



### Architectural and Grounds Plans for St. Mary's Parish

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Part Of: Robert J. McGuinness fonds

Description Level: 5 / File

Fonds Number: M460

Series: M460 / I : St. Mary's Parish

Sous-Fonds: M460

Sub-Series: M460 / I / A : Architecture

Accession Number: 3707

Reference Code: M460 / I / A / 1-9 O.S.

GMD: Plan

Textual record

Architectural drawing

Date Range: [ca.1945-1951]

Physical Description: 9 architectural drawings : annotations ; 89 x 58 cm or smaller

#### Scope & Content:

File consists of architectural and grounds plans and drawings for St. Mary's Parish in Banff, comprising 9 sheets, H58 x W89 cm to H43 x W58 cm.

Plans are possibly diazotype (diao) prints.

Designed by Father Robert McGuinness.

Donated by Stevenson Raines Barrett Christie Hutton Seton & Partners (later Raines Finlayson Barrett) to the Canadian Architectural Archives at the University of Calgary.

Notes: Father Robert McGuinness was an engineer with the Canadian federal government and the Canadian Pacific Railway before entering the priesthood. After becoming ordained in Rome, Father McGuinness traveled around Europe and his designs for St. Mary's Parish were influenced by the ancient stone churches he visited during his travels.

The church was known by different names, including: St. Mary of the Assumption and St. Mary's Catholic Church. It is currently called St. Mary's Parish.

Name Access: McGuinness, Robert J.

Subject Access: Churches

Architecture

St. Mary's of the Assumption Catholic Church

Buildings

Geographic Access: Banff

Banff National Park

Alberta

Canada

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Language: English

Category: Religions  
Title Source: Title based on contents of file  
Processing Status: Processed

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## Documents and Certificates

<https://archives.whyte.org/en/permalink/descriptions54640>

Part Of: Dorothy Wardle fonds  
Description Level: 5 / File  
Fonds Number: M521 / V75  
Series: M521 / II : Wardle Family  
Sous-Fonds: M521  
Sub-Series: M521 / II / A : Documents and Certificates  
Accession Number: 7504  
Reference Code: M521 / II / A / 1-7  
GMD: Private record  
Published record  
Textual record  
Newspaper clipping  
Government record  
Plan  
Date Range: 1888-1998  
1888-1889  
1912  
1913  
1919  
1945  
c.1935-c.1959  
1966-1972  
1998  
Physical Description: 8 cm of textual records (65 x 40 cm or smaller)

**Scope & Content:**

File consists of 8 cm of textual records, 65 x 40 cm or smaller. File pertains to the personal and professional records of the Wardle family, particularly James M. Wardle. Records include: birth certificates for each family member (James Morey Wardle, 1888; Leette (Roney) Wardle, 1889; and Dorothy Hope Wardle, 1919); James and Leette's marriage certificate from 1913; proof of age certificates and various notes on family (Roney) history; records pertaining to the family plot in the Old Banff Cemetery (including a photocopy of a blueprint plan of the cemetery grounds); records pertaining to the estates of James (d. 1971) and Leette (d. 1969); miscellaneous family items (including records about Dorothy's cousin Jack Williams who died overseas during World War II); photocopies of records pertaining to appointments and certificates for James (including his appointment to Deputy Minister of the Interior in 1935); and James' shares with the Alaska Yukon Pipeline (1966-1967). Records also include newspaper clippings (Banff Crag and Canyon, Calgary Herald) and various correspondence (related to the material) interspersed throughout.

Name Access:	Wardle, Dorothy Wardle, James M.
Subject Access:	Marriage National parks and reserves Newspaper World War II Government Personal and Family Life Personal and Professional Life Personal, Family Records
Geographic Access:	Alberta Banff Banff National Park Canada Ottawa Calgary
Language:	English
Conservation:	M521 / II / A / 1 : Includes James Wardle's original birth certificate. In okay condition (some tears), currently in mylar. Consider digitizing. M521 / II / A / 7 : The original shareholder certificate was ripped and then heavily taped back together. It is currently in mylar but could present issues in the future. Consider digitizing.
Creator:	Wardle, Dorothy Wardle, James Parks Canada Government of Canada
Category:	Family and personal life Government
Title Source:	Title based on contents of file
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## Robert J. McGuinness fonds

<https://archives.whyte.org/en/permalink/descriptions276>

Part Of:	Robert J. McGuinness fonds
Description Level:	1 / Fonds
Fonds Number:	M 460
Sous-Fonds:	M 460
Accession Number:	960 3707 2018.9000
Reference Code:	M460
GMD:	Textual record Plan Postcard Private record
Date Range:	1940-1950 1954 1955 1960 1977 1978 1980-1983
Physical Description:	1.11 cm of textual records (34 pages : 29 x 42 cm or smaller) -- 9 architectural drawings : annotations ; 89 x 58 cm or smaller

## History /

### Biographical:

Originally from ancient Iveagh, which is now County Down, Ireland, the McGuinness family eventually migrated to Liverpool at an unknown time. The McGuinness family were provision merchants in Liverpool, but found supplies limited so they emigrated to Canada. Born on June 20, 1886 in Liverpool, Father Robert James McGuinness moved to Belleville, Ontario, Canada with his family in 1890. He had 7 brothers and sisters, including Oswald A. McGuinness, who settled in Invermere, British Columbia.

Robert attended St. Lawrence College in Ampleforth, Yorkshire, and completed his studies at St. Servan in Rhiems, France, qualifying as an engineer. He held a position with the federal government upon his return to Canada, however when World War I broke out Robert served in the 29th Battalion of CRTS building pontoons behind European battle lines. After returning to Canada, Robert worked for the Canadian Pacific Railway as an architectural engineer, which brought him west to Banff, Alberta. Robert was the resident architectural engineer overlooking the construction of the Banff Springs Hotel expansion in the 1920's.

In the late 1920's, Robert traveled to Rome to enter the seminary and four years later he was ordained as a priest. After serving as priest in Calgary, Robert was appointed Catholic priest in Banff in 1936, where he lived and worked until his death in 1961. To fulfill a personal dream, Robert designed and supervised the construction of the new church building and grounds for St. Mary's Parish (St. Mary's of the Assumption) which was completed in 1951. During his years in Europe, Robert visited ancient churches and cathedrals which influenced the design of the church, primarily the Norman Chateau architectural style.

Robert was also a talented artist. Some of his work can be seen in galleries in New York and in Banff. His work has been reproduced for Canadian Pacific Railway tourism material, including the Spiral Tunnels postcard included in this fonds.

Robert died in Calgary on June 17, 1961, just shy of his 75th birthday, after being ill for a few months.

### Scope & Content:

Fonds consists of two series:

I. St. Mary's Parish, ca.1945-1983, 0.16 cm, and contains two sub-series: A. Architecture, ca.1945-1983 (architectural plans, general information); B. Correspondence and Newspaper Clippings (pertaining to Father McGuinness and St. Mary's Parish), 1950-1978.

II. McGuinness Family, 1953-1977, 1 cm (private records, including handwritten notes, a memoir, and a postcard).

### Notes:

. Younger brother Oswald was a surveyor who built the road from Invermere to Calgary

There is some indication that Robert had a role in the construction of the Bow River Bridge or the collection of the stones used for the bridge, but this is unconfirmed

### Name Access:

McGuinness, Robert J.

Subject Access:	Architecture
	Art
	Banff
	Buildings
	Churches
	Fairmont Banff Springs Hotel
	Family and personal life
	Professional and Personal Life
	Religions
	St. Mary's of the Assumption Catholic Church
Geographic Access:	Alberta
	Banff
	Banff National Park
	Canada
	Ontario
Access Restrictions:	No restrictions on access
	Copyright, privacy, commercial use and other restrictions may apply
Language:	Language is English
Related Material:	08.3 / Si 3m / Pam
	08.3 / B22 stm / Pam
	08.3 / Sa 2 / Pam
Creator:	McGuinness, Robert J.
Category:	Family and personal life
	Religions
Biographical Source	Based on contents of the fonds
Notes:	<a href="https://www.genealogy.com/ftm/g/o/g/Laurie-Goggin/WEBSITE-0001/UHP-0444.html">https://www.genealogy.com/ftm/g/o/g/Laurie-Goggin/WEBSITE-0001/UHP-0444.html</a>
	"St. Mary's of the Assumption" pamphlet printed by the Crag and Canyon in Banff (08.3/Sa 2/Pam)
	<a href="http://www.stmarysparishbanff.ca/history/">http://www.stmarysparishbanff.ca/history/</a>
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