

## Research Collections



### Astley family fonds

https://archives.whyte.org/en/permalink/descriptions52

Part Of: Astley family fonds

Description Level: 1 / Fonds Fonds Number: M 265

V 394

Sous-Fonds: M 265

V 394

Accession Number: 1420, 1520, 2961, 6353, 6756, 7939

Reference Code: M265 / V394
GMD: Photograph

Photograph print Textual record Private record

Date Range: [ca.1886]-1970

Physical Description: 13 textual records. -- ca.40 photographs: prints

History / Biographical:

Willoughby John Astley, 1859-1948, came to Banff in 1888 and built the Beach House Hotel at Lake Minnewanka. He moved to Lake Louise in 1889. Brother, Charles D'Oyley Astley, 1849-1937, and Lucy Ann Astley continued to operate the hotel until 1907 when they retired to Banff. The hotel was destroyed as part of power development at Lake Minnewanka, ca.1912.

#### Scope & Content:

Fonds consists of notes, correspondence and articles pertaining to the Astley family and early history of Lake Louise and Lake Minnewanka areas. Fonds includes correspondence between Willoughby Astley and J. A. Jaffary of the Provincial Library, Alberta, 1928-1929, re place names in the Lake Louise area; scrapbook of clippings re World War I, including a list of Banff men who enlisted; Beach House Hotel guest register, 1890-1906, recording name and residence of guest, and occasionally record of fish caught; Astley family photographs, ca.1886-1930s. Photographs pertain to fishing and boating on Lake Minnewanka; Beach House Hotel and Lady of the Lake steam launch; Devil's Canyon, Bankhead and Banff; views of avalanche clearing in Roger's Pass by Byron Harmon. Includes one panorama view of group at Lake Minnewanka.

Name Access: Astley, Charles D'Oyley

Astley, Willoughby John

Subject Access: Buildings and facilities

Environment

Family and personal life

Military

Sports, recreation and leisure

Access Restrictions: Some restriction/s on access

Copyright, privacy, commercial use and other restrictions may apply

Language: Language is English

Finding Aid: Finding aids and reference tools: reference copy of hotel register

Related Material: Hotel register is related to similar item in Rodney Touche fonds (M377)

Creator: Astley, Charles D'Oyley

Astley, Willoughby John

Category: Environment

Family and personal life

Military

Sports, recreation and leisure

Title Source: Title based on accession records and contents of fonds

Processing Status: Processed

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### **Book Notes**

https://archives.whyte.org/en/permalink/descriptions54607

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

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: Includes request slips and stationary from the archives at the Whyte

Museum.

Potentially includes a handwritten list of Dorothy's written works. Newspaper clippings primarily from the Times Colonist, which is

published in Victoria, British Columbia.

Name Access: Wardle, Dorothy

Wardle, James M.

Harkin, J. B. (James Bernard)

Brewster, Pat Peyto, Bill

Brett, Robert George

Sanson, Norman

Subject Access: Banff

Banff National Park
Banff Public Library

National parks and reserves

Newspaper
Parks Canada
Park policy
Research

Trail Riders of the Canadian Rockies

Wardens

Whyte Museum of the Canadian Rockies

Ya-Ha-Tinda Ranch

Hiking

Community life

History

Mines and mineral resources

Geographic Access: Alberta

Banff

**Banff National Park** 

Bankhead

British Columbia

Canada

Canadian Rocky Mountains

Castle Mountain

Glacier National Park Kootenay National Park

Silver City Victoria

Yoho National Park

Scotland

Revelstoke

Language: English

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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### **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

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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# **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, 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

Access Restrictions: Some restriction/s on access

Montreal

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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

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### Miscellaneous and Collected Materials

https://archives.whyte.org/en/permalink/descriptions54646

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 / C : Miscellaneous and Collected Materials

Accession Number: 7504

Reference Code: M521 / II / C / 1-6

GMD: Newspaper clipping

Organization record

Published record

Textual record

Date Range: 1872-1986

1934-1935

1939

1942-1943

1950 1977 1986

Physical Description: 11.5 cm of textual records (32 x 42 cm or smaller)

#### Scope & Content:

File consists of 11.5 cm of textual records, 32 x 42 cm or smaller. Records include: Book of Common Prayer (1872); The Pocket Cook Book by Elizabeth Woody (1942); Guide to Marks of Origin on British and Irish Silver Plate from mid-16th Century to the Year 1943 and Old Sheffield Plate Makers' Marks, 1743-1860 (1943); four booklets related to the Trail Riders of the Canadian Rockies (1934-1950); a booklet titled "Sir George Simpson Centennial Celebration" (1928); an assortment of recipes; "The Margaret P. Hess Collection" booklet published by the University of Calgary (1977) and a related Calgary Herald newspaper clipping (1986); one Carl Rungius postcard; and six miscellaneous postcards depicting a former school teacher of Leette Wardle (1911), James Wardle at the Cave and Basin (1920), the Wardles in San Francisco (n.d.), two unidentified men (n.d.), and visitors to the Banff Springs Hotel (n.d.).

Notes: Book of Common Prayer inscribed with: "Martha Morey, November 4,

1872. New Westminster, BC. From her mother." It belonged to James

Wardle's mother.

The Pocket Cook Book contains annotations and written notes tucked in

among the pages of the book.

Trail Riders of the Canadian Rockies booklets kept because the Wardles participated in trail rides and there are photos/mentions of James and

Dorothy, and possibly Leette.

The "Sir George Simpson Centennial Celebration" booklet contains a

photograph print between pages 32 and 33.

Some of the postcards are annotated on the back, specifically the postcard depicting the Banff Springs Hotel which is addressed to

Dorothy.

Name Access: Wardle, Dorothy

Wardle, James M. Simpson, George

Rungius, Carl

Subject Access: Hiking

Trail Riders of the Canadian Rockies

Artist Art

Leisure Recreation

Religions

Calgary Herald

Fairmont Banff Springs Hotel

Cave and Basin

Geographic Access: Banff

Banff National Park

Alberta Canada

Canadian Rocky Mountains

San Francisco United States

Language: English Category: Arts

Sports, recreation and leisure Exploration, discovery and travel

Religions

Family and personal life

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