



## Book Notes

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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 / A : Research and Writing

Accession Number: 7504

Reference Code: M521 / I / A / 3-4

GMD: Newspaper clipping  
Private record  
Textual record

Date Range: ca. 1870 - ca. 1998  
1870s-1880s  
ca.1918 - ca. 1960s  
1986-1998  
1986  
1990  
1993  
1995  
1997-1998

Physical Description: 2 cm of textual records (139 pages ; 30 x 35 cm or smaller)

### Scope & Content:

File consists of 139 pages of handwritten research notes, correspondence, and newspaper clippings, H35 x W30 cm or smaller. File pertains to Dorothy's research on Banff and surrounding area, Parks Canada, Department of the Interior, and the history of the Canadian Rocky Mountains in general. Records were filed in an envelope that was titled "Book Notes."

Notable people include James Wardle, J.B. Harkin, Pat Brewster, Arthur Unwin, Dr. Brett, Norman Sanson, and Bill Peyto, among others. Notable places and topics include the organization of the Department of the Interior, the Banff-Windemere Highway, Rocky Mountain Park and Park Wardens, Kootenay National Park fires, coal and precious metal mines (e.g. Bankhead, Silver City), trail riding and hiking, research about James Wardle and his accomplishments, Ya-Ha-Tinda, and various parks (e.g. Glacier, Revelstoke, Elk Island, Kootenay, and Yoho).

Other records include a handwritten letter to the Auld family in Scotland (cousins of Sheila Ritchie) with a story about Glenbow and a highland cow from Oban, Scotland; personal reflections on the Banff area and mountains in general; notes that Dorothy took while doing research at the Whyte Museum of the Canadian Rockies and the Banff Public Library; and a variety of newspaper clippings.

Notes:	<p>Includes request slips and stationary from the archives at the Whyte Museum.</p> <p>Potentially includes a handwritten list of Dorothy's written works.</p> <p>Newspaper clippings primarily from the Times Colonist, which is published in Victoria, British Columbia.</p>
Name Access:	<p>Wardle, Dorothy</p> <p>Wardle, James M.</p> <p>Harkin, J. B. (James Bernard)</p> <p>Brewster, Pat</p> <p>Peyto, Bill</p> <p>Brett, Robert George</p> <p>Sanson, Norman</p>
Subject Access:	<p>Banff</p> <p>Banff National Park</p> <p>Banff Public Library</p> <p>National parks and reserves</p> <p>Newspaper</p> <p>Parks Canada</p> <p>Park policy</p> <p>Research</p> <p>Trail Riders of the Canadian Rockies</p> <p>Wardens</p> <p>Whyte Museum of the Canadian Rockies</p> <p>Ya-Ha-Tinda Ranch</p> <p>Hiking</p> <p>Community life</p> <p>History</p> <p>Mines and mineral resources</p>
Geographic Access:	<p>Alberta</p> <p>Banff</p> <p>Banff National Park</p> <p>Bankhead</p> <p>British Columbia</p> <p>Canada</p> <p>Canadian Rocky Mountains</p> <p>Castle Mountain</p> <p>Glacier National Park</p> <p>Kootenay National Park</p> <p>Silver City</p> <p>Victoria</p> <p>Yoho National Park</p> <p>Scotland</p> <p>Revelstoke</p>
Language:	<p>English</p>

Conservation:	Some of the slips of paper are taped together. Was unable to remove them without damaging the materials. May present conservation issues in the future.
Creator:	Wardle, Dorothy
Category:	Sports, recreation and leisure Transportation Politics Natural resources Family and personal life Exploration, discovery and travel
Title Source:	Title based on contents of file Title was written on an envelope containing these materials.
Processing Status:	Processed

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## Dorothy Wardle fonds

<https://archives.whyte.org/en/permalink/descriptions398>

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
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