



### Nicholas Morant fonds

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Part Of:	Nicholas Morant fonds
Description Level:	1 / Fonds
Fonds Number:	M300 / S20 / V500
Sous-Fonds:	M300 / S20 / V500
Accession Number:	122, 182, 1273, 1460, 1612, 1685, 2175, 2265, 2631, 2703, 5117, 7438, 7784, 7672, 7914, 2023.01
Reference Code:	M300 / S20 / V500
GMD:	Album Drawing Film Government record Map Blueprint Negative Photograph Photograph print Postcard Poster Private record Recording disc Scrapbook Sound recording Textual record Transparency
Responsibility:	Nicholas Morant, Canadian Pacific, various
Date Range:	1892-1995, predominant 1920-1981
Physical Description:	ca.50,775 photographs: ca.23,795 negatives, ca.18,456 transparencies, ca.8524 prints. -- 11 photograph albums. -- 125 sound recordings

## History /

### Biographical:

Nicholas Everard Morant, 1910-1999, was a professional photographer based at Banff, Alberta, Canada. He was a Canadian commercial photographer of international repute and Canada's premier railway photographer of the 20th century.

Morant was born at Kamloops, British Columbia, the son of Francis and Mollie Morant. After attending the University School at Victoria, Morant served as Special Photographer to the CPR from 1929 to 1935 and again from 1944 to 1981. From 1935 to 1939, he was a cameraman for the Winnipeg Free Press, and from 1940 to 1944 worked with the Wartime Information Branch of the federal government (later to be known as the National Film Board Stills Division).

Morant had a prolific career as a freelance commercial, portrait, magazine, landscape and documentary photographer. His work appeared in numerous books and magazines, including Time, Life, Liberty, Saturday Evening Post, (Toronto) Star Weekly, Northern Sportsman, Reader's Digest, Country Guide, The Standard, National Home Monthly, Canadian Photography, Outdoor Canada, National Geographic, the Globe & Mail, Winnipeg Tribune, New York Daily News, and the two Canadian Pacific Railway magazines, The Spanner and Rail News.

Two wartime images were featured on postage stamps, while three landscape views appeared on Canadian \$10, \$50 and \$100 bills. His images were also used for corporate annual reports, postcards, brochures, calendars and advertisements. From the 1950s to 1980s Morant gave public slide shows of his work, two of the most popular being "A Talk Without Words" and "The World At Your Feet".

Morant married Ivy May "Willie" Young in 1936 when he was a photographer with the Winnipeg Free Press. Beginning in 1929, and until the end of her life, Morant's travelling and working companion was his wife, "Willie," 1910-1986.

### Scope & Content:

The Nicholas Morant fonds consists of Morant's freelance work from his early days with the Winnipeg Free Press to his retirement from the Canadian Pacific Railway in 1981. It is national in scope and also includes some international material. The fonds is comprised of three series: I. Photography; II. Professional records; III. Personal and family records.

I. Photography series consists of: A. Negatives and transparencies, B. Transparencies, C. Prints, D. Other photographs. II. Professional records series consists of: A. Working records, B. Career records, C. Topical files. III. Personal and family records series consists of: A. Nick and Willie Morant, B. Nick Morant funeral and memorial, C. Francis and Mollie Morant, D. Collected material

Notes:

Full summary of sub-sub-series levels:

I / A : 1) Darkroom Files [ a) Negative Albums b) Black/White Series I and II c) Colour Series I and II d) Leica Negs ]

2) GD Files

I / B : 1) Presentations [ a) Topical Files b) Thematic Files ]

2) General Files

3) Other

I / C : 1) Print Files

I / D : 1) Exhibition and Display Prints

2) Photographs used by John Garden

3) Other Photographs

II / A : 1) Log Books

2) Notebooks

II / B : 1) Career Binders [ a) Postcards b) Brochures and Advertising c) clippings and articles

d) Calendar Photographs ]

2) Scrapbooks [ a) Content 1933 - 1946 b) Content 1940 - 1980 ]

II / C : 1) Numbered / Titled Files [ a) Group A b) Group B c) Group C d) Group D e) Group H

f) Group P g) Group R ]

2) Other Topical Files [ a) Railway; i) Timetables ii) Publications iii) Other b) Photography; i) Textual Records ii) Print Material

c) Travel d) Exhibitions and Galleries e) Personal f) Other ]

3) Postcards, Greeting Cards and Ephemera Collection

4) Published Images and Text

5) Professional Photography

6) Promotional Items, Awards and Correspondence

7) Presentation and Interview Materials

III / A : 1) Correspondence

2) Personal Papers [ a) Personal Records b) Notes and Notebooks c) Lists and Card Files

d) Awards and Retirement ]

3) Personal Photographs

4) House Records [ a) Construction b) Household Records ]

5) Business, Financial and Legal Papers

6) Interviews, Reminiscences Personal Recordings

7) Other Records (Signs, Cartoons, Drawings, etc.)

8) Personal Correspondence and Notes

9) Travel Documents and Maps

III / B : 1) Nick Morant Funeral, Memorial and Estate

III / C : 1) Mollie Morant Papers

2) Other Family Papers

III / D : 1) Sound Recordings

2) Biographical Material

3) Other Papers and Photographs [ a) Burton Wheatley Family b) Other ]

4) Personal and Family Photography

5) Personal Interest and Gifts

Name Access:

Morant, Nicholas

Subject Access:	Environment Exploration, discovery and travel Transportation
Geographic Access:	Alberta Banff British Columbia Peru Canadian Rocky Mountains Canada Manitoba New Brunswick Newfoundland and Labrador Nova Scotia Ontario Quebec Saskatchewan
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 series and file description electronic and online finding aids
Creator:	Morant, Nicholas
Category:	Environment Exploration, discovery and travel Transportation
Biographical Source Notes:	Brock Silversides; We Live in a Postcard: Banff Family Histories (Banff: Banff History Book Committee, 2005)
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
Creator:	Whyte, Peter Whyte, Catharine
Category:	Arts Communications Environment Exploration, discovery and travel Family and personal life First nations Sports, recreation and leisure
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