



When peaks and people meet HYTE Museum of the Canadian Rockies

# Jon Whyte fonds

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Part Of:	Jon Whyte fonds
Description Level:	1 / Fonds
Fonds Number:	M 88
	S 28
	V 690
Sous-Fonds:	M 88
	S 28
	V 690
Accession Number:	553, 1315, 1497, 3854, 3865, 4020, 5301, 5663, 5869, 6283, 6785, 7498 (unproc)
Reference Code:	M88 / S28 / V690
GMD:	Machine-readable data file
	Recording disc
	Motion picture
	Film
	Photograph
	Negative
	Photograph print
	Transparency
	Sound recording
	Cassette
	Reel to reel
	Textual record
	Organization record
	Private record
	Published record
Date Range:	1948-1992
Physical Description:	4.5 m textual records ca.7600 photographs: ca.6400 transparencies, ca.1200 prints and negatives 27 electronic records (425 files): computer diskettes 39 sound recordings: audio tape reels, audio cassettes 5 motion pictures

#### History /

**Biographical:** 

Jon Anthony Whyte, 1941-1992, was an author, poet, writer, editor, journalist, broadcaster, publisher, environmentalist and museum curator at Banff, Alberta, Canada. Whyte was born in Banff to Jack White, son of merchant Dave White, and Barbara Carpenter Whyte. After public school education in Banff and Medicine Hat, Alberta, he received a B.A. in English from the University of Alberta in 1964, followed by a Masters degree in Medieval English in 1967. Subsequently, he received a Masters in Communications from Stanford University, California in 1974. His thesis at Stanford was a film documentary, "Jimmy Simpson, Mountain Man". During his time at U of A, Whyte worked as a broadcaster for CKUA Radio and as a sessional Instructor at U of A, 1965-1967.

Upon returning to Banff, ca.1968, Whyte managed the Book and Art Den and helped establish Summerthought Press. In 1969 he became a columnist for the "Crag and Canyon," continuing until 1991, and in 1970 became a board member of the Peter Whyte Foundation (now Whyte Museum of the Canadian Rockies). From 1980 until his death, Whyte was Curator of the Heritage collections at the museum. He continued to write and publish extensively throughout the 1980s. He was involved with the formation of the Writer's Guild of Alberta and was elected its president in 1990. He received the WGA's Stephan Stephansson Award for Poetry in 1983. Whyte was also active in numerous other organizations, including the League of Canadian Poets, Alberta Museums Association, Canadian Museums Association, Interpretation Canada, Bow Valley Naturalists and the Alberta Wilderness Association.

Scope & Content:

I. Literary papers, ca.1960-1990, 154.5 cm of textual records: A. Projects (book files, Carl Rungius project, Peter and Catharine Whyte portfolio papers, other projects); B. General literary papers (loose papers and writing notebooks) includes Jon Whyte's concrete poetry; C. Career documents; D. Works by other writers and artists.

II. Personal / professional papers, 1948-1991, 325.5 cm of textual records: A. School and university papers; B. Correspondence; C. Alphabetical files; D. Travel papers; E. Organizations (incl. Writer's Guild of Alberta, Whyte Museum of the Canadian Rockies, Bow Valley Naturalists, others); F. Other.

III. Electronic records, 1984-1991, 27 computer disks (425 files); files are mainly literary, with some letters and files pertaining to organizations, including the Whyte Museum

IV. Photographs and films, ca.1950-1991, ca.7600 items (mainly transparencies): A. Transparencies. Included in this sub-series are The Princess of the Stars musical drama performed in Banff National Park; B. Prints and negatives; C. Collected photographs; D. Films (5 items)

V. Sound recordings, ca.1950- 1988, 39 items.

Name Access:	Whyte, Jon
Subject Access:	Arts
	Communications
	Environment
	Family and personal life
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: arrangement outline
	series and file description
	electronic finding aid
	searchable electronic lists for correspondence files (sub-series II.B.) and alphabetical files (sub-series II.C.)
	video reference copy for "Jimmy Simpson: mountain man"
	list of available Jon Whyte publications held by the Whyte Museum
	list of Jon Whyte Crag and Canyon newspaper columns
Related Material:	Art works and artifacts transferred to art collection and Heritage Collection, Whyte Museum
Creator:	Whyte, Jon
Category:	Arts
	Communications
	Environment
	Family and personal life
Title Source:	Title based on accession records and contents of fonds
Processing Status:	Processed / Unprocessed

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## Door to Wild, St. George's, backup Ford on Bow

#### https://archives.whyte.org/en/permalink/descriptions5950

Part Of:	Jon Whyte fonds
Description Level:	5 / File
Fonds Number:	M88
Series:	III.B. Jon Whyte electronic records - DOS files
Sous-Fonds:	M88
Reference Code:	M88 / E / Disk 24
Date Range:	1989 - 1991
Physical Description:	1 computer disk (50 files)

Scope & Content:

Consists mainly of Rocky Mountain Crossing backup files for M88 / E / Disk 23. Also includes files of writing pertaining to book of St. George's Anglican Church, Door to the Wild project re historic backcountry buildings, and Whyte Museum business [WMCR]. File list follows

Notes:	Printed copies are available for all files except: systems files, damaged files, unsuitable formats (eg. sideways), and files already printed from another disk.
Title Source:	Title based on contents of file
Content Details:	Consists of the following files (* indicates file has been printed):
	ACKNOW [WMCR letter of acknowledgement for donation 1989]
	ASSIN.MSS [re Erling Strom - incomplete]
	BEIL.MSS - Lake Louise Station

BIOS - Biographies - AMA council [re Tom Gooden] - \*

BISON - Indigenous hunters (approx 1500) - Rocky Mountain Crossing / 1990

BOREALIS - Poems for Sid to consider - for Borealis / 1990

BUILDER - October '83 - Rocky Mountain Crossing [re CPR construction] 1990

CABOODLE - The Whole Kiddin' Caboodle [9 children's poems] 1990

CANOE - Canoe trip down the Bow (1930) - Rocky Mountain Crossing / 1990

CAPSULE - Time capsule - Celebration '90 - \*

CHRISTMA - A Christmas Story 1916 / 1990

CONTENTS.MSS [chapter titles and details for Indigenous book?] 1990

CRAGONE.MSS - Peaks 'n' People, Aug 15/90 - \*

CRASH - Crash? July 1892 - Rocky Mountain Crossing [re train crash] 1990

CRAWLER1 - Hector Crawler (One) 1889, Rocky Mountain Crossing / 1990

CRAWLER2 - Hector Crawler (Two) 1889 - Rocky Mountain Crossing / 1990

DIG - XXIV - The Present [Rocky Mountain Crossing - Adventures at the Ford on the Bow] / 1990

DOORTWO.MSS - Door to the Wild, Num-ti-jah Lodge [incomplete]

DOORWILD.MSS [list of illustrations for Door to the Wild - WMCR?] - \*

ELDERS.MSS Elderhostel proposal - Multi-department 1990 [WMCR] - \*

EMERALD.MSS [re Emerald Lake - incomplete]

ESSAY - Uncommon thoughts in January darkness - \*

FIRSTONE - The First Ones (approx 8000 BC) - Rocky Mountain Crossing / 1990

FISHER - Fishtales 1935 / 1990

FORDONE - Rocky Mountain Crossing - Adventures at the Ford on the Bow [I - XII] / 1990 - \*

FORDTWO - Rocky Mountain Crossing - Adventures at the Ford on the Bow [XIII - XXIV] / 1990

HAIKU [7 haiku poems] 1990 - \*

HECTOR - August 1858 (Hector) - Rocky Mountain Crossing [re Palliser Expedition] 1990

HENRY - Peaks 'n' People / Aug 15'90 [re Henry Kelsey] 1991 - \*

HORSE - Horses (approx 1780) - Rocky Mountain Crossing / 1990

LOANFORM - Agreement for museum loan [WMCR] 1990 - \*

MARIE - Marie [story] 1990

MONTY.MSS - The Thing of Nature's [J. E. H. MacDonald quote, n.d.]

MOVIES - Moviemakers 1924 - Rocky Mountain Crossing [re filming of the Alaskan] 1990

NOMS - [empty except for title "Interdepartmental meeting March 31"] NOTES - St. George's - book notes / 1990 - \*

OPINION - President's message - WGA newsletter - Sept/Oct 1990

PAINTER - Rungius finds a subject, autumn 1922

POEM - Poem for Bonnie / 1989 RESEARCH [re museum research - incomplete] 1991 ROADWEST - Road builders, 1915 - Rocky Mountain Crossing / 1990 SEXTET - Moutain Sextet / 1990 - \* SIMPSON - Rocky Mountain Crossing - Simpson poaching 1907 / 1990 SIRGEORG - August 3, 1941 - Rocky Mountain Crossing [re Sir George Simpson] 1990 SKI - Rocky Mountain Crossing, Adventures of the Ford of the Bow [XIII -XVII] 1990 STATION - Lake Louise Station / 1990 - \* TALK.MSS - St. George's centennial, Oct 21, 1989 - \* TOURIST - Rocky Mountain Crossing - Tourists July 1891 / 1990 TWINFALL.MSS [portion of manuscript - cut off at beginning and end] WILSON - August 2, 1881 - Rocky Mountain Crossing [re CPR survey and Tom Wilson] 1990 Processing Status: Processed

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### Ford on Bow. -- 1989-1990

#### https://archives.whyte.org/en/permalink/descriptions5949

Part Of:	Jon Whyte fonds
Description Level:	5 / File
Fonds Number:	M88
Series:	III.B. Jon Whyte electronic records - DOS files
Sous-Fonds:	M88
Reference Code:	M88 / E / Disk 23
Date Range:	1989 - 1990
Physical Description:	1 computer disk (43 files)

Scope & Content:

Files contain writing pertaining mainly to Rocky Mountain Crossing, a book for young adults. Also includes file pertaining to Whyte Museum business [WMCR]. File list follows

Notes:	Printed copies are available for all files except: systems files, damaged files, unsuitable formats (eg. sideways), and files already printed from another disk.
Related Material:	Backup files can be found in M88 / E / Disk 24
Title Source:	Title based on contents of file
Content Details:	Consists of the following files (* indicates file has been printed). Note: computer file title is followed by text title.
	ACKNOW [WMCR letter of acknowledgement for donation 1989] - *
	ASSIN.MSS [re Erling Strom - incomplete] - *
	BEIL.MSS - Lake Louise Station - *
	BIOS - Biographies - Borealis [Craig Richards / Jon Whyte] / 1990 - *

BISON - Banff - Indigenous hunters (approx 1500) - Rocky Mountain Crossing / 1990 - \*

BOREALIS - Poems for Sid to consider for Borealis / 1990 - \*

BUILDER - October '83 - Rocky Mountain Crossing [re CPR construction] 1990 - \*

CABOODLE - The Whole Kiddin' Caboodle / 1990 - \*

CANOE - Canoe trip down the Bow (1930) - Rocky Mountain Crossing / 1990 - \*

CHRISTMA - A Christmas Story 1916 / 1990 - \*

CONTENTS.MSS [chapter titles and details for unknown work] 1990 - \*

CRAGONE.MSS - Peaks 'n' People, Aug 15/90 - \*

CRASH - Crash? July 1892 - Rocky Mountain Crossing [re train crash] 1990 - \*

CRAWLER1 - Hector Crawler (One) 1889, Rocky Mountain Crossing / 1990 - \*

CRAWLER2 - Hector Crawler (Two) 1889 - Rocky Mountain Crossing / 1990 - \*

DIG - Rocky Mountain Crossing - Adventures at the Ford on the Bow  $\ensuremath{\left[XXIV\right]}\xspace/$  1990 - \*

DOORTWO.MSS - Door to the Wild, Num-ti-jah Lodge" [incomplete] - \*

ELLIS.MSS - [re Ron Ellis - incomplete] - \*

EMERALD.MSS [re Emerald Lake - incomplete] - \*

FIRSTONE - The First Ones (approx 8000 BC) - Rocky Mountain Crossing / 1990 - \*

FISHER - Fishtales 1935 / 1990 - \*

FISHERMA [empty]

FORDONE - Rocky Mountain Crossing - Adventures at the Ford on the Bow [I - XII] / 1990 - \*

FORDTWO - Rocky Mountain Crossing - Adventures at the Ford on the Bow [XIII - XXIV] / 1990 - \*

HECTOR - August 1858 (Hector) - Rocky Mountain Crossing [re Palliser Expedition] 1990 - \*

HORSE - Horses (approx 1780) - Rocky Mountain Crossing / 1990 - \*

MARIE - Marie [story] 1990 - \*

MONTY.MSS - The Thing of Nature's [J. E. H. MacDonald quote, n.d.] - \*

MOVIES - Moviemakers 1924 - Rocky Mountain Crossing [re filming of the Alaskan] 1990 -  $^{\star}$ 

NOMS - Nominations, AMA Council / 1990 - \*

OPINION - President's message - WGA newsletter - Sept/Oct 1990 - \*

PAINTER [re Carl Rungius] / 1990 - \*

POEM - Poem for Bonnie / 1989 - \*

ROADWEST - Road builders, 1915 - Rocky Mountain Crossing / 1990 - \* SEXTET - Moutain Sextet [incomplete] 1990

SIMPSON - Rocky Mountain Crossing [re Jimmy Simpson poaching

incident] 1990 - \*

SIRGEORG - August 3, 1941 - Rocky Mountain Crossing [re Sir George Simpson] 1990 - \*

SKI - Rocky Mountain Crossing, Adventures of the Ford of the Bow [XIII -

XVII] 1990 - \*
STATION - Lake Louise Station [incomplete] 1990
STATIONA [captions for photographs pertaining to Laggan Station] 1990 - \*
TWINFALL.MSS [portion of manuscript - cut off at beginning and end] - \*
WILSON - August 2, 1881 - Rocky Mountain Crossing [re CPR survey and Tom Wilson] 1990 - \*
TOURIST - Rocky Mountain Crossing - Tourists July 1891 / 1990 - \*

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## Miscellaneous photographs. -- [ca.1910-198-]

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Part Of:	Jon Whyte fonds
Description Level:	5 / File
Fonds Number:	V690
Series:	IV.C. Jon Whyte photographs : collected
Sous-Fonds:	V690
Reference Code:	V690 / IV.C. / file 14
GMD:	Photograph
Date Range:	[ca.1910-198-]
Physical Description:	24 photographs : prints (b/w, col), negatives
Scope & Content:	

Consist mainly of prints by others re University of Alberta publication "Inside", also one original and copies of historical photographs, Banff, ca.1910; Nick Morant views of skiing and Stoneys in tipi, 1940s-1950s 2 items; Whyte home and Jon Whyte cabin (110 Bear Street), 1980s

Access Restrictions:	Access to negatives is by appointment only
Related Material:	Photographs for Inside magazine are related to material in sub-series II.A. Jon Whyte personal/professional papers: school/university
Title Source:	Title based on material
Processing Status:	Processed

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# Portraits and candid views. -- [ca.1944]-1991

### https://archives.whyte.org/en/permalink/descriptions5959

Part Of:	Jon Whyte fonds
Description Level:	5 / File
Fonds Number:	V690
Series:	IV.C. Jon Whyte photographs : collected
Sous-Fonds:	V690
Reference Code:	V690 / IV.C. / files 1 - 4
GMD:	Photograph
Date Range:	[ca.1944]-1991

Physical Description: ca.100 photographs : prints, transparencies

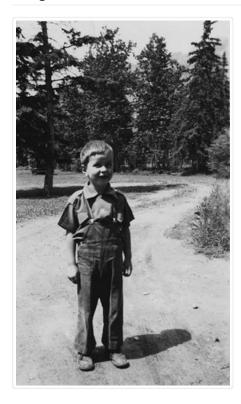
Scope & Content:

Portraits and candid views of Jon Whyte. Consist of personal and professional photographs taken during childhoodand with family; University of Alberta friends; later friends, including Brandy (Jon's Dachshundt), Ed Cavell, Bob Sandford, Illingsworth "Buck" Kerr and others; last horsetrip with family members, fall, 1991

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Processing Status: Processed

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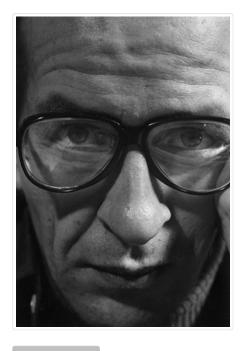
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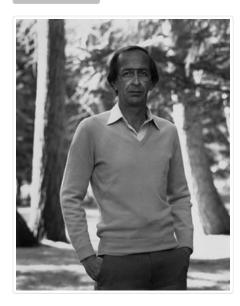
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## Rumours of a Parade

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Part Of:	Jon Whyte fonds
Description Level:	5 / File
Fonds Number:	M88
Series:	III.B. Jon Whyte electronic records - DOS files
Sous-Fonds:	M88
Reference Code:	M88 / E / Disk 26
Date Range:	1991
Physical Description:	1 computer disk (14 files)
Scope & Content:	
Various files of writing, including some to do with Whyte Museum business [WMCR]. File lis follows	
Notes:	Printed copies are available for all files except: systems files, damaged files, unsuitable formats (eg. sideways), and files already printed from another disk.
Title Source:	Title based on contents of file

Content Details:	Consists of the following files (* indicates file has been printed):
	FIRSTONE - The First Ones (approx 8000 BC) - Rocky Mountain Crossing / 1991 - *
	HUMMING - Rufus the Rufous the Red [poem] 1991 - *
	INDIGENOUS [text changed to make appropriate] - Indigenous in the Rockies: texts - Whyte Museum [WMCR] / 1991 - *
	LASTSTUF - Modified labels - Whyte Museum change Feb 91 [WMCR] 1991 - *
	LETTER - The author's qualifications [re Jon Whyte, discusses books in progress - probably for grant purposes] 1991 - *
	MINUTES [empty except for title "Management meeting December 12 / 90] 1991
	NEWLABEL - Modified labels - Whyte Museum change - Feb 91 [WMCR] / 1991 - *
	PREXREP [letter to Julie Beddoes, U of Sask, Feb 1991 re Eli Mandel] 1991 - *
	REPORT - President's message [Writers' Guild of Alberta] 1991 - *
	RUMOUR1 - Railway days - Rumours of a Parade / 1991 - *
	RUMOUR1.& - Railway days - Rumours of a Parade - *
	RUMOURS - Geology is destiny / 1991 - *
	RUMOURSA - McCabe / McCardell / chronology - Rumours/Parade / 1991 - *
	SPELL [letter to Doug Main, Minister of Culture and Multiculturalism, Feb 26/91, proposing forum re literary arts, publishing, libraries, etc.] 1991 - *
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# Skoki photographs. -- 1948-1960

### https://archives.whyte.org/en/permalink/descriptions5964

Part Of:	Jon Whyte fonds
Description Level:	5 / File
Fonds Number:	V690
Series:	IV.C. Jon Whyte photographs : collected
Sous-Fonds:	V690
Reference Code:	V690 / IV.C. / file 15
GMD:	Photograph
Date Range:	1948-1960
Physical Description:	31 photographs (25 transparencies (col), 6 prints (b/w)) SCOPE Consists of photographs re Skoki history, possibly collected for Skoki slide presentation. Includes transparencies of Skoki and area, 1955, 1956, 1960, possibly by Jon' brother Dave, captioned; and prints of Barbara J. Whyte and Legace family, I948.
Title Source:	Title based on material
Processing Status:	Processed

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