

# S. J. McKee Archives



## Brandon Wheat Market at Pacific Avenue and 10th Street

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13795>

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection  
Description Level: Item  
Series Number: McG 9  
Item Number: 20-2009.104  
Accession Number: 20-2009  
GMD: graphic  
Date Range: 1885  
Physical Description: 9.25" x 7.25" (b/w)  
Material Details: On matting  
Physical Condition: Photograph is creased and scratched

### Scope and Content:

Photograph shows the Brandon Wheat Market along Pacific Avenue on November 30, 1885. Farmers can be seen driving wagon teams loaded with bags of grain in line on Pacific Avenue from 10 Street to at least 7th Street. On the north side of Pacific Avenue the CPR Land Office and grain elevators are pictured. On the south side of Pacific Avenue, the general merchant/hardware store Bower, Blackburn, Mundell & Porter is situated on the corner of Pacific Avenue and 10th Street. A 10th Street sign is affixed to the merchants' store. On the east side of the general store, Edie House, the Grand View Hotel, and a Farmers' boarding and lodging house can be seen. Most of the buildings appear to be woodframed except for the Grand View, which is constructed of brick. Sidewalks appear to be in place on the south side of Pacific and snow dusts the streets. A baby swathed in winter clothing sits in a pram/baby carriage in front of the general store.

Notes: Writing on the front of the photograph reads: Novemeber 30th, 1885,  
Brandon Wheat Market

Name Access: Bower, Blackburn, Mundell, & Porter  
Edie House  
Grand View Hotel  
Pacific Avenue  
10th Street  
CPR Land Office  
Brandon Wheat Market

Subject Access: horses  
wagons  
Transportation  
street scenes  
hotels  
markets  
Grain elevators  
downtown  
Brandon business buildings & facilities before 1940  
store exteriors  
winter  
general stores  
hardware stores  
children

Storage Location: McGuinness oversize storage drawer (1-2015)

Related Material: Lawrence Stuckey collection 1-2002.3.1C3

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### Coombs & Stewart general store c. 1881

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13756>

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection

Description Level: Item

Series Number: McG 9

Item Number: 20-2009.67

Accession Number: 20-2009

GMD: graphic

Date Range: c.1881

Physical Description: 6.5" x 5" (b/w)

Material Details: on matting

Physical Condition: Photograph is stained and water damaged. A newspaper clipping about William (Billy) Muir is glued to the top left hand corner of the mat. The image is exfoliated in the right hand corner. The negative has been reverse printed.

## History /

### Biographical:

Coombs & Stewart opened the first general store in Brandon in 1881, which was located on 6th Street and Pacific Avenue. According to G.F. Barker (Brandon: A City, 1977, 291), William (Billy) Muir worked at the store until he opened his own grocery store in 1888.

### Custodial History:

Donated to Fred McGuinness by Allena Strath (nee Coombs).

### Scope and Content:

Photograph shows the Coombs & Stewart general store located on the corner of Pacific Avenue and 6th Street. A group of men pose in front of the wood-framed store.

Notes: Back of photograph reads: One of first stores in Brandon, Coombs...[?]

Name Access: Coombs & Stewart  
Pacific Avenue  
6th Street  
Wm. Muir General Grocer

Subject Access: Pioneers  
general stores  
building exteriors  
store exteriors  
horses  
grocery stores  
Brandon business buildings & facilities before 1940

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

Related Material: Lawrence Stuckey collection 1-2002.3.1E13

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## Queen's Hotel on the corner of 10th Street and Rosser Avenue

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13778>

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection

Description Level: Item

Series Number: McG 9

Item Number: 20-2009.89

Accession Number: 20-2009

GMD: graphic

Date Range: 1883  
Physical Description: 7.25" x 4.25" (b/w)  
Material Details: on matting  
Physical Condition: Left hand corner of mat is bent. Mock-up instructions are written in pencil at the bottom right hand corner. Portions of the photograph itself are marked with pen.

History /

Biographical:

The Queen's Hotel was located on the corner of Rosser Avenue and Tenth Street (Steen & Boyce, 1882. Brandon, Manitoba, Canada and Her Industries. Steen & Boyce Publishers Printers & Binders, 81.). Therefore this photo appears to display Rosser Avenue looking east.  
P.E. 11/06/09

Scope and Content:

Photograph shows early Rosser Avenue under construction between 9th Street and 10th Street in the 1880s. Buildings that line the avenue are wood framed and there are wooden boardwalks in front of a few structures. On the north side of Rosser Avenue signs for Fortier & Bucke Commision Agents and Transit House (Hotel) can be seen. On the south side of Rosser Avenue, the Queen's Hotel and Robinson Brothers and Company groceries and dry goods store are open for business. A family appears to be standing on the stoop at the dry goods store. A boy is lounging in the entryway of the Queen's Hotel. A man is standing on a wooden plank that extends across the dirt road of Rosser Avenue between the dry goods store and the commission agents' shop.

Notes: The back of the photograph reads: FRED McGUINNESS

Name Access: Queen's Hotel  
Rosser Avenue  
Fortier & Bucke Commision Agents  
Transit House  
Robinson Brothers and Company

Subject Access: downtown  
construction  
Brandon Street Scenes Before 1940  
hotels  
hardware stores  
street scenes  
store exteriors  
building exteriors  
grocery stores  
general stores  
dry goods

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

Related Material: Lawrence Stuckey collection 1-2002.3.1C17

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## Rosser Avenue, north side 900 block

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13799>

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| Part Of:              | Fred McGuinness collection  |
| Description Level:    | Item  |
| Series Number:        | McG 9   |
| Item Number:          | 20-2009.108   |
| Accession Number:     | 20-2009   |
| GMD:                  | graphic   |
| Date Range:           | 1882  |
| Physical Description: | 7.25" x 4.25" (b/w)   |
| Material Details:     | On matting  |
| Physical Condition:   | Photograph has pen markings and publishing mark-up notes on front and back of matting |

### Scope and Content:

Photograph shows the north side of the 900-block of Rosser Avenue, facing west from 9th Street. All the shops appear to be woodframed buildings; the sidewalk has yet to be installed and wooden planks have been laid down in front of the shops. Visible storefronts include: (left to right): Leask & Rose, general merchants (at the 11th Street intersect); Fortier & Bucke - Manufacturers' Agents and CPR Express Co.; The New Era - real estate office; Imperial Bank of Canada; Durand & Macdonald Law Office, T.D. McLean - jeweller; Deacon & Hooper - grocers; and J. Barker Vosburgh - Surgeon & Dentist. The building in the foreground has Rosser Avenue and 9th Street street signs affixed above the entrance to the building. A chuckwagon is parked in front of Fortier & Bucke.

Notes: Writing on the front of the photograph reads: Brandon.

Name Access:

- Rosser Avenue
- Leask & Rose
- Fortier & Bucke Commision Agents
- The New Era
- Imperial Bank of Canada
- T.D. McLean
- W.A. McDonald soliciter
- J. Barker Vosburgh
- Deacon & Hooper
- 9th Street

Subject Access: Brandon business buildings & facilities before 1940  
store exteriors  
street scenes  
jewellers  
jewelry stores  
jewelry stores  
signs and signboards  
grocery stores  
general stores  
banks  
surgeons  
dentists  
lawyers  
grocery trade  
hardware stores  
wagons

Storage Location: McGuinness oversize storage drawer (1-2015)

Related Material: Lawrence Stuckey collection 1-2002.3.1C18

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### William Muir General Grocer building

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13757>

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection

Description Level: Item

Series Number: McG 9

Item Number: 20-2009.68

Accession Number: 20-2009

GMD: graphic

Date Range: post-1888

Physical Description: 4.5" x 7.5" (b/w)

Material Details: on matting

Physical Condition: Matting is bent and has a thumbtack hole.

## History /

### Biographical:

According to G.F. Barker (Brandon: A City, 1977, 291), William (Billy) Muir worked at Coombs & Stewart's on Pacific Avenue until he opened his own grocery store in 1888. The shop was located at 143-6th Street, Brandon, and was demolished for a parking lot in 1952.

### Custodial History:

Donated to Fred McGuinness by Allena Strath (nee Coombs).

### Scope and Content:

Photograph shows the "Wm. Muir General Grocer" building on 6th Street. Two men pose in the doorway of the store. The man on the left is likely William Muir. Barrels are lined on the boardwalk in front of the store. Apples and mason jars can be seen in the shop's windows.

### Notes:

Front of photograph reads: Sixth Street between Rosser - Princess. Back of photograph reads: Billy Muir's Store, 143 6th Street Brandon - 57 years in business in this location. An address label affixed to the back of the mat reads: Mrs. James Strath, Box 421, Souris, Man.

### Name Access:

Coombs & Stewart  
Pacific Avenue  
6th Street  
Wm. Muir General Grocer

### Subject Access:

Pioneers  
general stores  
building exteriors  
store exteriors  
grocery stores  
Brandon business buildings & facilities before 1940

### Storage Location:

RG 5 photograph storage drawer 2 (hanging photos)

### Related Material:

Lawrence Stuckey collection 1-2002.3.1E18

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