



### Alpine Club of Canada fonds

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Part Of:	Alpine Club of Canada fonds
Description Level:	1 / Fonds
Fonds Number:	M 200 S 6 V 14
Sous-Fonds:	M200 S6 V14
Accession Number:	698, 1040 (unproc), 1224, 1299 (unproc), 1807, 1813, 2141 (unproc), 2376 (unproc), 3160 (unproc), 3296 (unproc), 3298 (unproc), 3382 (unproc), 3560 (unproc), 3757 (unproc), 3970 (unproc), 5012, 5114, 5200, 5215 (unproc), 5330 (unproc), 5343, 5357, 5396 (unproc), 5438, 5454, 5455, 5456, 5457, 5458, 5459, 5460, 5461, 5462 (unproc), 5463 (unproc), 5464, 5465, 5466, 5474, 5538 (unproc), 5541, 5569 (unproc), 5591 (unproc), 5592, 5605, 5631 (unproc), 5632, 5633, 5634, 5635 (unproc), 5680 (unproc), 5724, 5950, 6062 (unproc), 6332, 6337, 6375, 6376 (unproc), 6396, 6437, 6451, 6457 (unproc), 6459 (unproc), 6465 (unproc), 6470 (unproc), 6623 (unproc), 6624, 6625, 6626, 6627 (unproc), 6628, 6765 (unproc), 6766 (unproc), 6767 (unproc), 7774 (unproc), 7779 (unproc), 8002 (unproc), 2021.32 (unproc)
Reference Code:	M200 / S6 / V14
GMD:	Motion picture Film Video Photograph Album Negative Photograph print Postcard Transparency Sound recording Cassette Textual record Organization record
Date Range:	1906-2017
Physical Description:	ca.42 m of textual records. -- ca.12,500 photographs: prints, stereographic prints, transparencies, slides, negatives, postcards. -- 85 photograph albums. -- 8 motion pictures: films, video recordings. -- 3 sound recordings

## History /

### Biographical:

The Alpine Club of Canada, the national mountaineering club, was co-founded in 1906 by A. O. Wheeler and Elizabeth Parker, and other like-minded climbers. The club espoused scientific study and exploration, cultivation of art, public education, acquisition of climbing skills, and preservation of natural areas within the mountainous regions of Canada. Through a national executive, local sections and volunteer committees, the club provided climbing camps, clubhouse, huts, and publications, including the Canadian Alpine Journal. ACC expeditions and projects resulted in pioneer exploration, first ascents, and included mountain warfare training during the Second World War. In recent years, the club's membership has increased dramatically with the popularity of climbing and its programs have evolved to serve the needs of unguided climbers using sophisticated technical aids.

### Scope & Content:

Fonds constitutes the principal resource for the study of the history of Canadian mountaineering. It provides a wealth of information on individual alpinists, expeditions, mountains, national parks, conservation, climbing, alpine organizations, publications, guiding, scientific study and the Alpine Club itself.

The fonds consists of four Sous-fonds: I. Alpine Club of Canada records; II. Mount Everest Expedition (1982) records; III. Personal papers and photographs; IV. Other material. Club administration records (series I.A.) pertain to executive positions; head office; finance; camps, climbing and treks; expeditions; huts and properties; clubhouses; library; publications; photography; other committees; other activities; and other. Other club records include section records (series I.B.), hut registers and summit records (series I.C.).

Name Access:	Alpine Club of Canada
Subject Access:	Environment Exploration, discovery and travel 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: sous-fonds, series and sub-series description electronic finding aid for processed material
Creator:	Alpine Club of Canada
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## 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
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