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Summary information

Repository:	Daly House Museum
Title:	Albert Pettitt Collection
ID:	1986.354
Date:	c.1882-1915 (date of creation)
Physical description:	7 photographs and 1 negative.

Administrative history / Biographical sketch

Note

Albert Pettitt was born in Kent, England in 1876. He immigrated to Canada in 1892 and settled in Brandon, Manitoba to work as a farmhand for his uncle George Palmer and later for Harry Sutton and Tom Kneeshaw. He married Marian Kneeshaw in 1902 and the couple established their own farm. During the First World War, Albert served with the 1st Canadian Mounted Rifles. He was also a barbershop singer and a long-time member of the First Presbyterian Church Choir and Brandon Lodge No.19. Mr. Pettitt passed away in 1975 and is buried at the Brandon Cemetery.

Custodial history

Daly House Museum accessioned the collection in 1986. Prior custodial history is unknown.

Scope and content

The collection is comprised primarily of photographs from the early Brandon Hills farming community. These photographs include Rev. George Roddick's farm, Henry Dunbar's threshing outfit, Robert Dunbar, and a school house. The collection also includes a photograph of the 1st Battalion Canadian Mounted Rifles from the First World War.

Notes

Title notes

Conditions governing use

Researchers are responsible for copyright requirements.

Finding aids

Object IDs: 1986.354.1-7

Other notes

- **Publication status**: published
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Access points

- Graphic material (documentary form)
 - Brandon Hills (Man.) (place)
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Collection holdings

Item: 1986.354-1 - Christening at Roddick Farm Home

Creator: J.A. Brock & Co.

Title: Christening at Roddick Farm Home

ID: 1986.354-1

Date: c.1882-1895 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Photograph of a christening at the Roddick farm house in the Brandon Hills. A group of people is pictured standing in the front yard. The people pictured are identified as (l-r): John H. Roddick; Melville Roddick and son Hawkin; Gertie Roddick (née McKay); R.F. Roddick; Mrs. Henry Dunbar (née Mary Roddick); Henry Dunbar and son Alexander; David Roddick and son Ray; Mrs. Phoebe Roddick (née Foxall), Mrs. Elizabeth Roddick (wife of Rev. George Roddick), Rev. George Roddick; Mrs. Fred Harris (née Georgina Roddick), Mrs. Robert Dunbar (née Lena Roddick); and "Nellie" the horse.

Physical description: 5" x 8" (b/w)

Note [generalNote]:

History: History: Rev. George Roddick (1831-1910) was born at sea enroute to Canada to parents James Robert Roddick and Lena Kinkley of Belfast, Ireland. He was ordained and graduated from Durham Divinity Hall in Nova Scotia, 1858. He married his cousin Elizabeth Roddick (1841-1895) at Pictou, Nova Scotia in 1859. The couple had seven children: James Melville (b.1860), David Roy (b.1862), Mary Harriet (b.1864), Robert Fenwick (b.1866), John Hardie (b.1868), Helena Bessie (b.1870), and William Henry (b.1876; died in infancy). In 1879, along with a party of settlers led and organized by Rev. Roddick, the family left Nova Scotia to move west. They travelled by rail to St. Boniface and then by wagon to the Brandon Hills. Rev. George, one of the area's first homesteaders, farmed the east half of 17-8-18 in the Brandon Hills district. He first conducted Church services out of various homes and in 1896 the community's first church was built on the Roddick farm. Elizabeth died in 1895 and Rev. George later returned to Nova Scotia and remarried to Mrs. Margaret Logan. He died in Pictou, Nova Scotia in 1910 and is buried with Elizabeth in the Brandon Hills.

Publication status:

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Access points:

- Graphic material (documentary form)
 - Brandon (Man.) (place)
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Item: 1986.354-2 - 1st Battalion Canadian Mounted Rifles

Title: 1st Battalion Canadian Mounted Rifles

ID: 1986.354-2

Date: c.1914-1915 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Photograph of the 1st Battalion Canadian Mounted Rifles (B. Company) c.1914-1915.

Physical description: 7" x 9.5" (b/w)

Note [generalNote]:

History: This infantry battalion was part of the Canadian Expeditionary Force during the First World War. The B. Company was formed in Brandon, Manitoba, 1914.

Publication status:

published

Access points:

- Graphic material (documentary form)
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Item: 1986.354-3 - School House

Title: School House

ID: 1986.354-3

Date: Unknown (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Photograph of a small school house (?) in Byth, Manitoba. The yard is pictured with trees, a tennis net, and a flagpole flying Manitoba's provincial flag.

Physical description: 8.25" x 10" (b/w)

Note [generalNote]:

History: The house appears to be Blyth School No. 471 (RM of Cornwallis). The Blyth School District was established in 1886 was dissolved in 1964.

Publication status:

published

Access points:

- Graphic material (documentary form)
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Item: 1986.354-4 - Farmstead

Creator: J.A. Brock & Co.

Title: Farmstead

ID: 1986.354-4

Date: c.1882-1900 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Photograph of an unidentified farmstead. A group of men and women are pictured with threshing equipment and livestock. There is a log house in the background.

Physical description: 5" x 8" (b/w)

Related material:

Item 5 in the collection (1986.354.5) is a reprint of this photograph

Publication status:

published

Access points:

- Graphic material (documentary form)
 - Brandon (Man.) (place)
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Item: 1986.354-6 - Henry Dunbar's Threshing Outfit

Creator: J.A. Brock & Co.

Title: Henry Dunbar's Threshing Outfit

ID: 1986.354-6

Date: c.1883-1888 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Photograph of Henry Dunbar's threshing outfit in the Brandon Hills. The man at the centre is identified as Henry Dunbar. Also pictured is a J.I. Case steam engine (c.1883-1888) and a hand-fed separator with straw carrier.

Physical description: 5" x 8" (b/w)

Note [generalNote]:

History: William Henry Dunbar was born at Hopewell, Picton County, Nova Scotia in 1856 to parents William Dunbar and Margaret McLean. He worked as a carpenter and cabinetmaker until moving west to Manitoba with the party of Rev. Roddick in 1879. After arriving in the Brandon Hills, Dunbar established a farm at SE 9-9-18. In 1883, he married Harriet Roddick. The couple had six children: Alexander, Robert, John, Ira, Bessie and Jessie. In 1920 Henry and Mary sold the farm and retired to Brandon, Manitoba. Henry passed away in 1939 and Mary in 1949. Both are buried at the Brandon Cemetery.

Publication status:

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Access points:

- Graphic material (documentary form)
 - Brandon (Man.) (place)
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Item: 1986.354-7 - Threshing Outfit

Title: Threshing Outfit

ID: 1986.354-7

Date: Unknown (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Photograph of a threshing outfit. The man on the steam engine is identified as Robert Dunbar, son of Henry Dunbar of the Brandon Hills.

Physical description: 6.5" x 8.5" (b/w)

Publication status:

published

Access points:

- Graphic material (documentary form)
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