

Research Collections



Dorothy Wardle fonds

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Part Of: Dorothy Wardle fonds

Description Level: 1 / Fonds Fonds Number: M521

V75

Sous-Fonds: M521

Date Range:

V75

Accession Number: 5296, 5391, 7504

Reference Code: M521 / V75 GMD: Photograph

> Album Negative

Photograph print

Postcard

Transparency
Textual record
Private record
Published record

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, lke

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

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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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Mabel Brinkley fonds

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Part Of: Mabel Brinkley fonds

Description Level: 1 / Fonds Fonds Number: M 316

V 94

Sous-Fonds: M 316

V 94

Accession Number: 1381

Reference Code: M316 / V94 GMD: Photograph

Album

Photograph print Textual record Private record

Date Range: 1951-1959

Physical Description: 39 cm of textual records. -- 29 photographs: prints. -- 1 photograph

album (46 prints)

History / Biographical:

Mabel Brinkley, d.1959, also known as Mrs. R. D. Brinkley and Ruth Brinkley, was a writer who lived in the United States and at Banff, Alberta, Canada. Brinkley claimed to have had a successful career as a writer before coming to Canada in 1955. She came to Banff to work on a local history to commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of the inauguration of Alberta. A manuscript for one of several planned volumes was completed, but never published.

Scope & Content:

Fonds consists of personal, professional and literary papers and photographs. Personal papers date from 1954 to 1959. Professional papers include: National Blue Baby Association, 1951-1955; and David Thompson Memorial Foundation, 1957-1959. Literary papers include: general papers, 1956, 1959; and Banff Jubilee Books, 1955-1957.

Literary papers consists mainly of notes and drafts for "In The Shadow of the Peaks," a Banff local history based on extensive interviews and submissions by and about long-time Banff residents, including Charlie Beil, Jim Boyce, Nicholas de Grandmaison, Dan McCowan, Ike Mills, Casey Oliver, Dorothy Oxborough, Walter Painter, Carl Rungius, Andrew Sibbald, George Simpson, D. M. Soole and Tom Wilson.

Photographs collected by Mabel Brinkley, probably in the course of her research, pertain to Banff and area, people, places and scenic views; also Indians, unknown location.

Name Access: Beil, Charlie

Boyce, Jim

Brinkley, Mabel

de Grandmaison, Nicholas

McCowan, Dan

Mills, lke

Oliver, Casey

Oxborough, Dorothy

Painter, Walter

Rungius, Carl

Sibbald, Andrew

Simpson, George

Soole, D. M.

Wilson, Tom

Subject Access: Arts

Family and personal life

Access Restrictions: No restrictions on access

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Language: Language is English

Finding Aid: Finding aids and reference tools: basic description

Creator: Brinkley, Mabel

Category: Arts

Family and personal life

Title Source: Title based on contents of fonds

Processing Status: Processed

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Miscellaneous Records

https://archives.whyte.org/en/permalink/descriptions54639

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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