



Peter and Catharine Whyte fonds

<https://archives.whyte.org/en/permalink/descriptions36>

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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[?] Cinnamon Bear

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Fonds Number: M36 / V683 / S37
Series: V683 / III / A / 1 : Peter and Catharine Whyte Personal sub series
Reference Code: V683 / III / A / 1 / PD - 1
GMD: Photograph
Date Range: [ca.1930]
Physical Description: 1 album page with 4 photographs : 1 photograph
Scope & Content:

Image of a young bear holding a tin mug

Creator: Byron Harmon, photographer

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2nd Day. -- [ca.1970]

<https://archives.whyte.org/en/permalink/descriptions9109>

Part Of: Peter and Catharine Whyte fonds
Description Level: 6 / Item
Series: I.D. Peter and Catharine Whyte sound recordings
Reference Code: S37 / 56
Physical Description: 1 sound recording

Scope & Content:

Meeting re Canadian Citizenship and Immigration.

Content Details: Source: Meeting: Canadian citizenship and immigration
Taped by: Catharine Whyte
Speed: Cassette

"2nd day" – meeting re: Canadian citizenship and immigration; cultural centers across Canada; multicultural grants.

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2nd trip to Hole in Wall Mt - Cyril Paris, Cliff White and Fulton Dunsmore, Pardner Jones and cameramen "The Alaskan" 1924

<https://archives.whyte.org/en/permalink/descriptions53666>

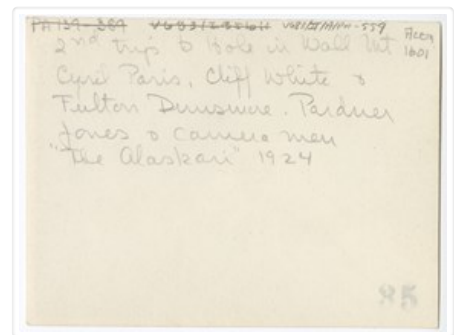
Part Of: Peter and Catharine Whyte fonds
Description Level: 6 / Item
Fonds Number: M36 / V683 / S37
Series: V683 / II / A : Peter Whyte: Personal
Reference Code: V683 / II / A / PA - 559
GMD: Photograph
Date Range: ca.1918 to ca.1924
Physical Description: Photograph: 1 print (front and back) ; b&w.
Scope & Content:

Image of (left to right) Cyril Paris, Cliff White, Fulton Dunsmore, Pardner Jones and three unidentified cameramen reclining on side of mountain

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3 girls, D. Whyte, Flossie C. & Gladys P. gossiping, Sept. 1952.

<https://archives.whyte.org/en/permalink/descriptions9083>

Part Of: Peter and Catharine Whyte fonds

Description Level: 6 / Item

Series: I.D. Peter and Catharine Whyte sound recordings

Reference Code: S37 / 30

Date Range: 1952

Physical Description: 1 sound recording

Scope & Content:

Dorothy Whyte, Flossie Currie; also Catharine Whyte talking to girl and boy; singing Christmas carols. -- Reference copy available.

Content Details: Source: Dorothy Whyte, Flossie Currie, Gladys P.

Date: September 1952

Interviewed by: Peter and Catharine Whyte

Speed: 7 ½

"3 girls, D. Whyte, Flossie C. (Currie), Gladys P. gossiping Sept. 1952"
Peter and Catharine talking to the ladies opera music Catharine talking
to girl and boy – girl and boy singing Christmas carols – 2 girls (?)
singing Christmas carols.

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40 Mile Creek - Mt. Norquay in Left Foreground

<https://archives.whyte.org/en/permalink/descriptions52066>

Part Of: Peter and Catharine Whyte fonds
Description Level: 6 / Item
Fonds Number: M36 / V683 / S37
Series: V683 / III / A / 3 : Peter and Catharine Whyte: Various Views of Banff and Area
Sous-Fonds: V683
Accession Number: .
Reference Code: V683 / III / A / 3 / PA - 287
GMD: Photograph
Date Range: ca. 1926 to ca. 1950
Physical Description: Photograph: 1 print (front and back) ; b&w.
Scope & Content:
Image aerial view of 40 Mile Creek and Mount Norquay with double prop airplane in flight at centre "4" and "11272" on side of plane
Language: English
Title Source: Title based on item
Processing Status: Processed

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57. Banff Village, Goat Mtn.

<https://archives.whyte.org/en/permalink/descriptions50401>

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Fonds Number: M36 / V683 / S37
Series: V683 / III / A / 1 : Peter and Catharine Whyte Personal sub series
Reference Code: V683 / III / A / 1 / PD - 1
GMD: Photograph
Date Range: [ca.1930]
Physical Description: 1 album page with 4 photographs : 1 photograph
Scope & Content:

Image of Banff taken from Goat Mountain

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72. Moraine Lake

<https://archives.whyte.org/en/permalink/descriptions50448>

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Fonds Number: M36 / V683 / S37
Series: V683 / III / A / 1 : Peter and Catharine Whyte Personal sub series
Reference Code: V683 / III / A / 1 / PD - 1
GMD: Photograph
Date Range: [ca.1930]
Physical Description: 1 album page with 4 photographs : 1 photograph
Scope & Content:

image of Moraine Lake -Valley of the Ten Peaks in background

Creator: Byron Harmon, photographer

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109. Lake Louise, Mirror Lake, Lake the Clouds, The Beehive, Lakes Agnes

<https://archives.whyte.org/en/permalink/descriptions50445>

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Reference Code: V683 / III / A / 1 / PD - 1
GMD: Photograph
Date Range: [ca.1930]
Physical Description: 1 album page with 4 photographs : 1 photograph

Scope & Content:

Image of lakes and mountains identified as Lake Louise, Mirror Lake, Lake the Clouds, The Beehive, Lakes Agnes

Creator: Byron Harmon, photographer

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117. Mt. Lefroy and Victoria Glacier

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Series: V683 / III / A / 1 : Peter and Catharine Whyte Personal sub series
Reference Code: V683 / III / A / 1 / PD - 1
GMD: Photograph
Date Range: [ca.1930]
Physical Description: 1 album page with 2 photographs : 1 photograph
Scope & Content:

Image of Mount Lefroy and Victoria Glacier - Abbot Pass noted on image with pencil

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236. Bow Valley. Banff.

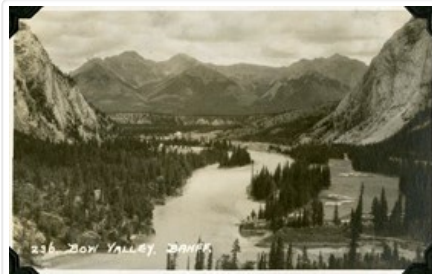
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Fonds Number: M36 / V683 / S37
Series: V683 / III / A / 1 : Peter and Catharine Whyte Personal sub series
Reference Code: V683 / III / A / 1 / PD - 1
GMD: Photograph
Date Range: [ca.1930]
Physical Description: 1 album page with 4 photographs : 1 photograph
Scope & Content:

Image of the Bow Valley - Bow River and mountain range in background

Creator: Byron Harmon, photographer

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236. Bow Valley. Banff.

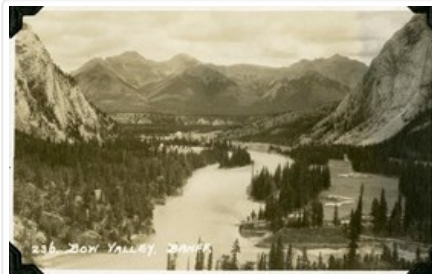
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Reference Code: V683 / III / A / 1 / PD - 1
GMD: Photograph
Date Range: [ca.1930]
Physical Description: 1 album page with 4 photographs : 1 photograph
Scope & Content:

Image of the Bow Valley - Bow River and mountain range in background

Creator: Byron Harmon, photographer

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309. Banff From Tunnel Mountain

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Series: V683 / III / A / 1 : Peter and Catharine Whyte Personal sub series
Reference Code: V683 / III / A / 1 / PD - 1
GMD: Photograph
Date Range: [ca.1930]
Physical Description: 1 album page with 4 photographs : 1 photograph
Scope & Content:

Image of Banff taken from Tunnel Mountain

Creator: Byron Harmon, photographer

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348. Takakkaw Falls and Yoho Glacier, Yoho Valley

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Fonds Number: M36 / V683 / S37
Series: V683 / III / A / 1 : Peter and Catharine Whyte Personal sub series
Reference Code: V683 / III / A / 1 / PD - 1
GMD: Photograph
Date Range: [ca.1930]
Physical Description: 1 album page with 4 photographs : 1 photograph
Scope & Content:

Image of Takakkaw Falls and Yoho Glacier in the Yoho Valley

Creator: Byron Harmon, photographer

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529. Stoney Indian Camp

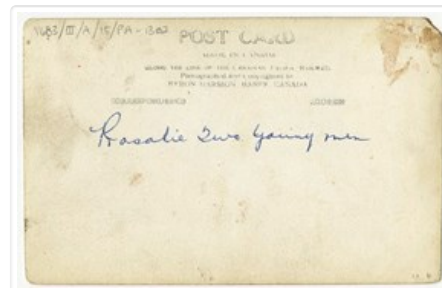
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Part Of:	Peter and Catharine Whyte fonds
Description Level:	6 / Item
Fonds Number:	M36 / V683 / S37
Series:	V683 / III / A / 15 : Peter and Catharine Whyte: Collected Photographs
Sous-Fonds:	V683
Accession Number:	.
Reference Code:	V683 / III / A / 15 / PA - 1302
GMD:	Photograph Postcard
Date Range:	[ca. 1920-1950]
Physical Description:	Photograph: 1 print (front and back) ; b&w.
Scope & Content:	Image of unidentified First Nations people sitting and standing along a loose row of tipis at the Banff Indian Days grounds
Subject Access:	Banff Indian Days First Nations Indigenous Peoples Recognizing relations Stoney Stoney Nakoda Tepee
Geographic Access:	Banff National Park
Language:	English
Title Source:	Title based on item
Processing Status:	Processed

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556. Road to Moraine Lake

<https://archives.whyte.org/en/permalink/descriptions50443>

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Series: V683 / III / A / 1 : Peter and Catharine Whyte Personal sub series
Reference Code: V683 / III / A / 1 / PD - 1
GMD: Photograph
Date Range: [ca.1930]
Physical Description: 1 album page with 4 photographs : 1 photograph
Scope & Content:

Image of car on road - mountain range in background

Creator: Byron Harmon, photographer

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583. Mt. Lefroy and the Mitre, Lake Louise

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Fonds Number: M36 / V683 / S37
Series: V683 / III / A / 1 : Peter and Catharine Whyte Personal sub series
Reference Code: V683 / III / A / 1 / PD - 1
GMD: Photograph
Date Range: [ca.1930]
Physical Description: 1 album page with 4 photographs : 1 photograph
Scope & Content:

Image of Mount Lefroy and the Mitre - Lake Louise

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597. Castle Mtn. from Banff Windermere Rd.

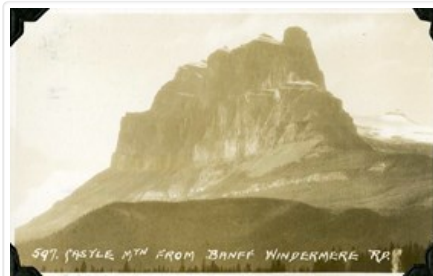
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Fonds Number: M36 / V683 / S37
Series: V683 / III / A / 1 : Peter and Catharine Whyte Personal sub series
Reference Code: V683 / III / A / 1 / PD - 1
GMD: Photograph
Date Range: [ca.1930]
Physical Description: 1 album page with 4 photographs : 1 photograph
Scope & Content:

Image of Castle Mountain from Windermere Road

Creator: Byron Harmon, photographer

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601. Beehive and Bridal Falls, Lake Louise

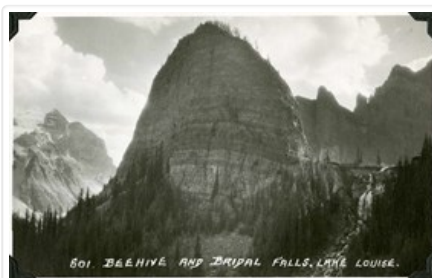
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Reference Code: V683 / III / A / 1 / PD - 1
GMD: Photograph
Date Range: [ca.1930]
Physical Description: 1 album page with 4 photographs : 1 photograph
Scope & Content:

Image of the Beehive and Bridal Falls at Lake Louise

Creator: Byron Harmon, photographer

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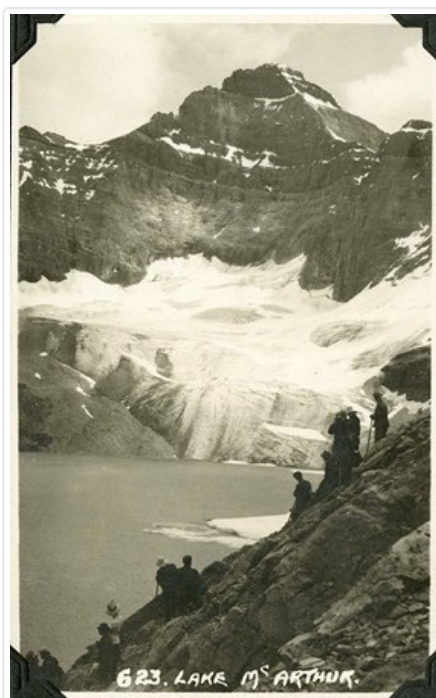
623. Lake McArthur

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 Fonds Number: M36 / V683 / S37
 Series: V683 / III / A / 1 : Peter and Catharine Whyte Personal sub series
 Reference Code: V683 / III / A / 1 / PD - 1
 GMD: Photograph
 Date Range: [ca.1930]
 Physical Description: 1 album page with 2 photographs : 1 photograph
 Scope & Content:

Image of Lake McArthur - people along mountainside in foreground

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