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Summary information

Repository: Daly House Museum
Title: Beecham Trotter Collection
ID: 2007.3
Date: c.1880 to 1943 (date of creation)

Physical description: 11 photographs
2 postcards
10 drawings
4cm of textual records

Administrative history / Biographical sketch

Note

Beecham Trotter (1860-1934) was one of Brandon's original pioneers. He was the son of William Trotter, who immigrated to Pittsburg Township, Ontario from Leitrim, Ireland in 1835. Beecham's occupations included being a shoe smith in Ontario and a horse dealer in Brandon. Beecham left Ontario in 1882 working as a telegraph worker for the Canadian Pacific Railway. He spent his first winter on the prairies in Regina. He came to Brandon in 1883 and began a livery stable with his cousin Alexander Trotter (1855-1931) on 10th street called Trotter and Trotter. Beecham was a devoted community worker. He served as city alderman (1914) and as a member of the Brandon General Hospital (1913-14). He was a member of the No. 6 I.O.O.F. for fifty years and a supporter of First United Church. Beecham was the author of "A Horseman and the West", which recounts the early days of pioneer life in Manitoba. He also frequently wrote articles about Brandon's history for the Brandon Daily Sun. He married Mary Scott (1865-1948) and they had one son, Beauchamp Wilbert (1893-1942), and a daughter, Marjorie Alexandra (1903-2000). The Trotters made their home at "Tintern" on 6th Street. Beecham Trotter passed away in 1934 and is buried at the Brandon Cemetery.

Custodial history

The collection originally belonged to the daughter of Beecham Trotter, Marjorie Trotter. The donor, Virginia Trotter received the collection after Marjorie passed away in 2000. The collection remained in Virginia's possession for eight years until she donated it to the Daly House Museum in 2007.

Scope and content

The collection is comprised of material accumulated or created by Beecham Trotter and his family. It consists of photographs of the Trotter Family and other Brandon residents. Additionally there are

drawings of different locations in the Brandon area. The collection includes numerous newspaper clippings of articles written by Beecham Trotter on the early days of Brandon. There are also newspaper clippings pertaining to other members of the Trotter family and other prominent Brandon figures. Many of these newspaper clippings are found in a scrapbook and others are separate. Other writings of Beecham Trotter in the collection include a magazine article and a typewritten short story. Items are described in detail at the individual level in the Daly House Museum database.

Notes

Title notes

Other notes

- **Publication status:** published
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Access points

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

Series: 2007.3-0.1 - Photographs

Title: Photographs

ID: 2007.3-0.1

Date: c.1880 to 1943 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

The series consists of photographs of the Trotter family and other Brandon residents between 1880 to 1943.

Physical description: 13 photographs; 1 photo postcard

Conditions governing use:

Researchers are responsible for copyright requirements.

Finding aids:

Object ID Numbers: 2007.3.1 - 7; 2007.3.10-11; 2007.3.13.1-2.

Publication status:

published

Access points:

- Graphic material (documentary form)
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Item: 2007.3-0.1-1 - Furniture and Shoe Store

Title: Furniture and Shoe Store

ID: 2007.3-0.1-1

Date: c.1894-1895 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Photograph of two stores at an unknown location. Pictured are two men and a woman in front of the furniture store and three men in front of the shoe store.

Physical description: Photograph: 12" x 14" (b/w)

Publication status:

published

Accompanying material:

Note written on back: "This picture was taken in - 1894 or 1895. Mother and father, WW Leurs grandfather, Wm (?) Leurs in front of fathers furniture store #3 Main St North. Adjoining building owned and operated by Mr Brown a shoe store and shoe repairing. Marjorie Lancefield."

Access points:

- Graphic material (documentary form)
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Item: 2007.3-0.1-2.1 - Mary Trotter with Mrs. Brock & Daughter

Title: Mary Trotter with Mrs. Brock & Daughter

ID: 2007.3-0.1-2.1

Date: c.1900-1910 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Photograph of three women standing outside. Pictured from left to right are: Mary Trotter, Mrs. Brock, and Mrs. Brock's daughter. There is a row of trees in the background.

Physical description: Photograph: 2" x 3.5" (b/w)

Note [generalNote]:

History:

Mary Trotter (nee Scott) was born in Kingston, Ontario in 1865. Mary and her husband, Beecham Trotter (1860-1934) made their home at "Tinturn" at 326 6th Street, Brandon, Manitoba. The couple had two children: Beauchamp Wilbert (1893-1942) and Marjorie Alexandra (1903-2000). Mary was an active member of the Methodist Church in Brandon (later the First Church United) and hosted many community gatherings at her home. She passed away in 1948 and is buried at the Brandon Municipal Cemetery.

Mr. J.A. Brock was one of Brandon's first aldermen in 1882. In 1883 he opened Brock Nursery on 6th Street and was responsible for the planting of many trees around the city, including maples. He later went on to become a photographer and sold the nursery to his associate, Henry Lewis Patmore.

Publication status:

published

Accompanying material:

Written note: "Mr.Brock planted numerous maple trees in Brandon."

Access points:

- Graphic material (documentary form)
 - Brandon (Man.) (place)
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Item: 2007.3-0.1-2.2 - Unidentified Group

Title: Unidentified Group

ID: 2007.3-0.1-2.2

Date: c.1900-1910 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Photograph of three unidentified men and one boy standing outside around the door of a brick building.

Physical description: Photograph: 3.25" x 4.25" (b/w)

Publication status:

published

Physical description:

Attached to 2007.3.2.1.

Access points:

- Graphic material (documentary form)
 - Brandon (Man.) (place)
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Item: 2007.3-0.1-3 - Beecham Trotter at Fort Prince of Wales

Creator: Crawford's Drug Store, Brandon, Manitoba

Title: Beecham Trotter at Fort Prince of Wales

ID: 2007.3-0.1-3

Date: c.1920-1930 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Photograph of Beecham Trotter standing in front of a large stone wall at Fort Prince of Wales in Churchill, Manitoba.

Physical description: Photograph: 4.25" x 2.5" (b/w)

Publication status:

published

Access points:

- Graphic material (documentary form)
 - Churchill (Man.) (place)
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Item: 2007.3-0.1-4 - Mary and Marjorie Trotter

Title: Mary and Marjorie Trotter

ID: 2007.3-0.1-4

Date: c.1915 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Photograph of Mary Trotter and her young daughter, Marjorie sitting at a miniature table in a yard.

Physical description: Photograph: 3.5" x 2.75" (b/w)

Note [generalNote]:

History: Mary Trotter (nee Scott) was born in Kingston, Ontario in 1865. Mary and her husband, Beecham Trotter (1860-1934) made their home at "Tinturn" at 326 6th Street, Brandon, Manitoba. The couple had two children: Beauchamp Wilbert (1893-1942) and Marjorie Alexandra (1903-2000). Mary was an active member of the Methodist Church in Brandon (later the First

Church United) and hosted many community gatherings at her home. She passed away in 1948 and is buried at the Brandon Municipal Cemetery. Marjorie Trotter became a Registered Nurse and worked in Rosa, California; Brandon, Manitoba; and Victoria, B.C. She retired to Victoria and passed away in 2000. Marjorie is buried with her parents at the Brandon Municipal Cemetery.

Publication status:

published

Access points:

- Graphic material (documentary form)
 - Brandon (Man.) (place)
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Item: 2007.3-0.1-5 - Trotter Family

Creator: Solio

Title: Trotter Family

ID: 2007.3-0.1-5

Date: c.1905-1910 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Photographic postcard of the Trotter family sitting in a yard. Pictured are: Beecham Trotter, Mary Trotter, and Marjorie Trotter.

Physical description: Photographic postcard: 5.5" x 3.25" (b/w)

Publication status:

published

Access points:

- Graphic material (documentary form)
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Item: 2007.3-0.1-6 - Grandma & Jim

Title: Grandma & Jim

ID: 2007.3-0.1-6

Date: c.1930-1940 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Photograph of Jim Trotter and his grandmother, Mary Trotter, standing on the step of Tinturn (326 6th Street).

Physical description: Photograph: 2.5" x 3.5" (b/w)

Note [generalNote]:

History: James Beecham "Jim" Trotter (1923-1989) was the son of Beauchamp Wilbert Trotter (1893-1942) and Louise Georgina Mooring. He was educated at the University of Manitoba and York Univeristy, moving to Toronto to work as a lawyer. He served in the R.C.A.F during World War II and was a Liberal member of the Legislative Assembly of Ontario from 1959 to 1971. He became an Ontario District Court Judge in 1975.

Publication status:

published

Access points:

- Graphic material (documentary form)
 - Brandon (Man.) (place)
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Item: 2007.3-0.1-7 - YWCA Camp, 1914

Title: YWCA Camp, 1914

ID: 2007.3-0.1-7

Date: 1914 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Photograph of a group of women and children at a Y.W.C.A camp in 1914.

Physical description: Photograph: 4.5" x 3.5" (b/w)

Publication status:

published

Accompanying material:

Handwritten on the back: "1914 Y.W.C.A. Camp. How many do you know?" Names written around the photograph are: Back row, (l-r): Parkinson, Mrs. S., ? , Mrs. R., Anna; Middle row: (l-r): Chris, Mrs. Barde(?), Mrs. B., Mrs. T. Front row, (l-r): Dick, Ivan Mahong(?), Lloyd, Girlie.

Access points:

- Y.M.C.A. Camp (subject)
 - Graphic material (documentary form)
 - Brandon (Man.) (place)
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Item: 2007.3-0.1-10a - Marjorie Trotter & Friends

Title: Marjorie Trotter & Friends

ID: 2007.3-0.1-10a

Date: c.1900-1910 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Photograph of three young girls riding a pony. The girls are identified as Marjorie Trotter (left), Edythe Mutree (middle) and Aleeta (?) Turnbull (right). Mrs. Mary Trotter is standing behind holding baby Kathleen Speers.

Physical description: Photograph: 4" x 6" (b/w)

Note [generalNote]:

History: Mary Trotter (nee Scott) was born in Kingston, Ontario in 1865. Mary and her husband, Beecham Trotter (1860-1934) made their home at "Tinturn" at 326 6th Street, Brandon, Manitoba. The couple had two children: Beauchamp Wilbert (1893-1942) and Marjorie Alexandra (1903-2000). Mary was an active member of the Methodist Church in Brandon (later the First Church United) and hosted many community gatherings at her home. She passed away in 1948 and is buried at the Brandon Municipal Cemetery. Marjorie Trotter became a Registered Nurse and worked in Rosa, California; Brandon, Manitoba; and Victoria, B.C. She retired to Victoria and passed away in 2000. Marjorie is buried with her parents at the Brandon Municipal Cemetery.

Publication status:

published

Access points:

- Graphic material (documentary form)
 - Brandon (Man.) (place)
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Item: 2007.3-0.1-10b - Unidentified Young Men

Title: Unidentified Young Men

ID: 2007.3-0.1-10b

Date: Unknown (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Photograph of two unidentified young men standing in an open field. They are wearing suits and straw hats. Other men are visible walking in the background.

Physical description: Photograph: 3.2" x 2.2" (b/w)

Publication status:

published

Physical description:

Note: On the opposite side of 2007.3.10a.

Access points:

- Graphic material (documentary form)
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Item: 2007.3-0.1-10c - Women on Porch

Title: Women on Porch

ID: 2007.3-0.1-10c

Date: Unknown (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Photograph of two unidentified women sitting on the porch of a house. There is a row of trees and an open field in the background.

Physical description: Photograph: 2.5" x 2.5" (b/w)

Publication status:

published

Physical description:

Note: On the opposite side of 2007.3.10a.

Access points:

- Graphic material (documentary form)
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Item: 2007.3-0.1-11 - Beecham Trotter with Unidentified Woman

Title: Beecham Trotter with Unidentified Woman

ID: 2007.3-0.1-11

Date: c.1920-1930 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Photograph of a man (Beecham Trotter?) and an unidentified woman standing outside during winter. The woman is pictured wearing a fur coat and there is a building visible in the background.

Physical description: Photograph: 2.5" x 3.25" (b/w)

Publication status:

published

Access points:

- Graphic material (documentary form)
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Item: 2007.3-0.1-13.1 - Arrival of Pacific Express in Brandon

Title: Arrival of Pacific Express in Brandon

ID: 2007.3-0.1-13.1

Date: 1886 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Photograph of the arrival of the Pacific Express at the train station in Brandon, Manitoba. There is a large crowd of people lining the tracks. Also visible in the background are grain elevators and the Grandview Hotel.

Physical description: Photograph: 10.5" x 7.25" (b/w)

Note [generalNote]:

History: The Pacific Express, Canada's first transcontinental passenger train came through Brandon on Dominion Day, 1886.

Publication status:

published

Physical description:

2007.3.13.2 on other side of this photo.

Physical description:

The photograph appears to have been ripped out of a book.

Access points:

- Graphic material (documentary form)
 - Brandon (Man.) (place)
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Item: 2007.3-0.1-13.2 - Rosser Avenue, Looking East

Title: Rosser Avenue, Looking East

ID: 2007.3-0.1-13.2

Date: c.1880-1900 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Photograph of Rosser Avenue in Brandon, Manitoba looking east from 9th Street. Businesses pictured include C.E. Miller & Co., Coombs & Stewart, Johnson & Co Hardware, Golden Lion Store, D.A. Reesor, and Flemings's Drug Store.

Physical description: Photograph: 10.5" x 7.25" (b/w)

Publication status:

published

Physical description:

2007.3.13.1 is on the other side of this picture.

Physical description:

The photograph appears to have been ripped out of a book.

Access points:

- Graphic material (documentary form)
 - Brandon (Man.) (place)
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Series: 2007.3-0.2 - Scrapbook and Newspaper Articles

Title: Scrapbook and Newspaper Articles

ID: 2007.3-0.2

Date: 1907-1934; predominately 1930-1934 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

The series contains numerous newspaper clippings of articles written by Beecham on the early days of Brandon, a manuscript on the taking of Gibraltar by Beecham Trotter, various historical illustrations, and a family scrapbook.

Physical description: 4 cm of textual records.

Publication status:

published

Access points:

- Textual record (documentary form)
 - Graphic material (documentary form)
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