



### Luxton family fonds

<https://archives.whyte.org/en/permalink/descriptions588>

Part Of: Luxton family fonds

Description Level: 1 / Fonds

Fonds Number: LUX

Sous-Fonds: LUX

Accession Number: Lux1 - EL estate, 1996  
Lux2 - Whyte Museum, 2000  
Lux3 - Glenbow Archives, 2001

Reference Code: LUX

GMD: Photograph  
Print  
Cabinet card  
Framed print  
Negative  
Sound recording  
Cassette  
Textual record  
Corporate record  
Private record  
Published record  
Scrapbook

Other Title Info: Also known as the Eleanor Luxton archives

Date Range: [ca.1860]-1995

Physical Description: ca.32.1 m of textual records (29.3 m textual records, 47 scrapbooks) -- ca.7290 photographs (ca.5300 b&w and col. prints, ca.1915 negatives, 75 transparencies, 2 tintypes) -- 17 albums -- ca.74 cm sound recordings (29 CDs, 45 audio cassettes, 17 R120 DAT tapes, 1 VHS, 8 voicewriter discs)

## History /

### Biographical:

The Norman Luxton family was a prominent family in Banff, Alberta, Canada from 1904 until 1962. Daughter Eleanor Luxton maintained the family's position in the town until her death in 1995.

Publisher and businessman Norman K. Luxton, 1876-1962, was the son of Winnipeg Free Press co-founder William Luxton. After working for the Winnipeg Free Press, Norman Luxton travelled, then joined the Calgary Herald for eight years. In 1901, he journeyed 10,000 miles on the Pacific in the dug-out canoe Tilikum. After becoming ill, Luxton abandoned the trip in Fiji and came to Banff to recuperate. The around-the-world trip was subsequently completed by his sailing partner, Capt. John Voss.

Luxton bought Banff's Crag and Canyon newspaper in 1902 and remained as publisher until 1951. Also in 1902, he established the Sign of the Goat Curio store which specialized in Stoney Indian handicrafts and taxidermy specimens. Other significant Luxton businesses were the King Edward Hotel and Livery, Luxton Bros. insurance (with brother Louis Luxton) and the Lux Block, which included a hotel, the Lux Theatre and retail stores.

In 1904, Norman Luxton married Georgina (Georgie) Elizabeth McDougall, 1870-1965, of the pioneer missionary McDougall family of Morley, Alberta. In addition to her McDougall connections, Georgie Luxton was related by marriage to Senator George Ross. Norman and Georgie Luxton had one child, Eleanor Georgina, born in Banff in 1908.

The Luxtons were important Banff "boosters" with involvement in numerous local organizations and events. Norman Luxton managed the Banff Indian Days from 1909 to 1950, was a founder of Banff Winter Carnival and was involved with native events at the Calgary Stampede for 25 years. In 1953, Norman established a museum to house his native artifacts. The Luxton Museum was built in co-operation with Eric Harvie of the Glenbow Foundation of Calgary. After Luxton's death, the museum continued to be managed by the Glenbow until 1992.

Eleanor Luxton, 1908-1995, was a writer, historian, researcher, engineer, teacher and business woman. After graduating from high school in Banff in 1926, she attended the University of Alberta from 1926 until 1939, receiving degrees in history (BA '30, MA'33), a Diploma in Education (1931) and subsequent education, biology and natural history courses during the summers.

Between 1937 and 1956, Eleanor received further degrees and certificates from studies at Garbutt Business College (Calgary), St. Stephen's College (Edmonton), Ottawa Technical High School, Havergal Ladies College (Ontario), St. George Williams College (Montreal), McGill University (Montreal) and the Banff School of Fine Arts. Subjects studied included office practices, shorthand, machine draughting, English, civil engineering (BSc '46), German, broadcast writing, management, commerce, accounting and commercial law.

Eleanor Luxton's extensive education overlapped and preceded a long and varied professional career. Her teaching career extended from high school teacher in Alberta (Banff and Sexsmith), 1933-1940, to university lecturer in Montreal in the 1950s. During the 1940s, she worked in locomotive design for the CPR in Montreal. Beginning in 1956 and continuing until 1965, when she returned to Banff to care for her mother, Eleanor worked throughout southern Alberta as a field researcher for Calgary's Glenbow Foundation. From 1965 until her death in 1995, Eleanor remained in Banff in her family home and pursued an active career in writing and research.

### Scope & Content:

Fonds consists of textual, visual and sound materials pertaining to Norman Luxton, Eleanor Luxton and their family members and friends (including Georgina Luxton, Norman's parents and siblings, and members of the Ross, Graham and McDougall families). Includes correspondence, personal and professional records, financial documents, organization and volunteer records, business and property records, scrapbooks and albums, research materials, candid and professional portraits, various collected materials, and other related content.

Notes:	<p>Fonds consists of three sous-fonds:</p> <p>I. Norman Luxton sous-fonds, [ca.1880]-1962, ca. 7.5 m. of textual records and photographs in four series: A. Correspondence, B. Business, financial and legal, C. Personal, D. Personal and professional, E. Collected materials.</p> <p>II. Eleanor Luxton sous-fonds, [ca.1890]-1995, ca. 15 m. of textual records, sound recordings and photographs in six series: A. Correspondence, B. Professional, C. Personal, D. Business, financial and legal, E. Travel and events, F. Collected materials.</p> <p>III. Luxton family sous-fonds, 1836-1972, ca.6.5 m. of textual records and photographs in four series: A. Norman Luxton family series, [ca.1900-ca.1970]; B. Georgina Luxton series, [ca.1890]-1967; C. Related family series, [ca.1890]-1972; D. Other material series, 1836-1970; E. Luxton family home records [1996].</p>
Name Access:	<p>Luxton, Eleanor</p> <p>Luxton, Georgina</p> <p>Luxton, Norman</p>
Subject Access:	<p>Arts</p> <p>Commerce and industry</p> <p>Education</p> <p>Exploration, discovery and travel</p> <p>Family and personal life</p> <p>First Nations</p> <p>Professional and Personal Life</p> <p>Sports, recreation and leisure</p> <p>Research</p>
Access Restrictions:	<p>Some restriction/s on access</p> <p>Copyright, privacy, commercial use and other restrictions may apply</p>
Reproduction Restrictions:	<p>Copyright, privacy, commercial use and other restrictions may apply</p>
Language:	<p>Language is English</p>
Finding Aid:	<p>Finding aids and reference tools: electronic finding aid for processed material</p> <p>box list for unprocessed material</p>
Creator:	<p>Luxton, Norman</p> <p>Luxton, Georgina</p> <p>Luxton, Eleanor</p>
Category:	<p>Arts</p> <p>Commerce and industry</p> <p>Education</p> <p>Exploration, discovery and travel</p> <p>Family and personal life</p> <p>First nations</p> <p>Sports, recreation and leisure</p>
Title Source:	<p>Title based on contents of fonds</p>
Processing Status:	<p>Processed</p>

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## Personal records

<https://archives.whyte.org/en/permalink/descriptions22126>

Part Of:	Luxton family fonds
Description Level:	3 / Series
Fonds Number:	LUX
Series:	II.C. Personal Series
Sous-Fonds:	II. Eleanor Luxton sous-fonds
Accession Number:	LUX
Reference Code:	LUX / II / C
GMD:	Textual record Photograph Print
Date Range:	[186-]-1994, predominant 1908-1994
Physical Description:	2.6 m textual records -- oversize textual records -- photographs
Scope & Content:	Series consists of textual records and photographs pertaining to Eleanor Luxton's personal life, including Eleanor's hobbies, travel, volunteering and collected materials.
Notes:	Series consists of 6 sub-series:  C1 : Volunteer activities: Records in this sub-series pertain to Eleanor Luxton's involvement with the Junior Red Cross, the Canadian Women's Press Club, the Historical Society of Alberta, and the Southern Alberta Women's Pioneer and Old Timers' Association.  C2 : Scrapbooks  C3 : Diaries, daybooks, notebooks, notes  C4 : Travel and hobbies  C5 : Other (includes personal government documents, business and membership cards and some personal correspondence)  C6 : Southern Alberta research project
Name Access:	Luxton, Eleanor
Language:	English
Title Source:	Title based on contents of series
Processing Status:	Processed

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## Southern Alberta research project

<https://archives.whyte.org/en/permalink/descriptions55619>

Part Of:	Luxton family fonds
Description Level:	4 / Sub-series
Fonds Number:	LUX
Series:	LUX / II / C : Personal records

Sous-Fonds: LUX / II : Eleanor Luxton sous-fonds  
Accession Number: LUX  
Reference Code: LUX / II / C6  
GMD: Cabinet card  
Diary  
Organization record  
Photograph  
Postcard  
Print  
Private record  
Published record  
Scrapbook  
Textual record  
Tintype  
Date Range: [ca.1845-1920]  
Physical Description: 29 cm of textual records -- 29 photographs (28 b&w prints, 1 tintype) ; 20 x 25 cm or smaller  
Scope & Content:  
Sub-series consists of textual and visual materials pertaining to the history of Southern Alberta. Includes personal accounts, day books and diaries, genealogical research, records of livestock and other trade, and portrait and group photographs depicting early settlers of Southern Alberta. Materials in sub-series believed to have been collected by Eleanor Luxton, possibly on behalf of the Southern Alberta Pioneers' and Old Timers' Association or as part of Eleanor's personal research.

Subject Access:	Activities Agriculture Animals Buildings Businesses Community life Commerce and industry Communications Correspondence Environment Family and personal life Farmland Finances Genealogy History Homestead Immigration and homesteading Inventory Land use Land, settlement and immigration Manufacturing Municipal views Oil Postcards Portrait Property Real estate business Research Settlement
Geographic Access:	Canada Alberta
Reproduction Restrictions:	Some restrictions may apply - fragile materials
Language:	English
Category:	Commerce and industry Communications Family and personal life Environment Land, settlement and immigration Natural resources
Title Source:	Title based on contents of sub-series
Processing Status:	Processed

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## Calgary Alberta: Her Industries and Resources

<https://archives.whyte.org/en/permalink/descriptions55630>

Part Of: Luxton family fonds  
Description Level: 5 / File  
Fonds Number: LUX  
Series: LUX / II / C : Personal  
Sous-Fonds: LUX / II : ELEANOR Luxton sous-fonds  
Sub-Series: LUX / II / C6 : Southern Alberta research project  
Accession Number: LUX  
Reference Code: LUX / II / C6 / 11  
GMD: Textual record  
Published record  
Responsibility: Produced by Burns and Elliott  
Date Range: 1885  
Physical Description: 1 cm of textual records (1 volume ; 14 x 23 cm)  
Scope & Content:

File consists of one volume titled "Calgary Alberta: Her Industries and Resources", 1885.  
Content pertains to local businesses, churches, schools and other community resources in Calgary.

Material Details: Red covers with red, yellow and green marbled interior pages (first and last pages and inside covers only)  
Subject Access: Commerce  
Industry  
Businesses  
Municipal views  
Geographic Access: Canada  
Alberta  
Calgary  
Language: English  
Category: Commerce and industry  
Title Source: Original title used  
Processing Status: Processed

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## Boer War scrapbook, Pincher Creek obituaries and correspondence

<https://archives.whyte.org/en/permalink/descriptions55636>



Part Of:	Luxton family fonds
Description Level:	5 / File
Fonds Number:	LUX
Series:	LUX / II / C : Personal
Sous-Fonds:	LUX / II : Eleanor Luxton sous-fonds
Sub-Series:	LUX / II / C6 : Southern Alberta research project
Accession Number:	LUX
Reference Code:	LUX / II / C6 / 13 (O.S.)
GMD:	Textual record Scrapbook Photograph Print Newspaper clipping
Date Range:	1880 1900-1902 1907 1910 1914
Physical Description:	5.5 cm of textual records (1 scrapbook : 119 pages ; 24.5 x 31 cm) -- 3 photographs : 2 b&w cabinet cards and 1 b&w print ; 27.5 x 22 cm or smaller
Scope & Content:	File consists of one scrapbook containing two unidentified portraits of men and one family photograph, as well as collected correspondence, newspaper clippings and other documents. Content mostly pertains to the deaths of James Frederick Morden, Robert John Kerr and Ovide Smith of Pincher Creek, Alberta while fighting in Honing Spruit, South Africa in 1900 during the Boer War. Contents include condolence letters sent to James Morden's wife, as well as various related newspaper articles and a booklet commemorating the erection of a plaque at Pincher Creek Memorial Hospital in 1902 in their honour. Scrapbook contents also include other obituary articles commemorating James Frederick Morden's father and mother, Albert Milton Morden and Sarah Morden; and Adelaide Maud Hewetson of Pincher Creek.
Notes:	Scrapbook possibly compiled by James Frederick Morden's wife (name unknown).
Name Access:	Morden, James Frederick Kerr, Robert John Smith, Ovide Morden, Sarah Morden, Albert Milton Hewetson, Adelaide Maud
Subject Access:	Military War Obituary Memorial History Newspaper Correspondence

Geographic Access: Canada  
Alberta  
Pincher Creek  
South Africa  
Access Restrictions: Contains loose materials - handle with caution  
Language: English  
Category: **Military**  
Title Source: Title based on contents of file  
Processing Status: Processed

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## Travel journal, Canada and United States

<https://archives.whyte.org/en/permalink/descriptions55621>

Part Of:	Luxton family fonds
Description Level:	5 / File
Fonds Number:	LUX
Series:	LUX / II / C : Personal
Sous-Fonds:	LUX / II : Eleanor Luxton sous-fonds
Sub-Series:	LUX / II / C6 : Southern Alberta research project
Accession Number:	LUX
Reference Code:	LUX / II / C6 / 2
GMD:	Textual record
Date Range:	1886
Physical Description:	1.5 cm of textual records (1 volume ; 18 x 22 cm)
Scope & Content:	<p>File consists of one bound journal containing an extensive account of a 4-month trip to Canada and the United States by [J?]. L. Douglass, August to December 1886.</p>
Notes:	Volume accompanied by paper with shipping label dated 1956.
Subject Access:	Travel Tourism Exploration Leisure
Geographic Access:	Canada United States
Language:	English
Category:	Exploration, discovery and travel Sports, recreation and leisure
Title Source:	Title based on contents of file
Processing Status:	Processed

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## Collected Material Series

<https://archives.whyte.org/en/permalink/descriptions21912>

Part Of: Luxton family fonds

Description Level: 3 / Series

Fonds Number: LUX

Series: LUX / II / F : Collected material

Sous-Fonds: LUX / II : Eleanor Luxton sous-fonds

Reference Code: LUX / II / F

GMD: Textual record  
Photograph  
Sound recording  
Video

Date Range: 1875-[2004]

Physical Description: 37.0 cm textual records.-- photographs.-- 74 cm sound recordings

Scope & Content:

Series consists of textual records, photographs and video and sound recordings collected by Eleanor Luxton. Contents include various published and unpublished materials, including sheet music, correspondence, books about Canadian and Indigenous history, magazines, souvenir publications, travel guides, and pamphlets; visual materials, including commercial postcards, portraits of Georgina Luxton and other family members, photographs of the Tilikum on display in Victoria, and a portfolio of illustrated Stoney Nakoda portraits by R.H. Palenske; oral histories recorded and collected by Eleanor Luxton; and a VHS copy of "Qualicum Wind".

Notes: Series consists of four sub-series:

- Textual records
- Photographs
- Oral Histories (includes printed interview transcripts; transcripts in electronic format written to CD Rom and 3.5" floppy disk; supporting documentation; the recorded interviews on audio cassettes and R120 DAT tapes)
- Audiovisual and sound records

Finding Aid: Electronic finding aid available

Title Source: Title based on contents of series

Processing Status: Processed

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## King James Holy Bible

<https://archives.whyte.org/en/permalink/descriptions54735>

Part Of: Luxton family fonds

Description Level: 5 / File

Fonds Number: LUX

Series: LUX / III / B : Georgina Luxton

Sous-Fonds:	LUX / III : Luxton family sous-fonds
Sub-Series:	LUX / III / B4 : Collected material
Accession Number:	LUX
Reference Code:	LUX / III / B4 / 36
GMD:	Published record
	Textual record
Date Range:	1886
Physical Description:	3.5 cm of textual records (1 volume ; 8.7 x 14 cm)
Scope & Content:	File consists of one copy of the King James Bible published in London, England [1886 edition], bound in dark red leather, which was owned by Georgina Luxton. Contains several loose inserts, some of which are annotated [see "Content Details"].
Notes:	Inside cover is signed "G.E. Luxton W.L. College" [presumably referring to Georgina Luxton and Wesleyan Ladies' College, where she attended school ca. 1890-1895].
Name Access:	Luxton, Georgina Harmon, Aileen Soole, Violet
Subject Access:	Religions Personal and Family Life Education Schools
Geographic Access:	Canada Alberta England London
Access Restrictions:	Item is very fragile, consult with Archives/Library staff prior to handling
Reproduction Restrictions:	Restrictions may apply
Language:	English
Category:	Religions Education Family and personal life
Title Source:	Title based on contents of file
Content Details:	Contains several loose inserts:  Annotated business card for "Thwaites Sadler, Whip and Harness Maker, Bishopsgate Without, London" [1850-1870?] between pages 50 and 51; torn paper scrap with handwritten poem/excerpt between pages 552 and 553; annotated business card for "Your Restaurant" [possibly operated in Montreal, Quebec] between pages 606 and 607; 1922 newspaper clipping pertaining to political debate involving William Luxton in 1877; small newspaper clipping pertaining to a meeting with members of the Literary-Dramatic Club in Banff between pages 738 and 739; and a newspaper clipping from 1901 mentioning Norman Luxton and John Voss' global canoe trip aboard the Tilikum.
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## Georgina McDougall college books

<https://archives.whyte.org/en/permalink/descriptions54759>

Part Of:	Luxton family fonds
Description Level:	5 / File
Fonds Number:	LUX
Series:	LUX / III / B : Georgina Luxton
Sous-Fonds:	LUX / III : Luxton Family sous-fonds
Sub-Series:	LUX / III / B4 : Collected material
Accession Number:	LUX
Reference Code:	LUX / III / B4 / 37
GMD:	Textual record Published record
Date Range:	[1880-1890] 1893
Physical Description:	2 cm of textual records (2 volumes ; 10.5 x 16.5 cm and 7 x 14.5 cm)
Scope & Content:	<p>File consists of study books used by Georgina Luxton during her time as a student at Wesleyan Ladies' College in Hamilton, Ontario. Includes one copy of "The Complete Vest-Pocket Library" [published 1893] with annotations on the first page, and a copy of the book "McBride's All Kinds of Dialogues" book of short plays [ca. 1880- 1890].</p>
Notes:	First page of vest-pocket library book signed in black ink by Georgina Luxton [see "Content Details"].
Name Access:	Luxton, Georgina
Subject Access:	Education Library School Research
Geographic Access:	Canada Ontario Hamilton
Access Restrictions:	Handle with caution, materials are fragile
Language:	English
Conservation:	Book of plays placed in acid free paper due to fragile condition
Category:	Education Family and personal life
Title Source:	Title based on contents of file
Content Details:	Annotation in vest-pocket library book:  "G. McDougall W.L. College"
Processing Status:	Processed

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## Wesleyan Ladies' College autographs book

<https://archives.whyte.org/en/permalink/descriptions55090>

Part Of:	Luxton family fonds
Description Level:	5 / File
Fonds Number:	LUX
Series:	LUX / III / B : Georgina Luxton
Sous-Fonds:	LUX / III : Luxton family sous-fonds
Sub-Series:	LUX / III / B4 : Collected materials
Accession Number:	LUX
Reference Code:	LUX / III / B4 / 43
GMD:	Textual record
Date Range:	1888-1890
Physical Description:	2 cm of textual records (1 volume ; 20 x 12 cm)
Scope & Content:	<p>File consists of a autograph book containing personal notes and signatures from Georgina McDougall Luxton's classmates and friends at Wesleyan Ladies' College in Hamilton, Ontario, dated between 1888 and 1890.</p>
Material Details:	Covers made of red velvet material with gold sewn lettering/decoration on front cover. Interior pages are paper with gold tinted edges.
Name Access:	Luxton, Georgina
Subject Access:	Education Family and personal life Personal and Professional Life School
Geographic Access:	Canada Ontario Hamilton
Language:	English
Conservation:	Handle with caution as loose pages may separate
Category:	Education Family and personal life
Title Source:	Title based on contents of file
Processing Status:	Processed

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