



## Pat Brewster fonds

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Part Of:	Pat Brewster fonds
Description Level:	1 / Fonds
Fonds Number:	M2 / V91 / S21
Sous-Fonds:	V91
Accession Number:	12, 13, 80, 93, 110, 145, 340, 380, 899, 1006, 1110, 1179, 1210, 1235, 1398, 1409, 1440, 1505, 1784, 1874, 2176, 2216, 2303, 2361, 2410, 2643, 2791, 2816, 2880, 2903, 2933, 2940, 3051, 3157, 3181, 3393, 3642, 3733, 3734, 3780, 3821, 3921, 3969, 5028, 5336, 6018
Reference Code:	M2 / S21 / V91
GMD:	Photograph Album Negative Photograph print Postcard Transparency Sound recording Cassette Textual record Drawing Map Poster Private record
Date Range:	1841-1983
Physical Description:	ca.80 cm of textual material. -- ca.900 photographs : prints, postcards, transparencies, negatives, copy negatives. -- 1 photograph album (50 prints). -- 3 sound recordings : audio tape cassettes

### History /

#### Biographical:

Forrest Oliver "Pat" Brewster, 1896-1982, was a trail guide, outfitter and businessman in Banff, Alberta, Canada. Pat was a native and life-long resident of Banff. As a boy, he was an active Boy Scout and, by age seventeen, was a big game guide. After serving in World War I, Brewster established the first permanent camp at Lake O'Hara for the Canadian Pacific Railway. In 1926, he took over the Brewster Transport Company outfitting business from his brothers, Bill and Jim. In the 1930s, he became involved in skiing explorations in the Assiniboine, Skoki and Sunshine areas. Pat Brewster was active in community affairs and, in his later years, was an avid historian of the region. He published three books of reminiscences between 1975 and 1982.

#### Scope & Content:

Fonds consists of four series: I. Personal, II. Professional, III. Activities, IV. Brewster family.

I. Personal series, 1905-1982, 18 cm of textual records, 160 photographs, 2 sound recordings. Includes correspondence, interview and recorded conversation, address/notebook, artwork, other textual records, photographs.

II. Professional series, 1892-1982, 47.5 cm of textual records, 266 photographs, 1 sound recording. Includes papers pertaining to various Brewster family and other businesses, writing papers and sound recording, and photographs pertaining to guiding and outfitting, tourism promotion and other.

III. Activities series, 1841-1983, 6.5 cm of textual records, 262 photographs. Pertains to genealogical research, other activities and collected material.

IV. Brewster family series, 1841-1981, 2.5 cm of textual records, 132 photographs. Pertains to Brewster family, Jack Brewster, John Brewster, Pearl Brewster Moore and the Moore family.

Name Access:	Brewster, Pat
Subject Access:	Commerce and industry Family and personal life Sports, recreation and leisure
Access Restrictions:	Some restrictions on access to originals Copyright, privacy, commercial use and other restrictions may apply
Language:	English
Finding Aid:	Finding aids and reference tools: arrangement outline series and file description electronic finding aid reference copies and summaries for sound recordings
Creator:	Brewster, Pat
Category:	Commerce and industry Family and personal life Sports, recreation and leisure
Title Source:	Title based on contents of fonds
Processing Status:	Processed

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## Norman Sanson fonds

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Part Of:	Norman Sanson fonds
Description Level:	1 / Fonds
Fonds Number:	M3 V246
Sous-Fonds:	M3 V246
Accession Number:	109, 148, 181, 334, 384, 400, 439, 448, 1036, 1148, 1191, 2072, 2484, 2594, 2771, 3028, 6351, 6739, 8096

Reference Code: M3 / V246

GMD: Photograph  
Album  
Photograph print  
Postcard  
Textual record  
Diary  
Map  
Private record  
Published record  
Scrapbook

Date Range: 1855-1949

Physical Description: ca.55 cm and 21 v. of textual records. -- 46 photograph albums (ca.7500 prints). -- 1 postcard set (37 prints)

#### History /

#### Biographical:

Norman Bethune Sanson, 1862-1949, was a naturalist, meteorologist and museum curator at Banff, Alberta, Canada. Born in Toronto, Ontario, the son of a prominent clergyman, he developed a life-long interest in natural history as a boy. Sanson came west in 1885 to fight in the Riel Rebellion as a member of the Queen's Own Rifles.

In 1892, Sanson came to Banff as an accountant for the Sanitarium Hotel. He also did book-keeping for other local businesses and handled the town's weather reports. In 1896 he was appointed curator of the Park Museum and also worked as zookeeper for the Banff Zoo. From 1896 until 1931, Sanson was meteorological officer and curator of the Park Museum. In 1903 an observatory was built on Sulphur Mountain on a site chosen by Sanson. During the period 1903-1931, Sanson made one thousand ascents of Sulphur Mountain to collect weather records. In 1948, the Dominion Government acknowledged his many years of service by naming a peak on the mountain for him.

As a nature enthusiast, Sanson was well-known both in Banff and beyond. He was an avid collector of flora and fauna, both privately and through his job as museum curator. Sanson was an active member of the Alpine Club of Canada, the Skyline Hikers of the Canadian Rockies and the Banff Rotary Club. He was a warden of St. George's Anglican Church and a supporter of the Canadian Bible Society. He was active in community events such as the Banff Winter Carnival, for which he organized and led the snowshoeing events. An ardent mountain traveller, he enjoyed both hiking and snowshoeing. Following retirement, Sanson toured extensively on foot throughout Britain and Europe.

#### Scope & Content:

Fonds consists of papers and photographs resulting from Sanson's life and work.

Textual records consist of: I. Correspondence, 1901-1944, 2 cm.; II. Research and professional papers, 1890-1947, 45 cm., includes notebooks and notes pertaining to nature study, meteorological research, Sulphur Mountain and maps; III. Travel diary, 1900-1933, 1 cm.; IV. Register books, 1931, 1941, n.d. 2 cm.; V. Scrapbooks, 1909-1931, n.d., 21 vol, many containing postcards from Great Britain and around the world; VI. Miscellaneous, 1855-1895, n.d., 4 cm.

Photographs consist of: I. Albums, 1880s-1949, 46 v., pertain to Norman Sanson's life and work; document Banff Park Museum, Sulphur Mountain and Sulphur Mountain Observatory; natural history, including mountain flora, collecting trips, weather surveys and snow surveys; Banff events, including Banff Winter Carnival, Banff Indian Days, Highland Gatherings and Banff Regatta; mountain travels and travels throughout Canada, United States, England and Europe; friends, associates and Banff personalities. Detailed identifications provided by Norman Sanson. II. Postcard set, ca.1930.

Name Access:	Sanson, Norman
Subject Access:	Environment Exploration, discovery and travel Science and technology
Access Restrictions:	Some restrictions on access to originals Copyright, privacy, commercial use and other restrictions may apply
Language:	Language is English
Finding Aid:	Finding aids and reference tools: arrangement outline series description and partial file description reference microfilm copies of photographs albums and some textual materials
Creator:	Sanson, Norman
Category:	Environment Exploration, discovery and travel Science and technology
Title Source:	Title based on contents of fonds
Processing Status:	Processed

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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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## Mary (Molly) Wright Adams fonds

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Part Of: Mary (Molly) Wright Adams fonds  
Description Level: 1 / Fonds

Fonds Number: M555  
V777

Sous-Fonds: M555  
V777

Accession Number: 2018.8685

Reference Code: M555 / V777

GMD: Photograph  
Album  
Photograph print  
Textual record  
Diary  
Drawing  
Postcard  
Private record

Responsibility: Some materials produced by Catharine (Adams) Elkin

Date Range: [ca.1844 - 1909]  
[ca.1939 - 1944]  
1980 - 1981  
2014

Physical Description: 21 cm of textual records -- 16 postcards -- 3 drawings -- 1 photograph album : 107 b&w photographs

History /  
Biographical:

Mary Wright (Molly) Adams was born on 15 October 1868. in Ridgefield Connecticut. She was the third of five children born to Cornelia Ann Cook (1830-1902) and Daniel Lucius Adams (1814 - 1899) She died in Kobe, Japan on 23 January 1909 and was buried there.

Scope & Content:

Fonds consists of textual records, postcards, drawings and one photograph album pertaining to Mary (Molly) Wright Adams (1868-1909); transcripts of Molly's original letters which were compiled by Molly's sister, Catharine Elkin (nee Adams) between ca.1939 and 1941; and transcriptions of letters sent between Molly's extended family members [including members of the Adams, Cook and Wright families], ca.1844 and 1866.

Textual records primarily consist of correspondence sent between Molly Adams and various friends and family members [ca.1891-1909].

Notes: Fonds consists of two series:

Series I : Correspondence [contains two sub-series: I / A : Molly Wright Adams ; I / B : Extended family]  
Series II : Personal and collected records

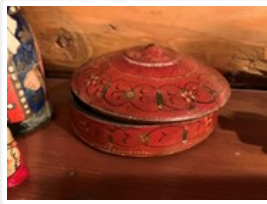
Name Access: Adams, Molly  
Schaffer, Mary

Subject Access: Family and personal life  
Family  
Correspondence  
Travel  
Exploration



Geographic Access:	United States of America Connecticut New York Europe
Language:	English
Creator:	Mary (Molly) Wright Adams fonds
Category:	Family and personal life Exploration and travel
Biographical Source Notes:	Searching for Mary Schaffer: Women Wilderness Photography by Colleen Skidmore
Title Source:	Title based on contents of fonds
Processing Status:	Processed

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## Trinket Box

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Title:	Trinket Box
Date:	1850 – 1900
Material:	wood
Dimensions:	6.3 x 13.0 cm
Description:	A lathe-turned round-dish, flat-bottomed box with a domed, lapping lid which fits flushly over a flange on the box body. Box and lid are painted a boxcar red and decorated with designs of circles and flowers, varnish over paint has oxidized. Interior of box has been painted a dark green.
Subject:	households decorative
Credit:	Gift of Catharine Robb Whyte, O. C., Banff, 1979
Catalogue Number:	102.04.0200

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## Southern Alberta research project

<https://archives.whyte.org/en/permalink/descriptions55619>

Part Of:	Luxton family fonds
Description Level:	4 / Sub-series
Fonds Number:	LUX
Series:	LUX / II / C : Personal records
Sous-Fonds:	LUX / II : Eleanor Luxton sous-fonds
Accession Number:	LUX
Reference Code:	LUX / II / C6

GMD: Cabinet card  
Diary  
Organization record  
Photograph  
Postcard  
Print  
Private record  
Published record  
Scrapbook  
Textual record  
Tintype

Date Range: [ca.1845-1920]

Physical Description: 29 cm of textual records -- 29 photographs (28 b&w prints, 1 tintype) ; 20 x 25 cm or smaller

Scope & Content:

Sub-series consists of textual and visual materials pertaining to the history of Southern Alberta. Includes personal accounts, day books and diaries, genealogical research, records of livestock and other trade, and portrait and group photographs depicting early settlers of Southern Alberta. Materials in sub-series believed to have been collected by Eleanor Luxton, possibly on behalf of the Southern Alberta Pioneers' and Old Timers' Association or as part of Eleanor's personal research.

Subject Access:	Activities Agriculture Animals Buildings Businesses Community life Commerce and industry Communications Correspondence Environment Family and personal life Farmland Finances Genealogy History Homestead Immigration and homesteading Inventory Land use Land, settlement and immigration Manufacturing Municipal views Oil Postcards Portrait Property Real estate business Research Settlement
Geographic Access:	Canada Alberta
Reproduction Restrictions:	Some restrictions may apply - fragile materials
Language:	English
Category:	Commerce and industry Communications Family and personal life Environment Land, settlement and immigration Natural resources
Title Source:	Title based on contents of sub-series
Processing Status:	Processed

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