



### Olive McDonnell Allan fonds

<https://archives.whyte.org/en/permalink/descriptions675>

Part Of: Olive McDonnell Allan fonds

Description Level: 1 / Fonds

Fonds Number: M 549

V 772

Sous-Fonds: M 549

V 772

Accession Number: 7837

Reference Code: M549 / V772

GMD: Drawing

Photograph

Photograph print

Textual record

Album

Private record

Published record

Date Range: 1924

Physical Description: 2 cm + 1 v. textual records.. -- 1 photograph : print.

History /

Biographical:

Olive McDonnell Allan (1896-1978) took a wildflower painting and collecting trip in 1924 to Banff from Edmonton. McDonnell Allan attended the Lamerton School in Alberta until 1901. After this she was tutored at home, until the family's move to Victoria, BC. Olive and her brother lived with relatives north of Alix, Alberta until they joined their sister and parents in Victoria. In Victoria Olive attended St. Anne's Academy. Prior to her marriage Olive attended business college in Calgary, and took courses at the University of Alberta. At this time she worked as the Assistant Librarian at the University of Alberta Extension Department. While she was living in Edmonton, Olive met James Rennie Nicol Allan while she was visiting her relatives in the Alix, Alberta area. They were married August 23, 1923. Olive played violin in the Symphony Orchestra in Edmonton, and sold her violin to pay for a nurse to attend the birth of her daughter Eve. Olive and James had two children, James McDonnell Allan and Eve Elizabeth Blanche Keates (nee Allan). Olive returned to the Banff/Lake Louise area in 1948 when her daughter, Eve, was working there. Olive belonged to the Alix (Alberta) Horticulture Club, and throughout her life she was an avid gardener, and won many awards.

Scope & Content:

Fonds consists of 1 pressed flower album, 3 wildflower sketches, 1 pamphlet by E. S. Dowding, 1 three page trip calendar, 1 photograph.

Name Access: McDonnell Allan, Olive

Subject Access: Exploration, discovery and travel

Environment

Sports, recreation and leisure

Access Restrictions: Access and use restricted for portion

Copyright, commercial use and other restrictions may apply

Language:	Language is English
Creator:	McDonnell Allan, Olive
Category:	Exploration, discovery and travel Environment Sports, recreation and leisure
Biographical Source Notes:	Conversation with Rennie Keates, Olive McDonnell Allan's granddaughter.
Title Source:	Title based on contents of fonds
Processing Status:	Processed

This material is presented as originally created; it may contain outdated cultural descriptions and potentially offensive content. [Read more.](#)