



Aileen Harmon fonds

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Part Of: Aileen Harmon fonds

Description Level: 1 / Fonds

Fonds Number: M287 / V262

Sous-Fonds: M287

V262

Accession Number: 1876

1915

1916

2302

2932

3082

3380

3383

3411

7753

2016.8596

Reference Code: M287 / V262

GMD: Photograph

Negative

Photograph print

Textual record

Private record

Transparency

Date Range: [ca. 1924] - 2015

Physical Description: 26.5 cm of textual records. -- 33 photographs (26 prints : b&w and col. ; 20.5 x 30 cm or smaller -- 6 negatives : b&w nitrate negatives ; 12.5 x 10 cm -- 1 transparency : col. slide ; 35 mm)

History /

Biographical:

Aileen Harmon (1912 - 2015), daughter of Byron Harmon, worked as a government naturalist at Banff, Alberta, Canada and was involved in local natural history groups and activities. Aileen was a founding member, alongside Bruce Gordon, of the Bow Valley Naturalists, and was also on the Board of The Canadian Wildlife Federation and The Society of Alberta Naturalists. Aileen moved to Mill Bay on Vancouver Island, B.C. in 1981 following the end of a lengthy career with Parks Canada. During her retirement years, Aileen travelled extensively, reaching all seven continents. She also authored an autobiographical book, titled "Tales of My Mountain Life", in 2004. Aileen passed away on January 9, 2015 at the age of 102.

Scope & Content:

Fonds consists of textual records and photographs by and about Aileen Harmon, as well as collected items. Textual records include: letter from Harmon to the Director of Alberta's provincial parks re addition of Yamnuska area to Bow Valley Provincial Park, 1973; brief, from Harvie Heights and Bow Valley subdivision residents to public hearings on land use and resource development in the eastern slopes, 1973; letter re James Hector, 1979; notes on career, 2003; notes on Catharine Whyte for CBC recording, 2004; Christmas cards and collected articles, ca.1960. Photographs, made by and collected by Aileen Harmon, pertain to Aileen Harmon and friends, skiing, Skoki area, Mount Yamnuska, Banff Indian Days. Includes photographs by Byron Harmon.

Added content from accession 2016.8596 : ca. 25 cm of textual records including personal correspondence, guest book, original writing and notes by Aileen Harmon, personal travel journals from a 1931 packing trip and 1933 ski trip to Skoki, drafts of autobiographical book "Tales of My Mountain Life", articles pertaining to or written by Aileen Harmon, Christmas cards, and letters of condolence to Carole Harmon following Aileen's passing. Also 26 print photographs, 6 negative photographs from a 1937 hiking trip, and one transparency.

Fonds consists of one series :

Series I - Personal records

Name Access:	Harmon, Aileen Harmon, Carole
Subject Access:	Environment Family and personal life Memorial Parks Canada Hiking Mountains Travel
Geographic Access:	Canada Alberta British Columbia
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Language:	English
Finding Aid:	Basic description only
Category:	Environment Family and personal life
Title Source:	Title based on contents of fonds
Processing Status:	Processed

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