



Walter Ashdown fonds

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Part Of: Walter Ashdown fonds

Description Level: 1 / Fonds

Fonds Number: M 126
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Accession Number: 819, 894, 1023, 1054, 1318, 1631, 2237

Reference Code: M126 / V28

GMD: Motion picture
Film
Photograph
Album
Photograph print

Date Range: 1919-[ca.1975]

Physical Description: 26 cm of textual records. -- 54 photographs : prints. -- 2 photograph albums (309 prints). -- 13 motion pictures

History /

Biographical:

Walter Ashdown, 1890-1975, was a chauffeur at Banff, Alberta, Canada. Ashdown emigrated to Canada in 1904 and farmed for several years before becoming a private chauffeur, ca.1913, to prominent Calgarians prior to the First World War. He served as a dispatch rider and driver in France, returning to Canada in 1919. The following year he commenced employment with Brewster Transport Co., retiring ca.1970. During his long career, Ashdown was Brewster's chauffeur to celebrities, including royalty, politicians and actors. His 1930 drive of 81 miles in 82 minutes to deliver life-saving equipment to the Monarch Mine near Field, B.C. was widely publicized. In 1970, Ashdown received an award for one million accident-free miles.

Scope & Content:

Fonds consists of personal and professional correspondence, 1954-1971; personal papers, 1919-1972; professional papers, 1930-1971; newspaper clippings and ephemera, n.d. 1952-1972; photographs and motion pictures, ca.1930-ca.1975. Photographs were created and collected by Walter Ashdown and pertain to Ashdown, family, friends and associates; travels and activities; Brewster Transport Company; buses and touring cars; Banff people, places and events. Motion pictures, ca.1959-ca.1970, n.d., are home movies with several subjects on each reel, including Walter Ashdown, family and friends, activities, mountain views and wildlife.

Name Access: Ashdown, Walter

Subject Access: Commerce and industry
Family and personal life
Films and film making
Transportation

Access Restrictions: Some restriction/s on access
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Language: Language is English

Finding Aid:	Finding aids and reference tools: basic description motion picture summaries microfilm copies of albums
Creator:	Ashdown, Walter
Category:	Commerce and industry Family and personal life Transportation
Title Source:	Title based on contents of fonds
Processing Status:	Processed

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