

Research Collections



Elizabeth Rummel fonds

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Accession Number: 184, 540, 824, 962, 1159, 1189, 1341, 1379, 1615, 2103, 2569, 2661,

2818, 2836, 3349

Reference Code: M28 / S9 / V554

GMD: Photograph

Album Negative

Photograph print

Postcard Transparency Sound recording

Reel to reel Textual record Private record

Date Range: [ca.1897]-1980

Physical Description: 60 cm of textual records. -- ca.2200 photographs : prints, postcards,

transparencies, negatives. -- 5 photograph albums (400 prints). -- 2

sound recordings: audio tape reels

History / Biographical:

Elizabeth (Lizzie) Rummel, 1897-1980, was a lodge owner and operator at Banff National Park, Alberta and Mount Assiniboine Provincial Park, British Columbia, Canada. Rummel was born Elisabeth von Rummel to an aristocratic German family. With her mother and sisters, she ranched near Millarville, Alberta, after being stranded there during the First World War. In 1938, Lizzie moved to the mountains and became involved in early ski and backcountry operations. Her forty-two year career in the mountains included: working at Mount Assiniboine Lodge until 1942; managing Skoki Lodge and, at various times, Temple Chalet and Lake Louise Ski Lodge, ca.1943-1950; owning and operating Sunburst Lake Camp, 1950-1970; and working as assistant and oral history interviewer at the Archives of the Canadian Rockies (now the Archives of the Whyte Museum of the Canadian Rockies) from 1966 to 1980. Lizzie was active in the town affairs of Canmore, Alberta, where she lived, as well as in various conservation and recreation organizations. She became a member of the Order of Canada in 1980.

Scope & Content:

Fonds consist of papers and photographs pertaining to Lizzie Rummel, her career and her family.

Textual records consist mainly of correspondence, 1930-1980, mostly incoming. Also includes personal papers, 1902, 1926-1980, and records pertaining to Mount Assiniboine concerns, Skoki area, ski touring, Al Gaetz and Lawrence Grassi. Correspondents include Charlie Hunter, Ernest Lamarque and Erling Strom.

Photographs include four series: I. Professional and trips, 1903-1978, n.d., ca.1400 items; pertaining to Mount Assiniboine Camp and region, Sunburst Lake camp and region, Skoki Lodge and region, and trips and views in the Canadian Rockies and B.C., and including activities such as skiing, mountaineering and backcountry travel. II. Personal, ca.1898-1980, ca.485 items; pertaining to the Rummel Ranch, Rummel family and friends, Lizzie Rummel and friends and associates, other. III. Travels, 1936-1973, ca.145 items; pertaining to travels in Europe, Yukon and N.W.T. and other. IV. Other, 1912-1977, n.d., ca.140 items; pertaining to Indians, John Ware and other. Includes material by numerous photographers, including Arnold Brigden.

Sound recordings are Rummel reading in German and French from the guidebooks of Edward Feuz Jr. and Sr., 1969, and a practice tape by Rummel as an archives interviewer, 197-?

Name Access: Rummel, Elizabeth

Subject Access: Exploration, discovery and travel

Family and personal life

Sports, recreation and leisure

Access Restrictions: No restrictions on access

Copyright, privacy, commercial use and other restrictions may apply

Language: Language is mainly English; some German and French

Finding Aid: Finding aids and reference tools: arrangement outline and file description

of photographs

electronic finding aid

correspondent/subject index microfilm copy of album/s

Creator: Rummel, Elizabeth

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Title Source: Title based on contents of fonds and accession records

Processing Status: Processed

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