



Ben Gadd fonds

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Part Of: Ben Gadd fonds

Description Level: 1 / Fonds

Fonds Number: M590

V810

Sous-Fonds: M590

V810

Accession Number: 2021.20

2024.01

Reference Code: M590 / V810 / S61

GMD: Digital image

Drawing

Negative

Newspaper clipping

Photograph

Photograph print

Postcard

Published record

Textual record

Video

Transparency

Date Range: 1956-2018

Physical Description: ca. 7.9 metres of textual records -- ca. 274 maps -- 29 VHS tapes --
ca.15 discs with digital files -- 21 cassettes -- photographs -- oversized
materials -- USB stick with 15 slideshows

History /

Biographical:

Ben Gadd (1946-) is a retired naturalist, guide, geologist, instructor, freelance writer and award-winning author based in the Canadian Rockies.

Ben was born in Colorado Springs, Colorado in 1946. He met his wife, Cia (Langdon) Gadd at Colorado College in 1965, and the couple married four weeks later. Ben and Cia had two sons, Will and Toby. Ben and his family relocated to Jasper in the late 1960s. Ben later attended the University of Lethbridge and graduated with a Bachelor's degree in Earth Science in 1972.

Between 1976 and 1980, Ben taught classes at Mount Royal College and the Southern Alberta Institute of Technology; he later taught additional classes at Grant MacEwan College and Lakeland College. From 1981, Ben also worked as a seasonal naturalist/guide for Parks Canada. Ben left Parks Canada in 1985 to start an independent naturalist guiding business with Cia based in Jasper and other parts of the Canadian Rockies, which the couple continued to operate for over two decades.

Ben published his best-known work, "Handbook of the Canadian Rockies", through his publishing company Corax Press in 1986. The second edition of "Handbook of the Canadian Rockies" received multiple awards after its release in 1995. Ben's fiction book, "Raven's End" won the title of Best Canadian Rockies Book at the Banff Mountain Film and Book Festival in 2001 and became a Canadian bestseller. Overall, Ben has authored or co-authored 11 books and received nearly one dozen awards for his achievements as a writer, researcher and guide. Ben continued to lead guided hikes and school programs until his retirement in 2016.

Scope & Content:

Fonds consists of materials pertaining to Ben Gadd's personal life and career as an environmental researcher, educator, interpretive guide, publisher, public speaker and author, ca.1956-2018. Fonds includes maps, research materials, publication notes/drafts, correspondence, contracts, photographs, video and sound recordings, and other related material. Materials donated in 2024 include one USB stick containing

Notes:

Ben Gadd fonds arrangement:

Series I : Personal records

- Subseries A : Travel guides and maps
- Subseries B : Education and early writings
- Subseries C : Personal interest files
- Subseries D : Other personal and collected

Series II : Research and publication records

- Subseries A : Handbook of the Canadian Rockies
- Subseries B : Other publications

Series III : Professional records

- Subseries A : Parks Canada Records
- Subseries B : Interpretive guiding
- Subseries C : Teaching records
- Subseries D : Other contracts and projects

Series IV : Legal and financial records

- Subseries A : Legal records
- Subseries B : Financial records

Name Access:

Gadd, Ben

Gadd, Cia

Subject Access:	Education
	Research
	Publication
	Environment
	Geology
	Tourism
	Family and personal life
	Personal and Professional Life
	Academics
	Guiding
	Guides
	Businesses
	Finances
	Conservation
	Wildlife
	Natural history
	Sports and recreation
Geographic Access:	Canada
	Alberta
	Jasper National Park
	Banff National Park
	Yoho National Park
	Kootenay National Park
	Lethbridge
	United States of America
	Colorado
	Canadian Rocky Mountains
Reproduction Restrictions:	Copyright restrictions apply
Language:	English
	French
	Dutch
Category:	Education
	Environment
	Family and personal life
	Sports, recreation and leisure
Title Source:	Title based on contents of fonds
Processing Status:	Processed / Unprocessed

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Access Network Bankhead broadcast

<https://archives.whyte.org/en/permalink/descriptions56489>

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Description Level:	5 / File
Fonds Number:	M590
	V810
	S61
Series:	M590 / III : Professional records
Sous-Fonds:	M590
Sub-Series:	M590 / III / D : Other contracts and projects
Accession Number:	2021.20
Reference Code:	M590 / III / D / 122
GMD:	Textual record
Date Range:	1987
Physical Description:	0.1 cm of textual records
Scope & Content:	
	File consists of a signed contract renewal form between Ben Gadd and Access Network pertaining to a series of public broadcasts about the history of Bankhead, which Ben Gadd produced written content for; and a payment advance invoice for the same contract.
Name Access:	Gadd, Ben
Subject Access:	Publication
	Research
	History
	Employment
	Finances
Geographic Access:	Canada
	Alberta
Reproduction Restrictions:	Restrictions may apply
Language:	English
Title Source:	Title based on contents of file
Processing Status:	Processed

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Advanced digital imaging

<https://archives.whyte.org/en/permalink/descriptions55982>

Part Of:	Ben Gadd fonds
Description Level:	5 / File
Fonds Number:	M590 V810 S61
Series:	M590 / II : Research and publication records
Sous-Fonds:	M590
Sub-Series:	M590 / II / A : Handbook of the Canadian Rockies
Accession Number:	2021.20
Reference Code:	M590 / II / A / 82
GMD:	Textual record Published record
Responsibility:	Produced by Advanced Digital Imaging, Inc.
Date Range:	1993
Physical Description:	1 page
Scope & Content:	File consists of one digital imaging order form and price list from Advanced Digital Imaging, Inc. in Colorado.
Name Access:	Gadd, Ben
Subject Access:	Publication Research Photography Businesses Commerce
Geographic Access:	United States of America Colorado
Reproduction Restrictions:	Restrictions may apply
Language:	English
Category:	Commerce and industry
Title Source:	Original title used
Processing Status:	Processed

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Advertising, promotional material

<https://archives.whyte.org/en/permalink/descriptions56046>

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Description Level:	5 / File
Fonds Number:	M590 V810 S61
Series:	M590 / III : Professional records
Sous-Fonds:	M590
Sub-Series:	M590 / III / B : interpretive guiding
Accession Number:	2021.20
Reference Code:	M590 / III / B / 39
GMD:	Textual record
Responsibility:	Some items produced by Ben Gadd
Date Range:	1985-1988 1994
Physical Description:	0.7 cm of textual records
Scope & Content:	File consists of flyers, notes and correspondence, drafts and published advertisements pertaining to the promotion of Ben Gadd's work as an interpretive guide.
Name Access:	Gadd, Ben
Subject Access:	Guides Guiding Natural history Publication Promo Advertising Newspaper
Geographic Access:	Canada Alberta Jasper
Reproduction Restrictions:	Restrictions may apply
Language:	English
Title Source:	Title based on contents of file
Processing Status:	Processed

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Advertising, promotions

<https://archives.whyte.org/en/permalink/descriptions55986>



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Description Level: 5 / File

Fonds Number: M590
V810
S61

Series: M590 / II : Research and publication records

Sous-Fonds: M590

Sub-Series: M590 / II / A : Handbook of the Canadian Rockies

Accession Number: 2021.20

Reference Code: M590 / II / A / 86 to 87

GMD: Published record
Textual record
Newspaper clipping

Responsibility: Some materials produced by Ben and Cia Gadd

Date Range: 1986-1996

Physical Description: 3 cm of textual records

Scope & Content:
File consists of textual records pertaining to promotional work and advertising for Ben Gadd's book, Handbook of the Canadian Rockies. File includes correspondence between Ben Gadd and several individuals regarding advertising and other promotional work; notes and sample copies of advertisements, including paste-ups; finished posters and flyers; booklets and brochures for companies and products involved with promotional material and marketing; newspaper clippings advertising Ben's book; and other related materials.

Name Access: Gadd, Ben

Subject Access: Publication
Advertising
Commerce
Commercial products
Communications
Newspaper
Professional and Personal Life
Promo

Geographic Access: Canada
Alberta
Jasper
Canadian Rocky Mountains

Reproduction Restrictions: Restrictions may apply

Language: English

Category: Commerce and industry
Communications

Title Source: Title based on contents of file

Processing Status: Processed

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Alaska Highway signs project

<https://archives.whyte.org/en/permalink/descriptions56124>

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Description Level: 5 / File
Fonds Number: M590
V810
S61
Series: M590 / III : Professional records
Sous-Fonds: M590
Sub-Series: M590 / III / D : Other contracts and projects
Accession Number: 2021.20
Reference Code: M590 / III / D / 97
GMD: Textual record
Responsibility: Produced by Ben Gadd
Date Range: 1990-1991
Physical Description: 0.5 cm of textual records

Scope & Content:

File consists of notes, contracts and correspondence pertaining to Ben Gadd's work producing text for interpretive signs along the Alaska Highway on behalf of the British Columbia Ministry of Parks.

Notes: File includes a brochure containing a map and travel information for Mount Robson Berg Lake Trail, with a note by Ben Gadd. brochure was possibly used as research/reference material in the production of Alaska Highway signs text

Name Access: Gadd, Ben

Subject Access: Research
Publication
Travel
Roads
Environment
Employment
Government

Geographic Access: Canada
British Columbia

Reproduction Restrictions: Restrictions may apply

Language: English

Category: Environment
Government

Title Source: Title based on contents of file

Processing Status: Processed



Alberta Views article

<https://archives.whyte.org/en/permalink/descriptions56023>

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Fonds Number: M590
S61
V810
Series: M590 / II : Research and publication records
Sous-Fonds: M590
Sub-Series: M590 / II / B : Other publications
Accession Number: 2021.20
Reference Code: M590 / II / B / 33 to 34
GMD: Textual record
Date Range: 2004-2005
Physical Description: 3 cm of textual records

Scope & Content:

File consists of a signed work agreement, correspondence, research notes, reference materials, newspaper articles and other related documents pertaining to an article titled "The Ravens & the Road: Life & Death on National Park Highways", which Ben wrote for Alberta Views magazine between 2004 and 2005.

Name Access: Gadd, Ben
Subject Access: Publication
Professional and Personal Life
Correspondence
Environment
Wildlife
Birds
Conservation
Roads
Magazine
Geographic Access: Canada
Alberta
Banff National Park
Reproduction Restrictions: Restrictions may apply
Language: English
Related Material: V810 / II / B / DF - 1
Category: Environment
Title Source: Original title used
Processing Status: Processed

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Alberta Views article

<https://archives.whyte.org/en/permalink/descriptions56276>

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Description Level: 5 / File
Fonds Number: M590
V810
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Series: V810 / II : Research and publication records
Sous-Fonds: V810
Sub-Series: V810 / II / B : Other publications
Accession Number: 2021.20
Reference Code: V810 / II / B / DF - 1
GMD: Recording disc
Date Range: 2002-2004
Physical Description: 1 compact disc : 19 digital files
Scope & Content:

File consists of one CD containing 18 PDF files and one word document. File includes digital copies of journal articles and published reports pertaining to wildlife migration, roadkill incidents and habitat conservation in Banff National Park. Materials in file were used as research material for an article which Ben Gadd wrote for Alberta Views magazine between 2004 and 2005, titled "The Ravens & the Road: Life & Death on National Park Highways".

Name Access: Gadd, Ben
Subject Access: Research
Publication
Wildlife
Conservation
Environment
Roads
Geographic Access: Canada
Alberta
Banff National Park
Reproduction Restrictions: Restrictions may apply
Language: English
Related Material: M590 / II / B / 33 to 34
Category: Environment
Title Source: Title based on contents of file
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An Orogenous Life edited draft

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Fonds Number: M590
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S61
Series: M590 / II : Research and publication records
Sous-Fonds: M590
Sub-Series: M590 / II / B : Other publications
Accession Number: 2021.20
Reference Code: M590 / II / B / 60
GMD: Textual record
Responsibility: Produced by Ben Gadd, Cia Gadd
Date Range: 2016
Physical Description: 3 cm of textual records

History /

Biographical:

"Ben [Gadd]'s memoir tells the story of how a skinny, myopic and cowardly kid grew into the mountaineer who wrote [Handbook of the Canadian Rockies and Raven's End] and received the Banff Centre's coveted Summit of Excellence award in 2014.

There's a lot more to this memoir than just biography. Interleaved with the personal history are 36 readings from Ben's favorite written work. These essays, magazine articles, stories and book excerpts will have you chuckling in some places, touched in others. All this plus hundreds of color illustrations."

- Quoted from Ben Gadd's website, May 4th, 2022

Scope & Content:

File consists of one full draft of Ben Gadd's autobiography, An Orogenous Life, which contains handwritten corrections and notes by Ben's wife, Cia Gadd.

Name Access: Gadd, Ben
Gadd, Cia
Subject Access: Publication
Biography
Biographical
Family and personal life
Personal and Professional Life
Reproduction Restrictions: Restrictions may apply
Language: English
Category: Family and personal life
Biographical Source Notes: <https://www.bengadd.com/books/>
Processing Status: Processed

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Ancient Alberta edited manuscript

<https://archives.whyte.org/en/permalink/descriptions56009>

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Fonds Number:	M590
	V810
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Series:	M590 / III : Professional records
Sous-Fonds:	M590
Sub-Series:	M590 / III / D : Other contracts and projects
Accession Number:	2021.20
Reference Code:	M590 / III / D / 35
GMD:	Textual record
	Published record
Date Range:	1997-1998
Physical Description:	1.5 cm of textual records
Scope & Content:	
	File consists of one manuscript of a publication titled "In Search of Ancient Alberta" by Barbara Huck and Doug Whiteway, with edits and corrections by Ben and Cia Gadd. File also includes a letter sent to the Gadds from Barbara Huck, thanking them for their help.
Name Access:	Gadd, Ben
	Gadd, Cia
Subject Access:	Natural history
	Research
	Environment
	Publication
Geographic Access:	Canada
	Alberta
	Jasper National Park
Reproduction Restrictions:	Restrictions may apply
Language:	English
Category:	Environment
	Government
Title Source:	Original title used
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