

# Research Collections



# Mary (Molly) Wright Adams fonds

https://archives.whyte.org/en/permalink/descriptions56758

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 Searching for Mary Schaffer: Women Wilderness Photography by

Notes: Colleen Skidmore

Title Source: Title based on contents of fonds

Processing Status: Processed

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## Norman Sanson fonds

https://archives.whyte.org/en/permalink/descriptions31

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.; IV. 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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# Pat Brewster fonds

https://archives.whyte.org/en/permalink/descriptions15

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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# 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

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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Processing Status: Processed

### Electronic Resources



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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

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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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