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# Bruno Engler fonds

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Part Of:	Bruno Engler fonds
Description Level:	1 / Fonds
Fonds Number:	M 323
	S 40
	V 190
Sous-Fonds:	M 323
	S 40
	V 190
Accession Number:	188, 1300, 2622, 2998, 3468, 3496, 5507, 6200, 6770 (unproc), 7045(unproc), 7436 (unproc)
Reference Code:	M323 / S40 / V190
GMD:	Machine-readable data file
	Motion picture
	Film
	Video
	Photograph
	Album
	Negative
	Photograph print
	Sound recording
	Cassette
	Reel to reel
	Textual record
	Corporate record
	Мар
	Private record
	Published record
Date Range:	[ca.1886]-1998, predominant ca.1940-1995
Physical Description:	ca.31,580 photographs: negatives, prints, and transparencies 1 photograph album (ca.150 prints) 50 motion pictures: 1 original, 8 copies on 3 video cassettes, 41 film reels: 16mm, 35mm 18 sound recordings: audio tape reels, audio tape cassettes 5 electronic records: computer diskettes 3 maps 15 cm textual records.

### History /

**Biographical:** 

Bruno Engler, 1915-2001, was a mountain guide, ski instructor, photographer and film maker at Banff and Canmore, Alberta, Canada. Engler arrived from Switzerland in 1939 and initially worked as a mountain guide and ski instructor for the Canadian Pacific Railway, Sunshine ski area and for Deer Lodge at Lake Louise, Alberta. During the Second World War, he served as a mountain warfare instructor for the Canadian Army. Following the war, Engler worked as a free-lance photographer for the National Film Board and others; as coach of the University of Alberta Ski Team; and as a technical advisor, cameraman and actor for numerous movies made in the Banff area. Throughout his career, Engler worked as a still and motion picture photographer, both for the movie industry and for governments at all levels, as well as operating his own business, Alpine Films of Banff, Alberta.

#### Scope & Content:

Fonds is primarily a broad-ranging commercial negative collection pertaining to Banff and area, including businesses, buildings, projects, events, people and scenic views; skiing, mountain travel and recreation; Sunshine Village Ski Area; warden activities in the mountain parks; national and provincial parks; scenic views of western Canada, particularly mountain landscapes; some portraits and candid shots of local and international personalities. Photographs pertaining to film making include helicopter rescue; highway construction; Norquay, Sunshine, and Lake Louise ski areas' histories; Banff events and buildings; Canmore events and buildings; professional and amateur ski races; scenic mountain and wildlife; mountaineering and highway accidents; mountain guiding trips including Pierre Trudeau, Roland Michener and Peter Lougheed. Fonds consists of four series: Photography, Motion Pictures, Sound Recordings, and Textual records. Photography series consists of four sub-series established by the photographer: I. Old file, 1949-1970; II. Main file, alphabetical A - Z, 1950-1976; III Sunshine file, [1939], 1950-1975; IV. Warden file, 1954-1976.

Motion pictures on video cassettes are footage of skiing at Sunshine, 1930s; Clifford White films, 1930s, from WMCR Archives collection (V682); "Snow Capers" by Thomas Mead, 1946, includes Engler; "Ski Pro's Holiday" by George Encil, 1950?; "Mount Bulyea" by George Encil, 1950?, includes Engler; "Diary of a Mountain Man," a CBC documentary feature on Bruno Engler broadcast on "20/20" in 1965 (ca.27 minutes); "Great Days in the Rockies" by National Film Board of Canada, 1983; "Mountain Man" by Banff Centre, 1985, re Engler. Original film is "Sunshine 1940" and includes Brewster Transport ski buses travelling from train station to Sunshine Lodge, skiers, guide, lessons, games, rope tow, ski action, slalom, Bruno Engler, other. 16mm and 35mm film reels, 1946-1964 are films produced by the National Film Board.

Sound recordings, electronic records and and related textual material pertain to interviews with Bruno Engler, 1987, done by Brian Patton and Jon Whyte for Bruno Engler autobiography project. Interviews covered Engler's life, but are not complete to 1987. Transcripts, prepared from recordings by Brenda Goeres, are not verbatim. Audio tape cassettes consist of portions of content of audio tape reels.

Textual records include corporate records, newspaper clippings and magazine articles pertaining to film making, cast and crew listings and schedules for various movies, ski racing, mountain guiding trips and ski race listings. Also included is documentation pertaining to film making with producer National Film Board including letters, film stock footage, press releases, and film summaries; maps indicate film location shots for Arctic Rampage.

Name Access:	Engler, Bruno
Subject Access:	Arts
	Environment
	Exploration, discovery and travel
	Family and personal life
	Government
	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: basic description	
	electronic finding aid	
Related Material:	Duplicate or further transcripts for sound recordings are found in Jon Whyte fonds (M88).	
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Title Source:	Title based on accession records and contents of fonds	
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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.

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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
Category:	Arts
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