

# Research Collections



## Banff School District No. 102 fonds

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Part Of: Banff School District No. 102 fonds

Description Level: 1 / Fonds

Fonds Number: M4

V44

Sous-Fonds: M4

V44

Accession Number: 209, 2193, 2305, 2470, 2561, 2889, 2980, 3178, 3272, 3750, 4026,

5140, 5397, 5536, 7999

Reference Code: M4 / V44

GMD: Photograph

Photograph print
Textual record
Government record

Date Range: 1887-1986

Physical Description: ca.7.5 m of textual records. -- ca.144 photographs: prints

History / Biographical:

The Banff School District No.102 provided elementary and secondary education for Banff and area from 1887 until 1994, when it was replaced by the Canadian Rockies Regional Division No.12. During the 1970s and 1980s the district assumed, in the absence of a municipal government, responsibilities for aspects of local government as well as school administration. After 1990, the district's responsibilities strictly pertained to public education.

#### Scope & Content:

Fonds consists mainly of textual records in the form of minutes, 1895-1983; miscellaneous administrative files on school operations and local government, 1920-1979; legal and financial records, 1888-1979; assessment and tax rolls, 1901-1972, 19 v.; attendance registers, 1888-1986, 987 v.; an anniversary issue of the Banff High School by The Cascadian, 1913-1933 containing a brief history of the school and autographs; and Robert D. Townsend trustee and chairman records, 1968-1977. Local government-related bodies referred to include: Banff Joint Committee on Future Townsite Administration, Banff Advisory Council, Banff Townsite Provisional Administration Board and Banff Townsite Options Review Committee. Townsend records consist of school board trustee and chairman files, 1968-1977, and local government information files assembled by Townsend, 1973-1977. Photographs pertain to school classes, faculty, activities and town views; 1887-1970.

Name Access: Banff School District No. 102

Banff Community High School

Subject Access: Education

Government

Access Restrictions: Some restriction/s on access

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Language: English

Finding Aid: Finding aids and reference tools: series and file description

Related Material: Portion of fonds is related to Banff Joint Committee on Future Townsite

Administration sound recording (S30) and Banff Townsite Provisional

Administration Board fonds (M347)

Creator: Banff School District No. 102

Category: Education

Government

Title Source: Title based on contents of fonds

Processing Status: Processed

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# 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

Family and personal life

Exploration, discovery and travel

First nations

Sports, recreation and leisure

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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

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