchestra and Band Association, as well as dancers choreographed by Barbra Enhes. The WMPC performed Haydn's *Mass in D minor* at its spring concert on 27 April 1975, accompanied by Arthur Bower. By the end of the season, the Western Manitoba Philharmonic Choir's financial situation had begun to improve.

The WMPC hired conductor Peter Allen to lead the Choir through its final season of operation. The Choir held its annual Christmas concert in the Central United Church on 7 December 1975, and featured Vivaldi's *Gloria*, accompanied by pianist Barry Anderson. The choir performed Deller's *Psalm 148*, Telemann's *Cantata for the Fourth Sunday after the Feast of the Three Kings*, and Dvorak's *Stabat Mater* at its spring concert held at the Central United Church on 25 April 1976.

Despite its best efforts, the Western Manitoba Philharmonic Choir's first rehearsal of its twelfth season saw just 20 members in attendance. As a result of lack of membership, the Choir

season saw just 20 members in attendance. As a result of lack of membership, the Choir Executive decided to disband the WMPC for its 1976/1977 season, with plans to reassess the situation in September of 1977 for the prospect of a 1977/1978 season. Matters were further complicated by financial considerations; by June 1977 the choir's financial situation had worsened as a result of the administrative fees that the WMPC covered for the duration of its unexpected inactive 1976/1977 season. Unlike past years, there were not any ticket sales to cover such expenses.

Following its year off, membership interest in the Western Manitoba Philharmonic Choir did not increase and the decision was made not to return for another season. In 1980, the WMPC revoked its registration as an organization and officially ceased to exist.

#### Custodial History:

Records in the 8-2001 accession were donated to the McKee Archives in 2001, by three representatives of the Philharmonic Choir: Dr. Bill Paton, Botany Department, Brandon University; Mrs. Edith Hayden, WMPC President; and Mary Davidson WMPC Archives Committee. Records in accession 13-2016 were given to Terry Stamper in the School of Music by Marilyn Hayden and then transferred to the McKee Archives on September 21, 2015.

#### Scope and Content:

Fonds consists of records that document the origin, activities, and ultimate disbandment of the Western Manitoba Philharmonic Choir. These records were created and accumulated during the eleven year existence of the WMPC.

Records include: the organization's constitution and history from 1965-1968; financial records, which include grants received from the Manitoba Arts Council, Canada Council, and City of Brandon, as well as materials documenting the organization's financial struggles from 1974-1976; minutes from executive and committee meetings from 18 June 1973 to 24 June 1974; correspondence in the form of letters between the president of the executive and the choir members, and between the conductor of the choir and its members; membership lists from each season of the WMPC; and concert programmes from every major Christmas and Spring concert that the organization performed. Fonds also contains newspaper notices, advertisements and reviews of various performances, as well as posters advertising performances of the WMPC in the 1967/68, 1970/71, 1971/72 and 1973/74 seasons; the posters advertise the choir, collaborators, patrons and featured works.

Also included in the fonds is a scrapbook detailing the choir's history. Each page of the scrapbook is decorated with hand painted images of plants native to the southwestern Manitoba region. The scrapbook includes concert programs and photographs of the choir from all years of the organization's operation. The scrapbook also contains an assortment of informal photographs from various WMPC events. There are also six black and white group photos of the WMPC from various seasons.

Finally, the fonds contains one artifact, a leather bag/zippered file folder with "WMPC" printed on it.

Notes: History/Bio information was provided by representatives of the Western Manitoba Philharmonic Choir. Copies of the history can be found in the fonds. Description by Jessi Gilchrist (October 2016).

Name Access: Chris Verhoef  
Margaret Goodman  
St. Matthews Cathedral  
Lucien Needham  
Louise Chapman  
Manitoba Centennial Corporation  
Canada Council  
Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra

Brandon College  
Kiwanis Club  
CKX  
Helen Reisberry  
Mary Donovan  
Tom Inglis  
Humphrey Davies  
Muriel Bain  
H.V. Kidd  
Eileen Christ  
Brandon College Auditorium  
CBC Radio  
J.M. Donovan  
Murray Ames  
Dr. R. Parker  
Henry Stein  
Ernie Pearn  
Gerry Streuber  
Dorothy McLean  
Mayme Tucker  
Margaret George  
Bob Blair  
Bud Keenan  
Marilyn Johnston  
Sister Mary Rose  
Lou Brown  
Jeanine Baker  
Muriel Patmore  
Leonard Mayoh  
Jim Cory  
Eric Davies  
Phil Ricou  
Elaine Dechka  
Lester Spinaze  
Archie Miller  
High Rest  
Lorna hamilton  
Ruth Cutforth  
Ollie Timkiw  
Thelma Findogasson  
A. Bayne  
Dick Vanderveen  
Lee Donnelly  
M. Rogosin  
Ken Nichols



Manitoba Arts Council  
Piero Gamba  
Mary Graham  
Reuben Gurevich  
Leonard Stone  
Brandon Area Foundation  
Arthur Bower  
Derek Murphy  
Judy Pringle  
Irma Peters  
John Martens  
Robert Publow  
Brandon Citizens' Committee for the Performing Arts  
Brandon Musical Supply  
P.A. Kennedy  
Bond Books  
Brandon Public Library  
Phylis Thomson  
Hilda Miller  
Arthur Janzen  
Walter Deller  
Nora Needham  
Jean Dorian  
Margaret hammond  
Eileen Blain  
Brian Bailey  
Brandon College Gymnasium  
Brandon University School of Music  
G.R. Rowe  
Sylvia Richardson  
Peter Koslowsky  
Nelson Lohnes  
James Stewart  
Francis Chaplin  
Malcolm Tait  
Gordon Macpherson  
J.R.C. Evans Lecture Theatre  
Lorne Watson  
Donald Henry  
Lawrence Jones  
Alice Hekster  
Walter Hekster  
Hilda Dridger  
Elizabeth Grant  
Dorothy Froese

	Robert Ford
	James Mendenhall
	Colin Cooper
	Allison Ryles
	Joy Crawford
	Audrey Farnell
	Maxine Miller
	Smith Miller
	Brandon Sun
	Barbra Ehnes
	Brandon School Division Music Department
	Brandon School Orchestra and Band Association
	Barbra Landry
Subject Access:	Kiwanis Club of Rivers philharmonic choirs
	amateur choirs
	amateur musicians
	symphony orchestra
	philharmonic
	classical music performance ensemble
	cultural organizations
	music
	community organizations
Storage Location:	2001 accessions
Related Material:	School of Music records
	Lorne Watson collection
	Lawrence Jones collection
	Brandon Women's Musical Club fonds
	Francis Chaplin collection
	Brandon Festival of the Arts fonds
	Fred McGuinness collection
	CKX fonds
	Music and the Brandon Community collection