



Dorothy Wardle fonds

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Part Of: Dorothy Wardle fonds

Description Level: 1 / Fonds

Fonds Number: M521
V75

Sous-Fonds: M521
V75

Accession Number: 5296, 5391, 7504

Reference Code: M521 / V75

GMD: Photograph
Album
Negative
Photograph print
Postcard
Transparency
Textual record
Private record
Published record

Date Range: ca.1870-2002

Physical Description: 154 cm of textual records. -- 1304 photographs (1190 prints, 95 negatives, 19 transparencies). -- 6 photograph albums.

History /

Biographical:

The Wardle family was comprised of husband and wife, James Morey Wardle (June 26, 1888 - May 18, 1971) and Maud Leette (Roney) Wardle (May 24, 1889 - December 1, 1969), and their one child, Dorothy Hope Wardle (May 23, 1919 - July 20, 2003).

James Wardle, born in Chiliwack, British Columbia, was a civil engineer and public servant. He was the Superintendent of Banff National Park from 1918-1921, Chief Engineer for Parks Canada from 1921-1935, and Deputy Minister of the Interior from 1935-1936. He is primarily known as a highway design engineer, particularly for building the Banff-Windermere, Banff-Lake Louise, and Banff-Jasper highways. He was a councillor for the Municipality of Rockcliffe Park in Ontario and he was the President of the Trail Riders of the Canadian Rockies in Banff from 1925-1929. Mount Wardle in Vermillion was named after him in 1921. James married Leette on November 4, 1913, with whom he had one child, Dorothy.

Born in Calgary, Alberta, Dorothy (also known as Dot and Dorie) grew up in Banff, Alberta and Ottawa, Ontario, due to her father's position with the federal government. She was educated at the Mountain School in Banff and at the Elmwood School in Ottawa. All three family members were graduates of Queen's University in Kingston, Ontario. James graduated in 1912 with a Bachelor of Science in Engineering, Leette graduated with a Bachelor's degree, and in 1942, Dorothy also earned a Bachelor's degree. Dorothy was prominent in student life and active in athletics. In 1941, Dorothy became the first woman elected as President of the Alma Mater Society and during her academic career, Dorothy was a member of the Levana Intercollegiate Debative, University Centenary Committee, and Queen's War Aid Commission.

Dorothy spent her career as a freelance writer however, upon graduation she served as the first Secretary-In-Charge of Records at Carleton College (now Carleton University) from 1942-1944 in Ottawa and in the mid-1950s worked as a secretary for the Glenbow Foundation in Calgary. Dorothy pursued a lifelong interest in traveling, art, and antiques. Although she was fiercely proud and protective of Banff and the Park, and remained a volunteer and patron of the Whyte Museum of the Canadian Rockies, Dorothy eventually settled in Sidney, British Columbia and shared an apartment with Sheila Iris Ritchie, with whom Dorothy travelled extensively. After her death in 2003, Dorothy, "Dorie," was laid to rest alongside her parents in the Old Banff Cemetery.

Scope & Content:

Fonds consists of two sous-fonds: M521 and V75.

M521 consists of four series, 154 cm, ca. 1870-2002. Series I: Dorothy Wardle Personal Papers, 69.5 cm, ca. 1870-2002 (includes Dorothy's written work and research and notes related to Banff). Series II: Wardle Family, 32.5 cm, 1872-1998 (including correspondence with Carl Rungius and Mrs. Helen Brett, and Christmas and other greeting cards from Peter and Catharine Whyte). Series III: Queen's University, 7.5 cm, 1911-1980 (including graduation certificates for each family member and records pertaining to Dorothy's participation on the Alma Mater Society). Series IV: Travel, 44.5 cm, ca. 1950-1988 (includes hand-written notebooks meticulously detailing their travels).

V75 consists of two series, 79.5 cm, ca. 1912-2001. Series I: Wardle Family, ca. 1912-1971, 6 albums, 31 cm of photograph prints and negatives (including family trips, trail rides in the Canadian Rocky Mountains, and family gatherings). Series II: Dorothy Wardle, 1972-2001, 34 cm of photograph prints, negatives, and transparencies (including Dorothy's travels in Alberta and British Columbia, overseas, and various outings with friends).

Name Access:	Wardle, Dorothy
	Wardle, James
	Rungius, Carl
	Brett, Helen
	Keyte, Freeman
	Hart, E. J. (Ted)
	Harkin, J. B. (James Bernard)
	Brewster, Pat
	Peyto, Bill
	Brett, Robert George
	Sanson, Norman
	White, Clifford
	Drummond-Davies, Nora
	Mills, Ike
	McLean, George
	Walking Buffalo (George McLean)
	Kaquitts, Frank
	Oxborough, Dorothy
	Whyte, Jon
	Robinson, Dean
	Warren, Mary Schaffer
	Simpson, George
	Gibbon, John Murray
	Whyte, Catharine
	Whyte, Peter
	Greenham, Margaret
Subject Access:	Arts
	Environment
	Personal and Family Life
	Banff
	Old Banff Cemetery
	Whyte Museum of the Canadian Rockies
	Cabins
	Travel
	Picnics and picnicking
	Holidays
	Scenery
	Christmas
	Dogs
	Horses
	Mountain
	Canoes and canoeing
	Hiking
	Wildlife
	War Memorial

Highland Games
Bow River Bridge
Golfing
Anniversary
Horseback riding
Indigenous Peoples
Stoney Nakoda
Education
Snowshoes and snowshoeing
Banff Winter Carnival
Banff Winter Festival
Women
Trails
Trail Riders of the Canadian Rockies
Sports and leisure
Skiing
European travel
Beach
Calgary Herald
Geography
Government
Newspaper
Politics
Research
Banff Public Library
National parks and reserves
Park policy
Parks Canada
Wardens
Ya-Ha-Tinda Ranch
Community life
Mines and mineral resources
History
Immigration and homesteading
Settlement
Organizations
World War II
Biographical
Professional and Personal Life
Grizzly Bears
Fire fighters
Sunshine Village
Teahouses
Banff Indian Days
Regalia

Calgary Stampede
Mountain guides
Mountain School
The Albertan
Crag and Canyon newspaper
Homestead Hotel
Banff Centre
Hot Springs
Superintendents
Automobiles
Natural history
Records
Calendar
Finances
Leases
Legal and Financial
Property
Recreation

Geographic Access: Banff
Banff National Park
Canmore
Alberta
Canada
Canadian Rocky Mountains
Castle Mountain
Bankhead
British Columbia
Glacier National Park
Kootenay National Park
Silver City
Victoria
Scotland
Revelstoke
Yoho National Park
Ottawa
Ontario
Prince Edward Island
Plain of Six Glaciers
Lake Agnes
Lake Louise
Lake Minnewanka
Lake O'Hara
Bow River
Calgary

Sidney
San Francisco
United States
Europe
Germany
Switzerland
France
Spain
Monaco
Italy
Denmark
Austria
Quebec
Windermere
New York
Assiniboine
Ghost River
High River
Quebec City
New Brunswick
Maine
Great Divide
Moraine Lake
Maligne Lake
Columbia Icefield
Washington
Philadelphia
Atlantic City
Larch Valley
Cascade Mountain
Panama
Sulphur Mountain
Field
Emerald Lake
Head Smashed In Buffalo Jump
Takkakaw Falls
Jasper National Park
Athabasca Falls
Okanagan
Kananaskis
Hoodoos
Powell River
Montreal

Access Restrictions:	Some restriction/s on access Copyright, privacy, commercial use and other restrictions may apply
Language:	Language is English
Related Material:	Dorothy also donated artwork (by Carl Rungius) to Art and Heritage. James Morey Wardle fonds (Library and Archives Canada)
Creator:	Wardle, Dorothy Wardle, James M. Wardle, Leette
Category:	Arts Environment Education Exploration, discovery and travel Family and personal life First nations Sports, recreation and leisure
Title Source:	Title based on accession records and contents of fonds
Processing Status:	Processed

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Miscellaneous Records

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Part Of:	Dorothy Wardle fonds
Description Level:	5 / File
Fonds Number:	M521 / V75
Series:	M521 / I : Dorothy Wardle Personal Papers
Sous-Fonds:	M521
Sub-Series:	M521 / I / B : Personal Recordkeeping
Accession Number:	7504
Reference Code:	M521 / I / B / 24-38
GMD:	Newspaper clipping Private record Published record Textual record Photograph print
Date Range:	1934-2002
Physical Description:	17 cm of textual records (34 x 44 cm or smaller)

Scope & Content:

File consists of 17 cm of textual records, 34 x 44 cm or smaller. File pertains to an assortment of personal recordkeeping records and contains textual records, correspondence, photograph prints, and newspaper clippings. File documents various purchases and sales (Canmore, Alberta and Sidney, British Columbia, mainly 1985-1986 and 1991-1995), property sales (Banff and Calgary, Alberta, 1972, and a photocopy of the original lease for the Wardle's property in Banff on Muskrat Street, 1921), Dorothy's work and membership with the Whyte Museum of the Canadian Rockies (1991-2001), art sales and appraisals (mainly Carl Rungius, 1977-2001), health and dental records detailing Dorothy's medical history (mainly 1994-2001, but goes back to 1934), a trip to Canmore (Banff Right to Reside (1984), subscriptions and miscellaneous records (including Dorothy's address book; poetry by her father, James Morey Wardle; Dorothy's passport from 1991-1996; various art collector catalogues such as Sotheby's; and commemorative coins), and Sheila Iris (S.I.) Ritchie's personal records (includes birth record from 1927 and death record from 1990).

Notes:

Poetry by James Morey (J.M.) Wardle can be found in folder 34 under "miscellaneous."

Sheila Iris Ritchie was Dorothy's long-term housemate and close friend. Dorothy served as the executor of Sheila's will.

Dorothy's SIN card was originally included but has since been discarded for privacy concerns.

Photocopies of the original lease for the property on Muskrat Street were taken from Parks Canada microfiche records in 1993.

Name Access:

Wardle, Dorothy
Wardle, James M.
Hart, E. J. (Ted)
Rungius, Carl
Oxborough, Dorothy
Whyte, Jon

Subject Access:	Crag and Canyon newspaper Calgary Herald Art Artist Banff Banff Crag and Canyon Leases Legal and Financial Mineral Springs Hospital Museums Newspaper Obituary Park policy Parks Canada Personal and Family Life Property Records Whyte Museum of the Canadian Rockies Women Homestead Hotel Travel
Geographic Access:	Alberta Banff Canada Sidney Victoria British Columbia Canmore Calgary
Access Restrictions:	Access may be restricted. Specifically for records pertaining to personal health information and other personal information. Please speak to the Archivist for access to folders: M521 / I / B / 28-31 and M521 / I / B / 34-36.
Language:	English
Conservation:	Some records still have tape on them. May present conservation issues in the future. Acid-free archival paper used sporadically interwoven between records and newspaper clippings.
Creator:	Wardle, Dorothy
Category:	Family and personal life
Title Source:	Title based on contents of file
Processing Status:	Processed

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