

## Research Collections



#### George Noble fonds

https://archives.whyte.org/en/permalink/descriptions299

Part Of: George Noble fonds

Description Level: 1 / Fonds Fonds Number: M 533

V 469

Sous-Fonds: M 533

V 469

Accession Number: 82, 168, 275, 940, 1157, 1992, 2020, 3513, 5281, 6753, 6841, 7135

Reference Code: M533 / V469 GMD: Photograph

Negative

Photograph print Transparency Textual record Corporate record

Date Range: [ca.1912]-1958

Physical Description: ca.8500 photographs: negatives. -- 36 transparencies: stereo, colour. --

2 textual records

History / Biographical:

George Noble, 1879-1965, was a professional photographer at Banff, Alberta, Canada. Noble was born in Woolwich, England where he apprenticed as a photographer. He came to Banff in 1909 to operate a photographic business for his uncles, George and Bill Fear, who owned a curio business. In 1919, Noble bought the photographic business and, in 1932, acquired the remainder of the Fear Brothers business. He built a new studio and shop, which offered portraiture, photo-finishing and framing services and sold photographic supplies, camera equipment and English china. In addition to portraiture, George Noble and employees, such as photographer Bill Jamieson, produced a wide range of documentary, scenic and commercial views. Noble's shop offered black and white and hand-coloured prints of local events and Rocky Mountain views. George Noble was an active member of the community, serving on both the Banff School Board and the Banff Board of Trade for many years. Upon his retirement in 1957, his business was acquired by a group of investors which included Bill Jamieson, labtechnician and photographer for the Noble business from 1936 to 1957

#### Scope & Content:

Fonds consists of a broad-ranging commercial negative collection. Includes four series.

I. Scenic and documentary views, 2839 items; includes film and glass negatives in sizes up to 8 X 10 inches. Pertains to Banff and area buildings, facilities, activities, events, such as Banff Winter Carnival and Banff Indian Days; Indigenous; scenic views of Banff and area and other Rocky Mountains locations.

II. Commercial views, 765 items; includes buildings, businesses, facilities, sports events, organizations, conventions, group portraits, displays and presentations.

Ill. Mixed views, 242 items; includes scenic, documentary and commercial views similar to material in previous series. Also includes some views know to have been produced by Fred Armbrister, a professional photographer who operated out of Lake Louise, Alberta, ca.1930.

IV. Portraits, ca.4600. This series contains four groups: A. 1920s-1950s, most unidentified; B. 1930s and 1940s, arranged alphabetically, many unidentified; C. 1950s, arranged alphabetically, most identified, many with proofs (prints); D. 1950s, arranged chronologically by job number.

V. Other, ca.50 items. Includes 36 colour stereo transparencies, ca.1955, re Administration Building and gardens, Banff-Jasper Highway scenics, mountain sheep, autumn colour, Banff Avenue, George Noble and staff. Also includes small number of commercial prints produced by Noble, including several large hand-painted views.

Fonds is accompanied by business record books, 1950-1958, 2 v. (M533)

Name Access: Noble, George

Subject Access: Arts

Buildings and facilities

Commerce and industry

Community life Environment

Sports, recreation and leisure

Transportation

Access Restrictions: Some restrictions on access to originals

Copyright, privacy, commercial use and other restrictions may apply

Language: Language is English

Finding Aid: Finding aids and reference tools: arrangement outline

file description and index electronic finding aid

selected modern reference prints

Related Material: Related commercial photographs made by Bill Jamieson in the employ of

George Noble are located in the Ron Duke fonds (V180 / II.A.i. - V180 /

II.A.vi.; V180 / III.A.)

Portrait camera and electric 3D viewer reside in Heritage collections,

Whyte Museum

Creator: Noble, George

Category: Arts

Commerce and industry

Environment

Sports, recreation and leisure

Transportation

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

Processing Status: Processed

This material is presented as originally created; it may contain outdated cultural descriptions and potentially offensive content. Read more.



# Ski jumping

https://archives.whyte.org/en/permalink/descriptions41519

Part Of: George Noble fonds

Description Level: 6 / Item

Series: I. Scenic and documentary views
Reference Code: Mount NorquayV469 / 1331

GMD: Photograph

Date Range: [ca.1920-ca.1940]

Physical Description: 1 negative: 12 x 17 cm or smaller

Subject Access: Environment and Nature

Sports and Recreation

Geographic Access: Alberta

#### **Images**



OrderRemove



# Banff views, Fairholme Range

https://archives.whyte.org/en/permalink/descriptions39965

Part Of: George Noble fonds

Description Level: 6 / Item

Series: I. Scenic and documentary views

Reference Code: V469 / 1 GMD: Photograph

Negative

Date Range: [ca.1920-ca.1940]

Physical Description: 1 negative: 12 x 17 cm or smaller

Subject Access: Environment and Nature

Geographic Access: Alberta

## Images



OrderRemove



# Banff views, Fairholme Range. -- [ca.1920-ca.1940]

https://archives.whyte.org/en/permalink/descriptions4683

Part Of: George Noble fonds

Description Level: 5 / File

Series: I. Scenic and documentary views

Reference Code: V469 / 1 - 15

Physical Description: 15 negatives: 12 x 17 cm or smaller

Access Restrictions: Access by appointment only

Location (Copy): V469 / 2, 8, 10, 14

This material is presented as originally created; it may contain outdated cultural descriptions and potentially offensive content. Read more.

Image not available

# Banff views, Fairholme Range

https://archives.whyte.org/en/permalink/descriptions40216

Part Of: George Noble fonds

Description Level: 5 / File

Series: I. Scenic and documentary views

Reference Code: V469 / 1 to 15 GMD: Photograph

Date Range: [ca.1920-ca.1940]

Physical Description: 15 negatives: 12 x 17 cm or smaller

Subject Access: Environment and Nature

Geographic Access: Alberta

#### **Images**

Image not available

OrderRemove



# Banff views, Fairholme Range

https://archives.whyte.org/en/permalink/descriptions40211

Part Of: George Noble fonds

Description Level: 6 / Item

Series: I. Scenic and documentary views

Reference Code: V469 / 10
GMD: Photograph

Negative

Date Range: [ca.1920-ca.1940]

Physical Description: 1 negative: 12 x 17 cm or smaller

Subject Access: Environment and Nature

Geographic Access: Alberta

## Images



OrderRemove



# Banff views, Mount Rundle

https://archives.whyte.org/en/permalink/descriptions40302

Part Of: George Noble fonds

Description Level: 6 / Item

Series: I. Scenic and documentary views

Reference Code: V469 / 100 GMD: Photograph

Negative

Date Range: [ca.1920-ca.1940]

Physical Description: 1 negative: 12 x 17 cm or smaller

Subject Access: Environment and Nature

Geographic Access: Alberta

## Images



OrderRemove



# Columbia Ice Fields, Banff- Jasper Highway

https://archives.whyte.org/en/permalink/descriptions41194

Part Of: George Noble fonds

Description Level: 6 / Item

Series: I. Scenic and documentary views

Reference Code: V469 / 1000 GMD: Photograph

Negative

Date Range: [ca.1935]

Physical Description: 1 negative: 12 x 17 cm or smaller

Subject Access: Buildings and memorials

**Environment and Nature** 

Geographic Access: Alberta

## Images



OrderRemove



#### Miscellaneous

https://archives.whyte.org/en/permalink/descriptions41195

Part Of: George Noble fonds

Description Level: 6 / Item

Series: I. Scenic and documentary views

Reference Code: V469 / 1001 GMD: Photograph

Negative

Date Range: [ca. 1955]

Physical Description: 1 negative: 12 x 17 cm or smaller

Scope & Content:

Num-ti-jah Lodge built by Jimmy Simpson

Subject Access: Buildings and memorials

Commerce

Geographic Access: Alberta

## **Images**



OrderRemove



# Buildings - ski lodges

https://archives.whyte.org/en/permalink/descriptions41196

Part Of: George Noble fonds

Description Level: 6 / Item

Series: I. Scenic and documentary views

Reference Code: V469 / 1002 GMD: Photograph

Negative

Date Range: [ca.1955]

Physical Description: 1 negative: 9.5 x 12 cm or smaller

Scope & Content:

Num-ti-jah Lodge built by Jimmy Simpson

Subject Access: Buildings and memorials

Commerce

Geographic Access: Alberta

#### **Images**



OrderRemove