



Crosby family fonds

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Part Of:	Crosby family fonds
Description Level:	1 / Fonds
Fonds Number:	M 486 V 152
Sous-Fonds:	M 486 V 152
Accession Number:	3117, 3266, 3422, 3933, 4086, 5017, 5069, 5128, 5224, 5450, 5892, 5956, 6748, 6764, 7066, 7212 (unproc)
Reference Code:	M486 / V152
GMD:	Motion picture Film Photograph Album Negative Photograph print Transparency Textual record Corporate record Map Plan Private record Published record
Date Range:	[188-]-1971
Physical Description:	ca.2 m textual records. -- ca. 3000 photographs: prints, negatives, transparencies. -- 1 photograph album (ca.180 prints); some copies. -- 1 cartographic record: plan. -- 2 motion pictures

History /

Biographical:

The Crosby family of Banff and Lake Louise, Alberta, Canada was involved with the development and operation of businesses at Lake Louise from 1923, when Louis S. and Gertrude Crosby built the Lake Louise Trading Company, a general store and dining room. Over the years they acquired Deer Lodge (1924); Triangle Inn, the YWCA and Inglenook Lodge (1941); and operated a gas station (1926). Deer Lodge was expanded in 1925, 1931, 1939, 1941 and staff quarters were added. Gertrude Crosby managed the businesses, while Lou Crosby was involved with Brewster Transport Company from 1907 to 1964. From 1947 until his death in 1964, Crosby was President of Brewster's and prior to that had handled the financial operations for the firm. The Crosby family was actively involved with the Banff Winter Carnival.

Scope & Content:

Fonds consists mainly of business records of Deer Lodge, Lake Louise Trading Company, Inglenook restaurant, including lodge receipts, 1931-1941; accounts, 1929-1934; tourist agency accounts, 1936-1943; menus, 1940-1945; rationing records, 1943-1947; Inglenook advertising, 1958-1962; maintenance and other records. Records were generated during period of ownership by the Crosby family.

Fonds also includes Lou Crosby personal and professional papers and Crosby family papers.

Photographs pertain to Crosby family; Deer Lodge; Banff Winter Carnival; Brewster Transport Company and Jim Brewster; Banff events; winter sports, especially skiing and skating; vacations; scenic views. Photographs taken primarily by Lou Crosby and companions including Byron Harmon, ca. 1910-1950. Photograph album pertains to Lou Crosby's hunting and climbing trips, ca. 1907-1915.

Plan of Anthracite with annotations re status of properties, ca. 1930.

Motion pictures are of Banff Winter Carnival

Name Access:	Crosby, Lou Crosby, Louis Crosby, Marion Crosby, Fred
Subject Access:	Commerce and industry Family and personal life 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: preliminary inventory accession record copies for unprocessed material
Related Material:	Brewster Transport material is related by provenance to Brewster Transport fonds (M82/V92)
Creator:	Crosby, Lou
Category:	Commerce and industry Family and personal life Sports, recreation and leisure
Title Source:	Title based on contents of fonds
Processing Status:	Processed / Unprocessed

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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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