

**S. J. McKEE ARCHIVES  
ANNUAL REPORT  
2012**

**I. APPRAISAL**

Through a number of accessions from 2008 to 2011, the Archives acquired the professional archives of Fred McGuinness. In June 2012, C.M. Henry began appraising this extensive collection, which consists of more than 7 m of textual records, approximately 150 photographs, as well as additional books and artifacts.

The McKee Archives did not conduct any monetary appraisals in 2012.

**II. ACCESSIONING, PROCESSING, ARRANGING AND DESCRIBING**

Fifteen accessions were added to the S.J. McKee Archives' holdings in 2012. The majority of these records pertain to Brandon College/University and its alumni. Significant accessions were received from BUNTEP, the Senate office and the Athletics Department. Accessions were also acquired related to the Eckhardt-Grammaté competition and the Manitoba Pool Elevators Employees' Association.

This year the Archives continued to digitize its photographic holdings, including images in the Herbert Goodland collection, the Brandon University photograph collection and the Provincial Exhibition Association of Manitoba fonds. The majority of this work was completed by Circulation staff of the Main Library, including Donna Andresen, Randy Patton, Tanya Canton and Richard Bee. These contributions have made it possible to accelerate the presentation of these important archival records on the archives public site.

**III. REFERENCE AND RESEARCHERS**

Reference services were provided to a variety of researchers seeking archival data, photographs and oral histories related to Patmore Nurseries, the Brandon Street Railway, ambulances, the Provincial Exhibition and the midway, Brandon history, World War I soldiers and Brandon College, the Prince Edward Hotel, Lorne Watson and the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra, the Eckhardt-Grammaté competition, the Strand Theatre, Manitoba Pool Elevator operators, the Brandon Residential School and Brandon Sanatorium, Senior and Lady Sticks, the history of Brandon City Police and police stations, Women's Institutes, and historical figures, including several Brandon College alumni. The materials were used for personal research/projects, publications, teaching materials, websites, film productions, family histories, history themed events in Brandon, and building and renovation projects. The Archives also continued to provide photographs for the *Brandon Sun* on a variety of subjects, including Grant Hamilton's five part history of the Prince Edward Hotel.

Within the University, the archives responded to reference requests from the President's office, the office of the Vice-President (Administration & Finance), the *BU Journal of Graduate Studies*

*in Education, Athletics, BUNTEP, Student Services, Human Resources, Institutional Advancement, Public Communications, the Senate office, and number of faculty members past and present. The Archives continued to provide images and text for the archives page in the 2012 issues of the Alumni News.*

Archives' staff consulted on a number of archival topics during 2012, including: preservation/conservation, photograph dating, copyright, archival arrangement and description, archival software and digital preservation.

As has been the case for several years, Dr. James Naylor's 54-437 Historical Methods & Historiography class devoted time to archival work. Each member of the class was assigned the task of completing a fonds or collection level description that was RAD compliant. In addition several of the students have undertaken research papers based on holdings in the S. J. McKee Archives.

#### **IV. EXHIBITS**

An exhibit featuring photographs, flags and textual records from the McKee Archives was created for Homecoming weekend in October.

Images the McKee Archives contributed to the Association for Manitoba Archives' Rural and Northern Archives Manitoba special interest group exhibit IMAGES continued to tour the province throughout 2012. The exhibit was displayed at the Centre du patrimoine (Winnipeg), the International Peace Gardens, Boissevain, Winkler and the Keystone Gallery at the Legislative Building in Winnipeg.

Archives' staff provided photographs for the John E. Robbins Library display at Winterlude 2012.

#### **V. RARE BOOKS & SPECIAL COLLECTIONS**

Although items continued to be added to Rare Books, there were no special projects or initiatives undertaken in 2012.

#### **VII. FACULTY & STAFF ACTIVITY**

In September C.M. Henry was named Acting University Archivist.

Henry also completed her two year term as Chair of the Board for the Association for Manitoba Archives' Board of Directors in September. At the organization's AGM, she was elected to a two year term as Past Chair/Special Interest Groups member at large. She also continues to sit on the AMA's Management Committee. Henry also continued as the Archives' representative at the AMA's Rural and Northern Archives Manitoba group meetings held in Carberry (April) and Minnedosa (October).

At its November 24<sup>th</sup> meeting the Brandon University Board of Governors approved the granting of the designation “Archivist Emeritus” to Tom Mitchell.

C.M. Henry  
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