



Peter and Catharine Whyte fonds

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Part Of: Peter and Catharine Whyte fonds

Description Level: 1 / Fonds

Fonds Number: M36 / V683 / S37

Sous-Fonds: TBD

Accession Number: 3069 and various

Reference Code: M36 / S37 / V683

GMD: Drawing
Motion picture

Film

Photograph

Album

Ambrotype

Cased photograph

Daguerreotype

Negative

Photograph print

Postcard

Tintype

Transparency

Sound recording

Cassette

Reel to reel

Textual record

Plan

Poster

Private record

Published record

Other Title Info: Also known as the Whyte family fonds

Date Range: 1856-1980

Physical Description: 25 m of textual records. -- ca.46,000 photographs : prints, albums, postcards, cased photographs, transparencies, negatives. -- 178 sound recordings : audio tape reels, audio tape cassettes. -- 6 motion pictures (and film strips)

History /

Biographical:

Peter and Catharine Whyte were artists, photographers, outdoor enthusiasts, travelers, philanthropists and cultural workers at Banff, Alberta, Canada. Peter Whyte, 1905-1966, was born at Banff in 1905 to pioneer merchant Dave White and Annie (Curren) White. He was an accomplished skier and ski jumper and one of the region's first native-born painters with an intimate knowledge of the mountains and was an active photographer from ca.1920 until the 1950s. Peter Whyte studied art at the Otis Art Institute, Los Angeles, 1923-1924, and at the School of the Museum of Fine Arts at Boston, 1925, where he met Catharine Robb. Catharine Robb Whyte, 1906-1979, was born in 1906 at Concord, Massachusetts and grew up amongst the wealth and creativity of the Robb and Morse families. She studied at the School of the Museum of Fine Arts at Boston, 1925-1929.

Following their marriage in 1930, the Whytes pursued a life of painting, photography, hiking, skiing and travelling. Their log home and studio in Banff became a focal point for their artist friends, Stoney Indians and local pioneers. Catharine shared Pete's involvement in skiing and hiking organizations and together they managed Skoki Lodge from 1932-1934. In following years, the Whytes travelled extensively. During the Second World War, Peter served in the reserve army, with the Royal Canadian Air Force as a photographer and, briefly, as an official war artist. Catharine continued to paint and maintain their home and, when possible, accompanied Pete to his military postings. In civilian life, Pete resumed his art career, explored new photographic techniques and sculpted.

Throughout the 1950s and 1960s, the Whytes formulated plans for a foundation to preserve the art and history of the Canadian Rockies. Plans for a building to house an archives, public library and gallery were in preparation when Pete died in 1966. The Peter Whyte Foundation was named in his honour. Catharine immersed herself in the development of what is now the Whyte Museum of the Canadian Rockies, in the cultural community, painting, outdoor activity, travel and work with the Stoney First Nations. She became a more active photographer, recording her travels and outdoor pursuits. She served in an official capacity with numerous cultural and charitable organizations, was a patron to individuals studying art and music, and supported numerous causes relating to the Stoney First Nations. Catharine also supported causes related to multiculturalism, regional culture and recreation, and cancer research. Despite her modesty and often anonymous patronage of causes, Catharine was recognized with numerous awards and honours, including the Order of Canada in 1978. She died in Banff in 1979.

Scope & Content:

Fonds consists of papers, photographs and sound recordings of Peter and Catharine Whyte and the papers and photographs of their respective families. Consists of three sous-fonds: V683, S37 and M36. M36 and S37 consists of three series. Series I: Peter and Catharine Whyte, Series II: Robb and Morse families, Series III: White and Curren families. Within Series I, there are four Sub-series: Series: A. Catharine Robb Whyte papers; B. Peter Whyte papers; C. Peter and Catharine Whyte papers accessioned after 2017; D. Peter and Catharine Whyte sound recordings.

Name Access:	Whyte, Peter Whyte, Catharine
Subject Access:	Arts Communications Environment Exploration, discovery and travel Family and personal life First nations Sports, recreation and leisure

Access Restrictions:	Some restriction/s on access Copyright, privacy, commercial use and other restrictions may apply
Language:	Language is English
Finding Aid:	Finding aids and reference tools: arrangement outline sous-fonds, series and file description for textual sub-series and group description for photographs item description, subject/proper name index, and summaries for sound recordings reference copies for sound recordings
Creator:	Whyte, Peter Whyte, Catharine
Category:	Arts Communications Environment Exploration, discovery and travel Family and personal life First nations Sports, recreation and leisure
Title Source:	Title based on contents of fonds
Processing Status:	Processed

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Description Level: 5 / File
Fonds Number: M36 / V683 / S37
Series: I.A.2. Catharine Robb Whyte papers / photographs
Reference Code: M36 / I / A / 2 / e / ii / 622
Date Range: 1962
Physical Description: 1 file of textual records
Scope & Content:
Cards to Peter and Catharine.
Subject Access: Engelhard, Georgia
Goodall, Edward

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'77 & '78

<https://archives.whyte.org/en/permalink/descriptions8320>

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Description Level: 5 / File
Fonds Number: M36 / V683 / S37
Series: I.A.4. Catharine Robb Whyte papers / photographs
Reference Code: M36 / I / A / 4 / b / i / 1193
Date Range: 1977-1978
Physical Description: 1 file of textual records
Scope & Content:
Banff Centre: reports, meeting agendas and financial statements.
Subject Access: Banff Centre

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1939

<https://archives.whyte.org/en/permalink/descriptions7845>

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Description Level: 5 / File

Fonds Number: M36 / V683 / S37

Series: I.A.2. Catharine Robb Whyte papers / photographs

Reference Code: M36 / I / A / 2 / e / ii / 601

Date Range: 1939

Physical Description: 1 file of textual records

Scope & Content:

Cards to Peter and Catharine.

Name Access: Armbrister, Fred

Boyce, Jim

Subject Access: Link, George K.K.

Kingman, Henry S.

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1939-40-41

<https://archives.whyte.org/en/permalink/descriptions7847>

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Description Level: 5 / File
Fonds Number: M36 / V683 / S37
Series: I.A.2. Catharine Robb Whyte papers / photographs
Sous-Fonds: M36
Accession Number: N/A
Reference Code: M36 / I / A / 2 / e / ii / 603
Date Range: 1939-1941
Physical Description: 1 file of textual records
Scope & Content:

Cards to Peter and Catharine.

Name Access: Kingman, Henry S.;
Noble, George;
Harris, Lawren;
Link, George K.K.;
Hibbard, Aldro;
Rungius, Carl;
Aemmer, Rudolf
Language: English
Title Source: Title based on contents of file
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1940

<https://archives.whyte.org/en/permalink/descriptions7846>

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Description Level: 5 / File
Fonds Number: M36 / V683 / S37
Series: I.A.2. Catharine Robb Whyte papers / photographs
Reference Code: M36 / I / A / 2 / e / ii / 602
Date Range: 1940
Physical Description: 1 file of textual records
Scope & Content:
Cards to Peter and Catharine.
Name Access: Armbrister, Fred
Subject Access: Thorington, James Monroe
Rungius, Carl
Wyatt, Colin

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1940's

<https://archives.whyte.org/en/permalink/descriptions7855>

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Description Level: 5 / File
Fonds Number: M36 / V683 / S37
Series: I.A.2. Catharine Robb Whyte papers / photographs
Reference Code: M36 / I / A / 2 / e / ii / 611
Date Range: 1934-1942
Physical Description: 1 file of textual records
Scope & Content:

Cards to Peter and Catharine.

Name Access: Armbrister, Fred
Subject Access: Kingman, Henry S.
Moore, Philip
Moore, Pearl (Brewster)
Rungius, Carl
Thorington, James Monroe
Wyatt, Colin
Simpson, Mary
Hibbard, Aldro
Phillips, Walter J.
Link, George K. K.
Noble, George
White, Cliff Sr.
Harris, Lawren
Whyte, Peter
Ski Club of the Canadian Rockies

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1942 Trust

<https://archives.whyte.org/en/permalink/descriptions7936>

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Description Level: 5 / File
Fonds Number: M36 / V683 / S37
Series: I.A.3. Catharine Robb Whyte papers / photographs
Reference Code: M36 / I / A / 3 / a / i / 704
Date Range: 1942-1975
Physical Description: 1 file of textual records
Scope & Content:
Copy of 1942 Trust Agreement for benefit of Catharine Robb Whyte. Letters regarding trust-1968. Financial appraisal of 1942 Trust-1975.
Subject Access: Robb, Edith Morse

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1942

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Fonds Number: M36 / V683 / S37
Series: I.A.2. Catharine Robb Whyte papers / photographs
Reference Code: M36 / I / A / 2 / e / ii / 604
Date Range: 1942
Physical Description: 1 file of textual records
Scope & Content:
Cards to Peter and Catharine.
Name Access: Armbrister, Fred
Subject Access: Hibbard, Aldro
Thorington, James Monroe
Rungius, Carl
Wyatt, Colin

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1943

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Description Level: 5 / File
Fonds Number: M36 / V683 / S37
Series: I.A.2. Catharine Robb Whyte papers / photographs
Reference Code: M36 / I / A / 2 / e / ii / 605
Date Range: 1943
Physical Description: 1 file of textual records
Scope & Content:
Cards to Peter and Catharine.
Subject Access: Thorington, James Monroe
Moore, Philip
Moore, Pearl (Brewster)

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1948

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Description Level: 5 / File
Fonds Number: M36 / V683 / S37
Series: I.A.2. Catharine Robb Whyte papers / photographs
Reference Code: M36 / I / A / 2 / e / ii / 609
Date Range: 1948
Physical Description: 1 file of textual records
Scope & Content:

Cards to Peter and Catharine.

Name Access: Browne, George
Browne, Agnes
Adaskin, Murray
Subject Access: Lauder, Harry
Leighton, A.C.
Simpson, Jimmy (James Sr.)
Daly Pepper, Kathleen
Wyatt, Colin
Gest, Lillian
Rungius, Carl
Hibbard, Aldro
Phillips, Walter J.

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1949

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Description Level: 5 / File

Fonds Number: M36 / V683 / S37

Series: I.A.2. Catharine Robb Whyte papers / photographs

Reference Code: M36 / I / A / 2 / e / ii / 610

Date Range: 1949

Physical Description: 1 file of textual records

Scope & Content:

Cards to Peter and Catharine.

Subject Access:

- Leighton, A.C.
- Daly Pepper, Kathleen
- Wyatt, Colin
- Gest, Lillian
- Rungius, Carl
- Hibbard, Aldro
- Thorington, James Monroe
- Painter, Walter

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1951

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Fonds Number: M36 / V683 / S37
Series: I.A.2. Catharine Robb Whyte papers / photographs
Reference Code: M36 / I / A / 2 / e / ii / 612
Date Range: 1951
Physical Description: 1 file of textual records
Scope & Content:

Cards to Peter and Catharine.

Name Access: Browne, Evelyn
Browne, Agnes
Subject Access: Goodall, Edward
Gest, Lillian
Simpson, Jimmy (James Sr.)
Daly Pepper, Kathleen
Thorington, James Monroe
Rungius, Carl
Morant, Nick
Hibbard, Aldro

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1952

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Description Level: 5 / File

Fonds Number: M36 / V683 / S37

Series: I.A.2. Catharine Robb Whyte papers / photographs

Reference Code: M36 / I / A / 2 / e / ii / 613

Date Range: 1952

Physical Description: 1 file of textual records

Scope & Content:

Cards to Peter and Catharine.

Name Access: Browne, Evelyn
Browne, Agnes

Subject Access: Thorington, James Monroe
Rungius, Carl
Feuz, Ernest

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1957

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Series: I.A.2. Catharine Robb Whyte papers / photographs

Reference Code: M36 / I / A / 2 / e / ii / 616

Date Range: 1957

Physical Description: 1 file of textual records

Scope & Content:

Cards to Peter and Catharine.

Subject Access:

- Whitney, Moxie
- Daly Pepper, Kathleen
- Hibbard, Aldro
- Kent, Rockwell
- Simpson, Jimmy (James Sr.)
- Gest, Lillian
- Encil, George
- Park, Jean

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1958

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Description Level: 5 / File
Fonds Number: M36 / V683 / S37
Series: I.A.2. Catharine Robb Whyte papers / photographs
Reference Code: M36 / I / A / 2 / e / ii / 617
Date Range: 1958
Physical Description: 1 file of textual records
Scope & Content:
Cards to Peter and Catharine.
Subject Access: Thorington, James Monroe
Daly Pepper, Kathleen
Hibbard, Aldro
Engelhard, Georgia
Rummel, Elizabeth
Gest, Lillian

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1959

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Description Level: 5 / File
Fonds Number: M36 / V683 / S37
Series: I.A.2. Catharine Robb Whyte papers / photographs
Reference Code: M36 / I / A / 2 / e / ii / 618
Date Range: 1959
Physical Description: 1 file of textual records
Scope & Content:
Cards to Peter and Catharine.
Subject Access: Daly Pepper, Kathleen
Wyatt, Colin
Whitney, Moxie
Goodall, Edward

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1959-60

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Fonds Number: M36 / V683 / S37

Series: I.A.2. Catharine Robb Whyte papers / photographs

Reference Code: M36 / I / A / 2 / e / ii / 619

Date Range: 1959-1960

Physical Description: 1 file of textual records

Scope & Content:
Cards to Peter and Catharine.

Name Access: Becker, Linnie
Baker-Carr, John
Bax, Gwen
Ball, Vic
Becker, Ruth
Bennett, Russell
Batchelor, Dudley

Subject Access: Hibbard, Aldro
Gest, Lillian
Rummel, Elizabeth

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1963 & '64

<https://archives.whyte.org/en/permalink/descriptions7868>

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Fonds Number: M36 / V683 / S37
Series: I.A.2. Catharine Robb Whyte papers / photographs
Reference Code: M36 / I / A / 2 / e / ii / 624
Date Range: 1963-1964
Physical Description: 1 file of textual records
Scope & Content:
Cards to Peter and Catharine.
Subject Access: Wardle, Dorothy
Conn, Gordon
Yamaguchi, Toshihiko
Spencer, Earl
Woodward, Stanley

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1963 Xmas card list

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Description Level: 5 / File
Fonds Number: M36 / V683 / S37
Series: I.A.2. Catharine Robb Whyte papers / photographs
Reference Code: M36 / I / A / 2 / e / i / 594
Date Range: 1959-1964
Physical Description: 1 file of textual records
Scope & Content:
Typewritten and carbon copy of Christmas card list.

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