# Research Collections

## Dorothy Wardle fonds


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<td>154 cm of textual records. -- 1304 photographs (1190 prints, 95 negatives, 19 transparencies). -- 6 photograph albums.</td>
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History / Biographical:
The Wardle family was comprised of husband and wife, James Morey Wardle (June 26, 1888 - May 18, 1971) and Maud Leette (Roney) Wardle (May 24, 1889 - December 1, 1969), and their one child, Dorothy Hope Wardle (May 23, 1919 - July 20, 2003).

James Wardle, born in Chilliwack, British Columbia, was a civil engineer and public servant. He was the Superintendent of Banff National Park from 1918-1921, Chief Engineer for Parks Canada from 1921-1935, and Deputy Minister of the Interior from 1935-1936. He is primarily known as a highway design engineer, particularly for building the Banff-Windermere, Banff-Lake Louise, and Banff-Jasper highways. He was a councillor for the Municipality of Rockcliffe Park in Ontario and he was the President of the Trail Riders of the Canadian Rockies in Banff from 1925-1929. Mount Wardle in Vermillion was named after him in 1921. James married Leette on November 4, 1913, with whom he had one child, Dorothy.

Born in Calgary, Alberta, Dorothy (also known as Dot and Dorie) grew up in Banff, Alberta and Ottawa, Ontario, due to her father's position with the federal government. She was educated at the Mountain School in Banff and at the Elmwood School in Ottawa. All three family members were graduates of Queen's University in Kingston, Ontario. James graduated in 1912 with a Bachelor of Science in Engineering, Leette graduated with a Bachelor's degree, and in 1942, Dorothy also earned a Bachelor's degree. Dorothy was prominent in student life and active in athletics. In 1941, Dorothy became the first woman elected as President of the Alma Mater Society and during her academic career, Dorothy was a member of the Levana Intercollegiate Debative, University Centenary Committee, and Queen's War Aid Commission.

Dorothy spent her career as a freelance writer however, upon graduation she served as the first Secretary-In-Charge of Records at Carleton College (now Carleton University) from 1942-1944 in Ottawa and in the mid-1950s worked as a secretary for the Glenbow Foundation in Calgary. Dorothy pursued a lifelong interest in traveling, art, and antiques. Although she was fiercely proud and protective of Banff and the Park, and remained a volunteer and patron of the Whyte Museum of the Canadian Rockies, Dorothy eventually settled in Sidney, British Columbia and shared an apartment with Sheila Iris Ritchie, with whom Dorothy travelled extensively. After her death in 2003, Dorothy, "Dorie," was laid to rest alongside her parents in the Old Banff Cemetery.

Scope & Content:
Fonds consists of two sous-fonds: M521 and V75.

M521 consists of four series, 154 cm, ca.1870-2002. Series I: Dorothy Wardle Personal Papers, 69.5 cm, ca.1870-2002 (includes Dorothy's written work and research and notes related to Banff). Series II: Wardle Family, 32.5 cm, 1872-1998 (including correspondence with Carl Rungius and Mrs. Helen Brett, and Christmas and other greeting cards from Peter and Catharine Whyte). Series III: Queen's University, 7.5 cm, 1911-1980 (including graduation certificates for each family member and records pertaining to Dorothy's participation on the Alma Mater Society). Series IV: Travel, 44.5 cm, ca.1950-1988 (includes hand-written notebooks meticulously detailing their travels).

V75 consists of two series, 79.5 cm, ca. 1912-2001. Series I: Wardle Family, ca. 1912-1971, 6 albums, 31 cm of photograph prints and negatives (including family trips, trail rides in the Canadian Rocky Mountains, and family gatherings). Series II: Dorothy Wardle, 1972-2001, 34 cm of photograph prints, negatives, and transparencies (including Dorothy's travels in Alberta and British Columbia, overseas, and various outings with friends).
Name Access:

Wardle, Dorothy
Wardle, James
Rungius, Carl
Brett, Helen
Keyte, Freeman
Hart, E. J. (Ted)
Harkin, J. B. (James Bernard)
Brewster, Pat
Peyto, Bill
Brett, Robert George
Sanson, Norman
White, Clifford
Drummond-Davies, Nora
Mills, Ike
McLean, George
Walking Buffalo (George McLean)
Kaquito, Frank
Oxborough, Dorothy
Whyte, Jon
Robinson, Dean
Warren, Mary Schaffer
Simpson, George
Gibbon, John Murray
Whyte, Catharine
Whyte, Peter
Greenham, Margaret

Subject Access:

Arts
Environment
Personal and Family Life
Banff
Old Banff Cemetery
Whyte Museum of the Canadian Rockies
Cabins
Travel
Picnics and picnicking
Holidays
Scenery
Christmas
Dogs
Horses
Mountain
Canoes and canoeing
Hiking
Wildlife
War Memorial
Geographic Access:  
Banff  
Banff National Park  
Canmore  
Alberta  
Canada  
Canadian Rocky Mountains  
Castle Mountain  
Bankhead  
British Columbia  
Glacier National Park  
Kootenay National Park  
Silver City  
Victoria  
Scotland  
Revelstoke  
Yoho National Park  
Ottawa  
Ontario  
Prince Edward Island  
Plain of Six Glaciers  
Lake Agnes  
Lake Louise  
Lake Minnewanka  
Lake O'Hara  
Bow River  
Calgary
Sidney
San Francisco
United States
Europe
Germany
Switzerland
France
Spain
Monaco
Italy
Denmark
Austria
Quebec
Windermere
New York
Assiniboine
Ghost River
High River
Quebec City
New Brunswick
Maine
Great Divide
Moraine Lake
Maligne Lake
Columbia Icefield
Washington
Philadelphia
Atlantic City
Larch Valley
Cascade Mountain
Panama
Sulphur Mountain
Field
Emerald Lake
Head Smashed In Buffalo Jump
Takkakaw Falls
Jasper National Park
Athabasca Falls
Okanagan
Kananaskis
Hoodoo
Powell River
Montreal
### Access Restrictions
Some restrictions on access
Copyright, privacy, commercial use and other restrictions may apply

### Language
Language is English

### Related Material
Dorothy also donated artwork (by Carl Rungius) to Art and Heritage.
James Morey Wardle fonds (Library and Archives Canada)

### Creator
- Wardle, Dorothy
- Wardle, James M.
- Wardle, Leette

### Category
- Arts
- Environment
- Education
- Exploration, discovery and travel
- Family and personal life
- First nations
- Sports, recreation and leisure

### Title Source
Title based on accession records and contents of fonds

### Processing Status
Processed

### Book Notes

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### Physical Description
2 cm of textual records (139 pages ; 30 x 35 cm or smaller)
Scope & Content:

File consists of 139 pages of handwritten research notes, correspondence, and newspaper clippings, H35 x W30 cm or smaller. File pertains to Dorothy's research on Banff and surrounding area, Parks Canada, Department of the Interior, and the history of the Canadian Rocky Mountains in general. Records were filed in an envelope that was titled "Book Notes."

Notable people include James Wardle, J.B. Harkin, Pat Brewster, Arthur Unwin, Dr. Brett, Norman Sanson, and Bill Peyto, among others. Notable places and topics include the organization of the Department of the Interior, the Banff-Windemere Highway, Rocky Mountain Park and Park Wardens, Kootenay National Park fires, coal and precious metal mines (e.g. Bankhead, Silver City), trail riding and hiking, research about James Wardle and his accomplishments, Ya-Ha-Tinda, and various parks (e.g. Glacier, Revelstoke, Elk Island, Kootenay, and Yoho).

Other records include a handwritten letter to the Auld family in Scotland (cousins of Sheila Ritchie) with a story about Glenbow and a highland cow from Oban, Scotland; personal reflections on the Banff area and mountains in general; notes that Dorothy took while doing research at the Whyte Museum of the Canadian Rockies and the Banff Public Library; and a variety of newspaper clippings.

Notes:

Includes request slips and stationary from the archives at the Whyte Museum.

Potentially includes a handwritten list of Dorothy's written works.

Newspaper clippings primarily from the Times Colonist, which is published in Victoria, British Columbia.

Name Access:

Wardle, Dorothy
Wardle, James M.
Harkin, J. B. (James Bernard)
Brewster, Pat
Peyto, Bill
Brett, Robert George
Sanson, Norman

Subject Access:

Banff
Banff National Park
Banff Public Library
National parks and reserves
Newspaper
Parks Canada
Park policy
Research
Trail Riders of the Canadian Rockies
Wardens
Whyte Museum of the Canadian Rockies
Ya-Ha-Tinda Ranch
Hiking
Community life
History
Mines and mineral resources
Geographic Access:  Alberta
                  Banff
                  Banff National Park
                  Bankhead
                  British Columbia
                  Canada
                  Canadian Rocky Mountains
                  Castle Mountain
                  Glacier National Park
                  Kootenay National Park
                  Silver City
                  Victoria
                  Yoho National Park
                  Scotland
                  Revelstoke

Language:        English

Conservation:    Some of the slips of paper are taped together. Was unable to remove
                 them without damaging the materials. May present conservation issues in
                 the future.

Creator:         Wardle, Dorothy

Category:        Sports, recreation and leisure
                 Transportation
                 Politics
                 Natural resources
                 Family and personal life

Title Source:    Title based on contents of file
                 Title was written on an envelope containing these materials.

Processing Status: Processed

Norman Sanson fonds
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Part Of:         Norman Sanson fonds

Description Level: 1 / Fonds

Fonds Number:    M 3
                 V 246

Sous-Fonds:      M 3
                 V 246

Accession Number: 109, 148, 181, 334, 384, 400, 439, 448, 1036, 1148, 1191, 2072, 2484,
                   2594, 2771, 3028, 6351, 6739

Reference Code:  M3 / V246
GMD: Photograph
       Album
       Photograph print
       Postcard
       Textual record
       Diary
       Map
       Private record
       Published record
       Scrapbook

Date Range: 1855-1949

Physical Description: ca.55 cm and 21 v. of textual records. -- 46 photograph albums (ca.7500 prints). -- 1 postcard set (37 prints)

History / Biographical:

Norman Bethune Sanson, 1862-1949, was a naturalist, meteorologist and museum curator at Banff, Alberta, Canada. Born in Toronto, Ontario, the son of a prominent clergyman, he developed a life-long interest in natural history as a boy. Sanson came west in 1885 to fight in the Riel Rebellion as a member of the Queen's Own Rifles.

In 1892, Sanson came to Banff as an accountant for the Sanitarium Hotel. He also did bookkeeping for other local businesses and handled the town's weather reports. In 1896 he was appointed curator of the Park Museum and also worked as zookeeper for the Banff Zoo. From 1896 until 1931, Sanson was meteorological officer and curator of the Park Museum. In 1903 an observatory was built on Sulphur Mountain on a site chosen by Sanson. During the period 1903-1931, Sanson made one thousand ascents of Sulphur Mountain to collect weather records. In 1948, the Dominion Government acknowledged his many years of service by naming a peak on the mountain for him.

As a nature enthusiast, Sanson was well-known both in Banff and beyond. He was an avid collector of flora and fauna, both privately and through his job as museum curator. Sanson was an active member of the Alpine Club of Canada, the Skyline Hikers of the Canadian Rockies and the Banff Rotary Club. He was a warden of St. George's Anglican Church and a supporter of the Canadian Bible Society. He was active in community events such as the Banff Winter Carnival, for which he organized and led the snowshoeing events. An ardent mountain traveller, he enjoyed both hiking and snowshoeing. Following retirement, Sanson toured extensively on foot throughout Britain and Europe.

Scope & Content:

Fonds consists of papers and photographs resulting from Sanson's life and work.

Textual records consist of: I. Correspondence, 1901-1944, 2 cm.; II. Research and professional papers, 1890-1947, 45 cm., includes notebooks and notes pertaining to nature study, meteorological research, Sulphur Mountain and maps; III. Travel diary, 1900-1933, 1 cm.; IV. Register books, 1931, 1941, n.d. 2 cm.; IV. Scrapbooks, 1909-1931, n.d., 21 vol, many containing postcards from Great Britain and around the world; VI. Miscellaneous, 1855-1895, n.d., 4 cm.

Photographs consist of: I. Albums, 1880s-1949, 46 v., pertain to Norman Sanson's life and work; document Banff Park Museum, Sulphur Mountain and Sulphur Mountain Observatory; natural history, including mountain flora, collecting trips, weather surveys and snow surveys; Banff events, including Banff Winter Carnival, Banff Indian Days, Highland Gatherings and Banff Regatta; mountain travels and travels throughout Canada, United States, England and Europe; friends, associates and Banff personalities. Detailed identifications provided by Norman Sanson. II. Postcard set, ca.1930.

Name Access: Sanson, Norman
| Subject Access:                      | Environment                                      |
|                                    | Exploration, discovery and travel                |
|                                    | Science and technology                           |
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| Language:                          | Language is English                              |
| Finding Aid:                       | Finding aids and reference tools: arrangement outline |
|                                    | series description and partial file description  |
|                                    | reference microfilm copies of photographs albums and some textual materials |
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