



### 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
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## Alberta Hotel

<https://archives.whyte.org/en/permalink/descriptions53110>

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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 - 674
GMD:	Photograph
Date Range:	[ca. 1885-1945]
Physical Description:	Photograph: 1 print ; b&w.
Scope & Content:	
	Image of the Alberta Hotel on Banff Avenue with a horse-drawn carriage out front
Subject Access:	Buildings
	Cascade Mountain
	Horses
	Hotels
Geographic Access:	Banff
	Banff National Park
Language:	English
Title Source:	Title based on item
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## [Anthracite]

<https://archives.whyte.org/en/permalink/descriptions52038>

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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 - 258
GMD:	Photograph
Date Range:	[ca. 1889-1920]
Physical Description:	Photograph: 1 print ; b&w.
Scope & Content:	<p>Image of structures along a railway line, Rundle Mountain in the background</p>
Subject Access:	Buildings Rundle Mountain Trains
Geographic Access:	Anthracite Bankhead
Language:	English
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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 - 259
GMD:	Photograph
Date Range:	[ca. 1889-1920]
Physical Description:	Photograph: 1 print ; b&w.
Scope & Content:	<p>Image of structures along a railway line - railway cars on track in foreground</p>
Subject Access:	<p>Buildings</p> <p>Coal and coal mines</p> <p>Trains</p>
Geographic Access:	<p>Anthracite</p> <p>Bankhead</p>
Language:	English
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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 - 260
GMD:	Photograph
Date Range:	[ca. 1889-1920]
Physical Description:	Photograph: 1 print ; b&w.
Scope & Content:	Image of structures along a railway line - railway cars on track in foreground
Subject Access:	Buildings Coal and coal mines Trains
Geographic Access:	Anthracite Bankhead
Language:	English
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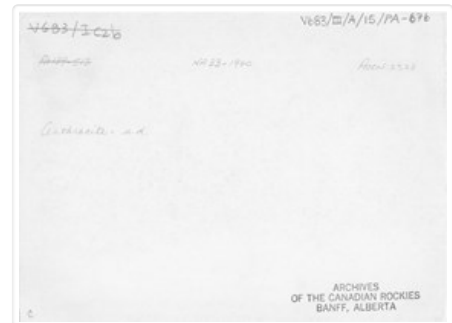
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Series:	V683 / III / A / 15 : Peter and Catharine Whyte: Collected Photographs
Sous-Fonds:	V683
Accession Number:	.
Reference Code:	V683 / III / A / 15 / PA - 676
GMD:	Photograph
Date Range:	[ca. 1885-1945]
Physical Description:	Photograph: 1 print ; b&w.
Scope & Content:	
	Image of the town of Anthracite
Subject Access:	Buildings
	Coal and coal mines
Geographic Access:	Banff National Park
Language:	English
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## Anthracite Village looking west

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Sous-Fonds:	V683
Accession Number:	.
Reference Code:	V683 / III / A / 3 / PA - 261
GMD:	Photograph
Date Range:	[ca. 1889-1920]
Physical Description:	Photograph: 1 print (front and back); b&w.
Scope & Content:	<p>Image of structures along a railway line - railway cars on track in foreground</p>
Subject Access:	<p>Buildings</p> <p>Coal and coal mines</p> <p>Trains</p>
Geographic Access:	<p>Anthracite</p> <p>Bankhead</p>
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## Baker Lake from Deception Mountain

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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 - 720
GMD:	Photograph Postcard
Date Range:	[ca. 1885-1945]
Physical Description:	Photograph: 1 print (front and back) ; b&w.
Scope & Content:	<p>Image of an unidentified person posed on a cliff on Mt. Deception with Baker Lake in the distance</p>
Subject Access:	Baker Lake Mountains Mt. Deception
Geographic Access:	Banff National Park
Language:	English
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## Banff Avenue

<https://archives.whyte.org/en/permalink/descriptions53121>

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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 - 685  
GMD: Photograph  
Date Range: [ca. 1885-1945]  
Physical Description: Photograph: 1 print ; b&w.

### Scope & Content:

Image of Banff Avenue with cars parked alongside one side and shops along the other looking north - the edge of the White Block just visible on left

Subject Access: Automobiles  
Banff townsite  
Buildings  
Businesses  
Horses

Geographic Access: Banff  
Banff National Park

Language: English  
Title Source: Title based on item  
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## Banff Avenue looking south

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Series:	V683 / III / A / 15 : Peter and Catharine Whyte: Collected Photographs
Sous-Fonds:	V683
Accession Number:	.
Reference Code:	V683 / III / A / 15 / PA - 671
GMD:	Photograph
Date Range:	[ca. 1885-1945]
Physical Description:	Photograph: 1 print (front and back) ; b&w.
Scope & Content:	<p>Image of the shops along Banff Avenue looking towards Sulphur Mountain</p>
Subject Access:	<p>Buildings</p> <p>Businesses</p> <p>Banff townsite</p> <p>Mountains</p> <p>Sulphur Mountain</p>
Geographic Access:	<p>Banff</p> <p>Banff National Park</p>
Language:	English
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## Banff from the Sulphur Springs

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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 - 253
GMD:	Photograph
Date Range:	1889
Physical Description:	Photograph: 1 print ; b&w.
Scope & Content:	<p>Image of log structure in foreground - mountains in background - written along bottom in black ink reads "Oct. 13/89 - Cascade Mt. 9580 ft. View from Sulphur Spring showing Banff Village - Inglis"</p>
Subject Access:	Sulphur Springs Cave and Basin
Geographic Access:	Banff
Language:	English
Creator:	Inglis
Title Source:	Title based on item
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## Banff Regatta

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Sous-Fonds: V683  
Accession Number: .  
Reference Code: V683 / III / A / 15 / PA - 687  
GMD: Photograph  
Date Range: 1887  
Physical Description: Photograph: 1 print ; b&w.  
Scope & Content:  
Image of various boats, mostly canoes, on the Bow River with a dock in the background  
Subject Access: Banff Regatta  
Boats  
Bow River  
Buildings  
Geographic Access: Banff  
Banff National Park  
Language: English  
Title Source: Title based on item  
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## Banff Springs Hotel

<https://archives.whyte.org/en/permalink/descriptions52024>

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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 - 244
GMD:	Photograph
Date Range:	[ca. 1888-1920]
Physical Description:	Photograph: 1 print ; b&w.
Scope & Content:	<p>Image of Banff Springs Hotel</p>
Subject Access:	Banff Springs Hotel
Geographic Access:	Banff
Language:	English
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## [Banff Springs Hotel]

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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 - 254
GMD:	Photograph
Date Range:	[ca. 1888-1920]
Physical Description:	Photograph: 1 print ; b&w.
Scope & Content:	<p>Image of Banff Springs Hotel - trees in foreground</p>
Subject Access:	Banff Springs Hotel
Geographic Access:	Banff
Language:	English
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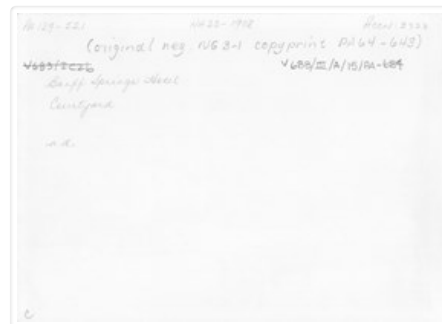
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Series:	V683 / III / A / 15 : Peter and Catharine Whyte: Collected Photographs
Sous-Fonds:	V683
Accession Number:	.
Reference Code:	V683 / III / A / 15 / PA - 684
GMD:	Photograph
Date Range:	[ca. 1888-19420]
Physical Description:	Photograph: 1 print ; b&w.
Scope & Content:	Image of the courtyard for the Banff Springs Hotel with various horse-drawn carriages throughout
Subject Access:	Animals Banff Springs Hotel Buildings Horses Hotels
Geographic Access:	Banff Banff National Park
Language:	English
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## [Banff Springs Hotel October 1889]

<https://archives.whyte.org/en/permalink/descriptions50309>

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Description Level: 6 / Item  
Fonds Number: M36 / V683 / S37  
Series: V683 / III / A / 1 : Peter and Catharine Whyte: Personal Photographs  
Sous-Fonds: V683  
Accession Number: .  
Reference Code: V683 / III / A / 1 / PA - 317  
GMD: Photograph  
Print

Date Range: 1889

Physical Description: Photographs: 1 prints; b&w.

### Scope & Content:

Image of the Banff Springs Hotel on October 14th, 1889 - notation on back reads "Built 1887-1888 - this picture 1889 October 14"

Subject Access: Banff Springs Hotel  
Geographic Access: Banff  
Language: English  
Title Source: Title based on item  
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## Banff Station from top of old water tank

<https://archives.whyte.org/en/permalink/descriptions52019>

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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 - 239  
GMD: Photograph  
Date Range: [ca. 1883-1920]  
Physical Description: Photograph: 1 print (front and back) ; b&w.  
Scope & Content:

Image of Banff railway station as seen from water tank. Written on the back is 'Banff Station from top of old water tank about 1913-14?' - people on platform alongside train cars - horse-drawn carriages parked along station with "Banff" on roof - structures along other side of tracks

Subject Access: Banff Train Station  
Trains  
Geographic Access: Banff  
Language: English  
Title Source: Title based on item  
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## Banff townsite from Tunnel Mountain

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Sous-Fonds:	V683
Accession Number:	.
Reference Code:	V683 / III / A / 3 / PA - 246
GMD:	Photograph
Date Range:	[ca. 1888-1920]
Physical Description:	Photograph: 1 print ; b&w.
Scope & Content:	<p>Image of Banff as seen from Tunnel Mountain - caption along bottom read "757. Birds Eye View of Banff, From Tunnel Mountain"</p>
Subject Access:	<p>Banff townsite</p> <p>Tunnel Mountain lookout</p>
Geographic Access:	Banff
Language:	English
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## Banff Train Station

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 Sous-Fonds: V683  
 Accession Number: .  
 Reference Code: V683 / III / A / 15 / PA - 672  
 GMD: Photograph  
 Date Range: [ca. 1885-1945]  
 Physical Description: Photograph: 1 print (front and back) ; b&w.

### Scope & Content:

Image of the Banff Train Station with trains and train cars stopped on the tracks, people walking along the wooden platform, and horse-drawn carriages clustered around the building - taken from above

Subject Access: Canadian Pacific Railway  
 Buildings  
 Horses  
 Trains

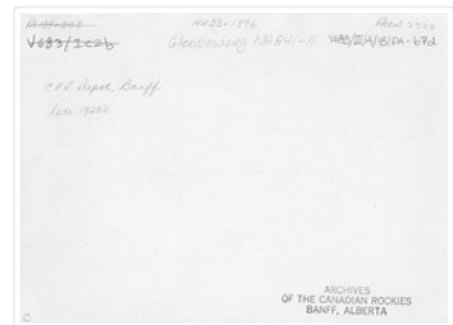
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 Banff National Park

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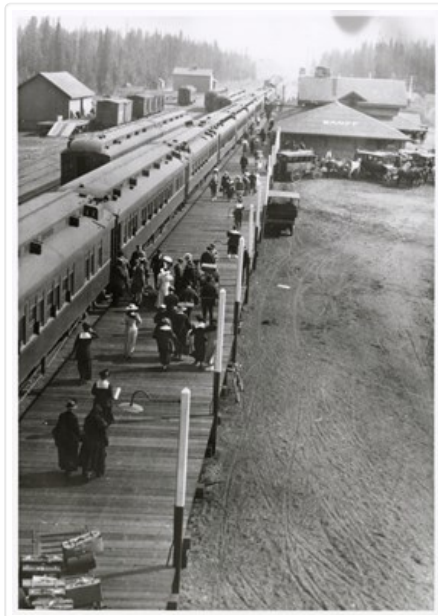
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Sous-Fonds: V683  
Accession Number: .  
Reference Code: V683 / III / A / 15 / PA - 683  
GMD: Photograph  
Date Range: [ca. 1885-1945]  
Physical Description: Photograph: 1 print ; b&w.  
Scope & Content:  
Image of the Banff Train Station with trains stopped on the tracks, people on the platform, and horse-drawn carriages gathered around the building  
Subject Access: Buildings  
Canadian Pacific Railway  
Horses  
Trains  
Geographic Access: Banff  
Banff National Park  
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