Research Collections



1931 pack trip

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Part Of:	Aileen Harmon fonds
Description Level:	5 / File
Fonds Number:	M287 / V262
Series:	M287 / I : Personal records
Sous-Fonds:	M287
Accession Number:	2016.8596
Reference Code:	M287 / I / 6 to 7
GMD:	Textual record
	Diary
Responsibility:	Items produced by Aileen Harmon
Date Range:	1931
	[ca. 1931 - ca. 1940]
Physical Description:	3 cm of textual records

Scope & Content:

File consists of two bound journals/diaries with handwritten notes pertaining to a 1931 packing trip [entries are from July and August, approx. 38 days]. Item M287/l/6 appears to contain original account by Aileen Harmon, and M287/l/7 is rewritten duplicate, also handwritten, likely made for legibility reasons. Author and date of copied version are unknown [possibly similar time period].

Notes:	The inside front cover of item M287/V7 is annotated in pencil with names "Jay Nowlin" and "Jack Cooley".
Name Access:	Nowlin, Jay
	Cooley, Jack
	Harmon, Aileen
Subject Access:	Packing
	Travel
	Horses
	Camping
Geographic Access:	Canada
	Alberta
	Waterford Lake
	Castle Mountain
	British Columbia
	Goat Ridge
	Camp Parker
	Lake Louise
Language:	English
Creator:	Aileen Harmon
Category:	Family and personal life
	Sports, recreation and leisure

Title Source:

Processing Status:



1933 Skoki ski trip

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Description Level:	5 / File
Fonds Number:	M287 / V262
Series:	M287 / I: Personal records
Sous-Fonds:	M287
Accession Number:	2016.8596
Reference Code:	M287/1/8
GMD:	Textual record
GMD:	Textual record Private record
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GMD: Responsibility:	Private record
	Private record Diary
Responsibility:	Private record Diary Produced by Aileen Harmon

Scope & Content:

File consists of an original travel journal/diary annotated by Aileen Harmon pertaining to a 1933 ski trip to Skoki Lodge. File also includes two complete, typed copies of text from original 1933 account [one accompanied by typed letter to "Kathryn", likely Catharine Robb Whyte], and one incomplete typed copy.

Notes:	One copy of journal contents annotated
Name Access:	Whyte, Catharine
	Harmon, Aileen
Subject Access:	Skiing
	Travel
	Mountains
	Skoki Lodge
Geographic Access:	Canada
	Alberta
	Lake Louise
Language:	English
Creator:	Aileen Harmon
Category:	Family and personal life
Title Source:	Title provided prior to processing
Processing Status:	Processed

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Aileen Harmon fonds

https://archives.whyte.org/en/permalink/descriptions206

Part Of:	Aileen Harmon fonds
Description Level:	1 / Fonds
Fonds Number:	M287 / V262
Sous-Fonds:	M287
	V262
Accession Number:	1876
	1915
	1916
	2302
	2932
	3082
	3380
	3383
	3411
	7753
	2016.8596
Reference Code:	M287 / V262
GMD:	Photograph
	Negative
	Photograph print
	Textual record
	Private record
	Transparency
Date Range:	[ca. 1924] - 2015
Physical Description:	26.5 cm of textual records 33 photographs (26 prints : b&w and col. ; 20.5 x 30 cm or smaller 6 negatives : b&w nitrate negatives ; 12.5 x 10 cm 1 transparency : col. slide ; 35 mm)
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Biographical:

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Aileen Harmon (1912 - 2015), daughter of Byron Harmon, worked as a government naturalist at Banff, Alberta, Canada and was involved in local natural history groups and activities. Aileen was a founding member, alongside Bruce Gordon, of the Bow Valley Naturalists, and was also on the Board of The Canadian Wildlife Federation and The Society of Alberta Naturalists. Aileen moved to Mill Bay on Vancouver Island, B.C. in 1981 following the end of a lengthy career with Parks Canada. During her retirement years, Aileen travelled extensively, reaching all seven continents. She also authored an autobiographical book, titled "Tales of My Mountain Life", in 2004. Aileen passed away on January 9, 2015 at the age of 102.

Scope & Content:

Fonds consists of textual records and photographs by and about Aileen Harmon, as well as collected items. Textual records include: letter from Harmon to the Director of Alberta's provincial parks re addition of Yamnuska area to Bow Valley Provincial Park, 1973; brief, from Harvie Heights and Bow Valley subdivision residents to public hearings on land use and resource development in the eastern slopes, 1973; letter re James Hector, 1979; notes on career, 2003; notes on Catharine Whyte for CBC recording, 2004; Christmas cards and collected articles, ca.1960. Photographs, made by and collected by Aileen Harmon, pertain to Aileen Harmon and friends, skiing, Skoki area, Mount Yamnuska, Banff Indian Days. Includes photographs by Byron Harmon.

Added content from accession 2016.8596 : ca. 25 cm of textual records including personal correspondence, guest book, original writing and notes by Aileen Harmon, personal travel journals from a 1931 packing trip and 1933 ski trip to Skoki, drafts of autobiographical book "Tales of My Mountain Life", articles pertaining to or written by Aileen Harmon, Christmas cards, and letters of condolence to Carole Harmon following Aileen's passing. Also 26 print photographs, 6 negative photographs from a 1937 hiking trip, and one transparency.

Fonds consists of one series : Series I - Personal records

Name Access:	Harmon, Aileen
	Harmon, Carole
Subject Access:	Environment
	Family and personal life
	Memorial
	Parks Canada
	Hiking
	Mountains
	Travel
Geographic Access:	Canada
	Alberta
	British Columbia
Access Restrictions:	Copyright, privacy, commercial use and other restrictions may apply
Reproduction Restrictions:	Restrictions may apply
Language:	English
Finding Aid:	Basic description only
Category:	Environment
	Family and personal life
Title Source:	Title based on contents of fonds
Processing Status:	Processed
Title Source:	Family and personal life Title based on contents of fonds



Aileen Harmon guest book

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Part Of:	Aileen Harmon fonds
Description Level:	5 / File
Fonds Number:	M287 / V262
Series:	M287 / I : Personal records
Sous-Fonds:	M287
Accession Number:	2016.8596
Reference Code:	M287/I/4
GMD:	Textual record
	Private record
Responsibility:	Carole Harmon
Date Range:	2014 - 2015
Physical Description:	2 cm of textual records

Scope & Content:

File consists of one guest book for visitors to see Aileen Harmon, with dates between December 31, 2014 and January 3, 2015 during a hospital stay. 4 pages are annotated with 69 individual entries, and the rest of the book is blank. Also includes note by Carole Harmon.

Name Access:	Harmon, Carole
	Harmon, Aileen
Subject Access:	Personal and Family Life
	Hospital
	Medicine
Geographic Access:	Canada
	Alberta
	Calgary
Language:	English
Creator:	Carole Harmon
Category:	Family and personal life
Title Source:	Title based on contents of file
Processing Status:	Processed



Emails 2014 and 2015

https://archives.whyte.org/en/permalink/descriptions54404

Part Of:	Aileen Harmon fonds
Description Level:	5 / File
Fonds Number:	M287 / V262
Series:	M287 / I : Personal records
Sous-Fonds:	M287
Accession Number:	2016.8596
Reference Code:	M287 / I / 15 to 16
GMD:	Textual record
	Private record
Responsibility:	Some of content produced by Carole Harmon
Date Range:	2014
	2015
Physical Description:	4 cm of textual records

Scope & Content:

File consists of approximately 200 printed emails sent between Carole Harmon and numerous friends and family members pertaining to Aileen Harmon. Correspondence discusses well wishes for Aileen following her hospital visit in late 2014, as well as messages of condolence following her passing in January 2015. Items also pertain to funeral arrangements and obituary articles about Aileen.

Notes:	File includes some duplicates
Name Access:	Harmon, Carole
	Harmon, Aileen
Subject Access:	Hospital
	Obituary
	Funeral
	Family and personal life
Geographic Access:	Canada
	British Columbia
	Alberta
Access Restrictions:	Restrictions may apply
Reproduction	Restrictions may apply
Restrictions:	
Language:	English
Category:	Family and personal life
Title Source:	Title based on contents of file
Processing Status:	Processed



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.

Processing Status: Processed



Letters of condolence

https://archives.whyte.org/en/permalink/descriptions54406

Part Of:	Aileen Harmon fonds
Description Level:	5 / File
Fonds Number:	M287 / V262
Series:	M287 / I: Personal records
Sous-Fonds:	M287
Accession Number:	2016.8596
Reference Code:	M287 / I / 18
GMD:	Textual record
	Private record
Date Range:	2015
Physical Description:	2 cm of textual records

Scope & Content:

File consists of 35 letters of condolence addressed to Carole Harmon pertaining to the death of her aunt, Aileen Harmon. Includes two handwritten loose pages with condolence notes and one typed loose letter; the rest are in the form of cards.

Name Access:	Harmon, Carole
	Harmon, Aileen
Subject Access:	Memorial
	Family and personal life
Geographic Access:	Canada
	Alberta
	Banff
Language:	English
Category:	Family and personal life
Title Source:	Title based on contents of file
Processing Status:	Processed

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Magazine articles

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Part Of:	Aileen Harmon fonds
Description Level:	5 / File
Fonds Number:	M287 / V262
Series:	M287 / I: Personal records
Sous-Fonds:	M287
Accession Number:	2016.8596
Reference Code:	M287 / I / 14

GMD:	Published record
	Textual record
Responsibility:	Items produced by Canadian Wilderness, Alpine Club of Canada, Univrsity of Alberta, Parks and Wilderness Quarterly, The Spectator and Fred Roots
Date Range:	1978
	2002
	2011 - 2015
Physical Description:	1.5 cm of textual records

Scope & Content:

File consists of 5 magazines dated between 2002 - 2015, some scanned pages from a 1978 newspaper, and an article with attached correspondence, each with content pertaining to Aileen Harmon. Includes 2 [duplicate] Canadian Wilderness magazines and an Alpine Club of Canada magazine with posthumous articles on Aileen Harmon, a University of Alberta alumni magazine, a Parks and Wilderness Quarterly magazine with an article written by Aileen, scanned pages from The Spectator of an article quoting Aileen with a photograph of her included, and an article by Fred Roots published in Island Bushwacker magazine about Aileen, accompanied by a letter to Aileen from Fred Roots.

Notes:	Contains two copies of the same magazine [Canadian Wilderness Spring/Summer 2015 issue].
Name Access:	Roots, Fred
	Harmon, Aileen
	Alpine Club of Canada
	University of Alberta
Subject Access:	Publication
	Biography
	Conservation
	Education
	Obituary
Geographic Access:	Canada
	Alberta
	British Columbia
Access Restrictions:	Copyright restrictions may apply
Reproduction Restrictions:	Copyright restrictions may apply
Language:	English
Category:	Family and personal life
Title Source:	Title based on contents of file
Processing Status:	Processed

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Misc. writing

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Fonds Number:	M287 / V262
Series:	M287 / I: Personal records
Sous-Fonds:	M287
Accession Number:	2016.8596
Reference Code:	M287/I/5
GMD:	Textual record
	Private record
	Published record
Responsibility:	Produced by Aileen Harmon
Date Range:	1926
	1967
	[ca. 1970 - ca. 1980]
	1977
	[ca.1990]
	[ca. 1995 - ca. 2005]

Physical Description: 2 cm of textual records

Scope & Content:

File consists of assorted textual documents either written, copied or scanned by Aileen Harmon. Documents include correspondence, written accounts of life events by Aileen Harmon, scanned and written notes, poem "Awakening" by Theodore Stephanides, list of Aileen's life travels including dates, lists of Latin plant names, a 1926 Toronto Star article, notes on Cree word translations, Harmon family genealogy notes, and text documents for a Canadian Geographic article titled "Hiking in the Canadian Rockies".

Notes:	File originally contained 6 b&w negative photographs dated 1937 which have since been removed. Negatives are now processed under reference codes V262 / I / NA - 1 to 6 and stored accordingly
Name Access:	Harmon, Aileen
Subject Access:	Hiking
	Genealogy
	History
	Botany
	Poetry
	Travel
	Autobiography
Geographic Access:	Canada
	Ontario
	Toronto
	British Columbia
	Alberta
Reproduction Restrictions:	Restrictions may apply
Language:	English
	Cree

Category: Title Source: Processing Status: Family and personal life Title provided prior to processing Processed

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Mountain Memories - Original

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Fonds Number:	M287 / V262
Series:	M287 / I: Personal records
Sous-Fonds:	M287
Accession Number:	2016.8596
Reference Code:	M287/I/9
GMD:	Private record
GMD:	Private record Textual record
GMD: Responsibility:	
	Textual record
Responsibility:	Textual record Produced by Aileen Harmon
Responsibility:	Textual record Produced by Aileen Harmon 1929
Responsibility:	Textual record Produced by Aileen Harmon 1929 [ca. 1930 - ca. 1940]

Physical Description: 2 cm of textual records

Scope & Content:

File consists of 16 typed accounts and recollections by Aileen Harmon of her life, work and travel experiences in the 1930's and 1940's. Content pertains to her early career with Parks Canada, trips throughout the Canadian Rocky Mountains, and personal memories with friends and colleagues.

Notes:	Documents may have been used as notes/drafts of published material.
	Dates provided for textual records are based on dates given in personal accounts. Date of production of physical notes unknown, but possibly between 1975 - 1990 [estimate by Processing Archivist based on similar documents in fonds]
Name Access:	Harmon, Aileen
Subject Access:	Parks Canada
	Travel
	Autobiography
	Rock climbing
	Family and personal life
Geographic Access:	Canada
	Alberta
	British Columbia

Access Restrictions:	Restrictions may apply
Reproduction Restrictions:	Reference use only, no reproduction
Language:	English
Creator:	Aileen Harmon
Category:	Family and personal life
Title Source:	Title provided prior to processing
Processing Status:	Processed