



When peaks and people meet HYTE Museum of the Canadian Rockies

Peter and Catharine Whyte fonds

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Part Of:	Peter and Catharine Whyte fonds
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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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Brown, Annora : [correspondence]

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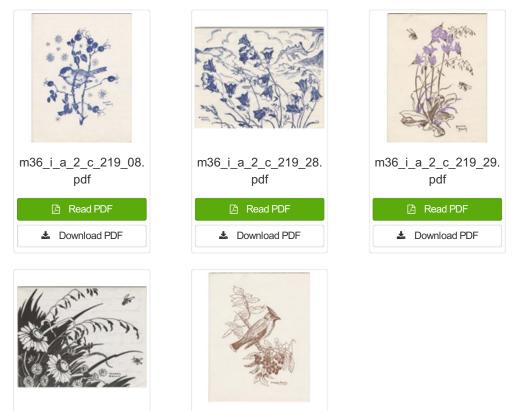
Part Of:Peter and Catharine Whyte fondsDescription Level:5 / File



Fonds Number:	M36 / V683 / S37
Series:	I.A.2. Catharine Robb Whyte papers / photographs
Sous-Fonds:	M36
Accession Number:	
Reference Code:	M36/I/A/2/c/219
GMD:	Private record
	Textual record
Responsibility:	Responsibility: Annora Brown
Date Range:	1957-1971
Physical Description:	1 file of textual records, includes newsclippings
Scope & Content:	
Annora Brown was an artist from Fort Macleod, Alta. & moved to Sidney, B.C. in 1965. Note on original file: "Mother was a Cody." Addition of 2 letters in 2018: M36/219/45 and M36/219/46	

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Name Access:	Brown, Annora	
	Campbell, Gray	
	Campbell, Eleanor	
	Phillips, Walter J.	
	Whyte, Catharine	
Language:	English	
Title Source:	Title based on contents of file	
Processing Status:	Processed	

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Part Of:	Peter and Catharine Whyte fonds
Description Level:	5 / File
Fonds Number:	M36 / V683 / S37
Series:	M36 / I / C: Catharine and Peter Whyte Papers, items accessioned in 2018 onward
Sous-Fonds:	M36
Sub-Series:	M36 / I / C / C: Correspondence
Accession Number:	3069
Reference Code:	M36 / I / C / C / 1
GMD:	Textual, private record
Date Range:	1921
	1924
	1949 - 1956
	1968
	1977

Physical Description: 2 cm of textual records

Scope & Content:

File consists of letters, envelopes and cards relating to Catharine Whyte and includes letters to or from Peter and Catharine Whyte.

Name Access:	Whyte, Peter
	Whyte, Catharine
Language:	English
Title Source:	Based on contents
Content Details:	Correspondence includes:
	Edith Morse Robb
Processing Status:	Processed



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Peter and Catharine Whyte fonds
5 / File
M36 / V683 / S37
M36 / I / C: Catharine and Peter Whyte Papers, items accessioned in 2018 onward
M36
M36 / I / C / C: Correspondence
3069
M36/I/C/C/2
Textual, private record
1951
1962
1964 - 1969
1970
1875
1976
1979

Physical Description: 2 cm of textual records

Scope & Content:

File consists of letters, envelopes and cards relating to Catharine Whyte and includes letters to or from Peter and Catharine Whyte.

Name Access:	Whyte, Peter
	Whyte, Catharine
Language:	English
Title Source:	Based on contents
Content Details:	Correspondence and writings includes:
	Japanese swords loaned to Glenbow Museum
	Eleanor
	Dorothy whyte
	Edith Morse Robb
Processing Status:	Processed



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Part Of:	Peter and Catharine Whyte fonds
Description Level:	5 / File
Fonds Number:	M36 / V683 / S37
Series:	M36 / I / C: Catharine and Peter Whyte Papers, items accessioned in 2018 onward
Sous-Fonds:	M36
Sub-Series:	M36 / I / C / C: Correspondence
Accession Number:	3069
Reference Code:	M36/I/C/C/3
GMD:	Textual, private record
Date Range:	1951 - 1953
	1960
	1963
	1969
	1970 - 1973
	1975
	1976

Physical Description: 2 cm of textual records

Scope & Content:

File consists of letters, envelopes and cards relating to Catharine Whyte and includes letters to or from Peter and Catharine Whyte.

Name Access:	Whyte, Peter
	Whyte, Catharine
Language:	English
Title Source:	Based on contents
Content Details:	Correspondence and writings includes:
	Alberta society of Artists
	Alpine Club of Canada
	Peabody Museum
	Dorothy
	Alma Newbury
	Rusty
	Photocopied pages of Bagley, Morse and Newbury family tree
Processing Status:	Processed



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Part Of:	Peter and Catharine Whyte fonds
Description Level:	5 / File
Fonds Number:	M36 / V683 / S37
Series:	M36 / I / C: Catharine and Peter Whyte Papers, items accessioned in 2018 onward
Sous-Fonds:	M36
Sub-Series:	M36 / I / C / C: Correspondence
Accession Number:	3069
Reference Code:	M36 / I / C / C / 5
GMD:	Textual, private record
Date Range:	1949
	1950
	1951
	1966
	1967
	1977
Physical Description:	2 cm of textual records

Scope & Content:

File consists of letters, envelopes and cards relating to Catharine Whyte and includes letters to or from Peter and Catharine Whyte.

Name Access:	Whyte, Peter
	Whyte, Catharine
Language:	English
Title Source:	Based on contents
Content Details:	Correspondence and writings includes:
	Mary Anne Lavalee
	Eleanor
	Edith Morse Robb
Processing Status:	Processed



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Part Of:	Peter and Catharine Whyte fonds
Description Level:	5 / File
Fonds Number:	M36 / V683 / S37
Series:	M36 / I / C: Catharine and Peter Whyte Papers, items accessioned in 2018 onward
Sous-Fonds:	M36
Sub-Series:	M36 / I / C / C: Correspondence
Accession Number:	3069
Reference Code:	M36/I/C/C/6
GMD:	Textual, private record
Date Range:	1950
	1951
	1968
	1975
	1976
	1979
Physical Description:	2 cm of textual records

Scope & Content:

File consists of Correspondence: letters, envelopes and cards relating to Catharine Whyte and includes letters to or from Peter and Catharine Whyte.

Name Access:	Whyte, Peter
	Whyte, Catharine
Language:	English
Title Source:	Based on contents
Content Details:	Correspondence and writings includes:
	Art Gallery of Greater Victoria
	Edith Morse Robb
	E. Newbury
	Eric Harvey
	Peabody Museum
	Karl Preston
Processing Status:	Processed



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Part Of:	Peter and Catharine Whyte fonds
Description Level:	5 / File
Fonds Number:	M36 / V683 / S37
Series:	M36 / I / C: Catharine and Peter Whyte Papers, items accessioned in 2018 onward
Sous-Fonds:	M36
Sub-Series:	M36 / I / C / C: Correspondence
Accession Number:	3069
Reference Code:	M36 / I / C / C / 7
GMD:	Textual, private record
Date Range:	1949
	1950 - 1952
	1966
	1970

Physical Description: 2 cm of textual records

Scope & Content:

File consists of Correspondence: letters, envelopes and cards relating to Catharine Whyte and includes letters to or from Peter and Catharine Whyte.

Name Access:	Whyte, Peter
	Whyte, Catharine
Language:	English
Title Source:	Based on contents
Content Details:	Correspondence and writings includes:
	Doris V
	Lady Gardiner
	Chiyo & Josh Yamaguchi
Processing Status:	Processed



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Part Of:	Peter and Catharine Whyte fonds
Description Level:	5 / File
Fonds Number:	M36 / V683 / S37
Series:	M36 / I / C: Catharine and Peter Whyte Papers, items accessioned in 2018 onward
Sous-Fonds:	M36
Sub-Series:	M36 / I / C / C: Correspondence
Accession Number:	3069
Reference Code:	M36 / I / C / C / 10
GMD:	Textual, private record
Date Range:	1950 - 1952
	1954
	1966 - 1969
	1970 - 1971
	1974
	1978
Physical Description:	2 cm of textual records

Scope & Content:

File consists of Correspondence: letters, telegrams and cards relating to Catharine Whyte and includes letters to or from Peter and Catharine Whyte.

Name Access:	Whyte, Peter
	Whyte, Catharine
Language:	English
Title Source:	Based on contents
Content Details:	Correspondence and writings includes:
	Nicholas Morant
	Pearl
	Edmee
	Lavallee
	Gordon Lew
	Flossie Currie
Processing Status:	Processed



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Part Of:	Peter and Catharine Whyte fonds
Description Level:	5 / File
Fonds Number:	M36 / V683 / S37
Series:	M36 / I / C: Catharine and Peter Whyte Papers, items accessioned in 2018 onward
Sous-Fonds:	M36
Sub-Series:	M36 / I / C / C: Correspondence
Accession Number:	3069
Reference Code:	M36 / I / C / C / 11
GMD:	Textual, private record
Date Range:	1951
	1955
	1967
	1968
	1974
	1975
	1977
	1978

Physical Description: 2 cm of textual records

Scope & Content:

File consists of Correspondence: letters, telegrams and cards relating to Catharine Whyte and includes letters to or from Peter and Catharine Whyte.

Name Access:	Whyte, Peter
	Whyte, Catharine
Language:	English
Title Source:	Based on contents
Content Details:	Correspondence and writings includes:
	Mary Anne Lavallee
	Gordon Conn
	Evelyn Browne
Processing Status:	Processed



https://archives.whyte.org/en/permalink/descriptions54019

Part Of:	Peter and Catharine Whyte fonds
Description Level:	5 / File
Fonds Number:	M36 / V683 / S37
Series:	M36 / I / C: Catharine and Peter Whyte Papers, items accessioned in 2018 onward
Sous-Fonds:	M36
Sub-Series:	M36 / I / C / C: Correspondence
Accession Number:	3069
Reference Code:	M36 / I / C / C / 12
GMD:	Textual, private record
Date Range:	1969
	1976
	1978
Physical Description:	2 cm of textual records

Scope & Content:

File consists of Correspondence: letters, telegrams and cards relating to Catharine Whyte and includes letters to or from Peter and Catharine Whyte.

Name Access:	Whyte, Peter
	Whyte, Catharine
Language:	English
Title Source:	Based on contents
Content Details:	Correspondence and writings includes:
	Peggy and Dave
	Edith
	Anna
	Alpine Club of Canada
	David
	Peabody Museum
Processing Status:	Processed



https://archives.whyte.org/en/permalink/descriptions54020

Part Of:	Peter and Catharine Whyte fonds
Description Level:	5 / File
Fonds Number:	M36 / V683 / S37
Series:	M36 / I / C: Catharine and Peter Whyte Papers, items accessioned in 2018 onward
Sous-Fonds:	M36
Sub-Series:	M36 / I / C / C: Correspondence
Accession Number:	3069
Reference Code:	M36 / I / C / C / 13
GMD:	Textual, private record
Date Range:	1975
	1977
	1978
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Physical Description: 2 cm of textual records

Scope & Content:

File consists of Correspondence: letters, telegrams and cards relating to Catharine Whyte and includes letters to or from Peter and Catharine Whyte.

Name Access:	Whyte, Peter	
	Whyte, Catharine	
Language:	English	
Title Source:	Based on contents	
Content Details:	Correspondence and writings includes:	
	Edith Pike	
	Jean Tabor	
	Mrs. Karl Preston	
Processing Status:	Processed	



https://archives.whyte.org/en/permalink/descriptions54022

Part Of:	Peter and Catharine Whyte fonds
Description Level:	5 / File
Fonds Number:	M36 / V683 / S37
Series:	M36 / I / C: Catharine and Peter Whyte Papers, items accessioned in 2018 onward
Sous-Fonds:	M36
Sub-Series:	M36 / I / C / B: Miscellaneous papers from Catharine Whyte's desk
Accession Number:	3069
Reference Code:	M36 / I / C / B / 1
GMD:	Textual, map, plan or blueprint
	Textual, print or ephemera
Date Range:	1923
	1939
	1959
	[ca.1950 - 1960]
Physical Description:	2 cm of textual records

Scope & Content:

File consists of blank cards and postcards; two doilies; printed copies of images from the Hispanic Society of America; newspaper clippings; Geographic Maps.

Name Access:	Whyte, Peter
	Whyte, Catharine
Language:	English
Title Source:	Based on contents
Processing Status:	Processed



https://archives.whyte.org/en/permalink/descriptions54024

Part Of:	Peter and Catharine Whyte fonds
Description Level:	5 / File
Fonds Number:	M36 / V683 / S37
Series:	M36 / I / C: Catharine and Peter Whyte Papers, items accessioned in 2018 onward
Sous-Fonds:	M36
Sub-Series:	M36 / I / C / B: Miscellaneous papers from Catharine Whyte's desk
Accession Number:	3069
Reference Code:	M36 / I / C / B / 3
GMD:	Textual records
Date Range:	1918
	1933
	1950
	1966
	1967
	1975
Physical Description:	2 cm of textual records
Scope & Content:	
File consists of pam	phlets, generic letters from societies and towns.
Name Access:	Whyte, Peter
	Whyte, Catharine
Language:	English

Language:	English
Title Source:	Based on contents
Processing Status:	Processed



https://archives.whyte.org/en/permalink/descriptions54028

Part Of:	Peter and Catharine Whyte fonds
Description Level:	5 / File
Fonds Number:	M36 / V683 / S37
Series:	M36 / I / C: Catharine and Peter Whyte Papers, items accessioned in 2018 onward
Sous-Fonds:	M36
Sub-Series:	M36 / I / C / B: Miscellaneous papers from Catharine Whyte's desk
Accession Number:	3069
Reference Code:	M36 / I / C / B / 7
GMD:	Textual records
Date Range:	1949
	1974
	[1940 - 1975]
Physical Description:	2 cm of textual records

Scope & Content:

File consists of inventory of items listing names of Indigenous peoples; notes and letters written by Catharine Whyte; Cree Syllabics; Drawings; manuscript titled Stoney Agricultural Development program; written stories

Name Access:	Whyte, Peter
	Whyte, Catharine
Language:	English
Title Source:	Based on contents
Processing Status:	Processed



https://archives.whyte.org/en/permalink/descriptions54030

Part Of:	Peter and Catharine Whyte fonds
Description Level:	5 / File
Fonds Number:	M36 / V683 / S37
Series:	M36 / I / C: Catharine and Peter Whyte Papers, items accessioned in 2018 onward
Sous-Fonds:	M36
Sub-Series:	M36 / I / C / B: Miscellaneous papers from Catharine Whyte's desk
Accession Number:	3069
Reference Code:	M36 / I / C / B / 9
GMD:	Textual records
Date Range:	1950 - 1970
Physical Description:	2 cm of textual records
Scope & Content:	
File consists of drawing given to Peter and Catharine Whyte	
Name Access:	Whyte, Peter
	Whyte, Catharine
Language:	English
Title Source:	Based on contents
Processing Status:	Processed



https://archives.whyte.org/en/permalink/descriptions54031

Part Of:	Peter and Catharine Whyte fonds
Description Level:	5 / File
Fonds Number:	M36 / V683 / S37
Series:	M36 / I / C: Catharine and Peter Whyte Papers, items accessioned in 2018 onward
Sous-Fonds:	M36
Sub-Series:	M36 / I / C / B: Miscellaneous papers from Catharine Whyte's desk
Accession Number:	3069
Reference Code:	M36 / I / C / B / 10
GMD:	Textual records
Date Range:	[ca. 1950 - ca. 1970]
Physical Description:	2 cm of textual records
Scope & Content:	

File consists of music notes, newspaper clippings, notes and drawings.

Name Access:	Whyte, Peter
	Whyte, Catharine
Language:	English
Title Source:	Based on contents
Processing Status:	Processed



https://archives.whyte.org/en/permalink/descriptions54032

Part Of:	Peter and Catharine Whyte fonds
Description Level:	5 / File
Fonds Number:	M36 / V683 / S37
Series:	M36 / I / C: Catharine and Peter Whyte Papers, items accessioned in 2018 onward
Sous-Fonds:	M36
Sub-Series:	M36 / I / C / B: Miscellaneous papers from Catharine Whyte's desk
Accession Number:	3069
Reference Code:	M36 / I / C / B / 11
GMD:	Textual records
Date Range:	[ca. 1960 - ca.1975]
Physical Description:	2 cm of textual records
Scope & Content:	
File consists of infor	rmal drawings
Name Access:	Whyte, Peter
	Whyte, Catharine
Language:	English
Title Source:	Based on contents
Content Details:	One drawing by David Stockand
Processing Status:	Processed



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Fonds Number:	M36 / V683 / S37
Series:	M36 / I / C: Catharine and Peter Whyte Papers, items accessioned in 2018 onward
Sous-Fonds:	M36
Sub-Series:	M36 / I / C / B: Miscellaneous papers from Catharine Whyte's desk
Accession Number:	3069
Reference Code:	M36 / I / C / B / 12
GMD:	Textual records
Date Range:	[ca. 1960 - ca. 1975]
Physical Description:	2 cm of textual records
Scope & Content:	
File consists of 5 no	tebooks
Name Access:	Whyte, Peter
	Whyte, Catharine
Language:	English
Title Source:	Based on contents
Processing Status:	Processed



https://archives.whyte.org/en/permalink/descriptions54034

Part Of:	Peter and Catharine Whyte fonds
Description Level:	5 / File
Fonds Number:	M36 / V683 / S37
Series:	M36 / I / C: Catharine and Peter Whyte Papers, items accessioned in 2018 onward
Sous-Fonds:	M36
Sub-Series:	M36 / I / C / D: Financial papers
Accession Number:	3069
Reference Code:	M36 / I / C / D / 1
GMD:	Textual records
Date Range:	1950
	1962
	1964
	1966
	1974
	1976
	1978
Physical Description:	2 cm of textual records
Scope & Content:	
File consists of financials papers addressed to Catharine and Peter Whyte	
Name Access:	Whyte, Peter
	Whyte, Catharine
Language:	English

Language:	English
Title Source:	Based on contents
Content Details:	Eldon Walls - Letter to Catharine reangarding lending money to Indigenous people
	Part of Pearl Moore Brewster

Processing Status: Processed