



### 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:	<p>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</p>
Related Material:	Art works and artifacts transferred to art collection and Heritage Collection, Whyte Museum
Creator:	Whyte, Jon
Category:	<p>Arts Communications Environment Family and personal life</p>
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

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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 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:	<p>Consists of the following files (* indicates file has been printed):</p> <p>ACKNOW [WMCR letter of acknowledgement for donation 1989]</p> <p>ASSIN.MSS [re Erling Strom - incomplete]</p> <p>BEIL.MSS - Lake Louise Station</p>

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 - Mountain 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

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## Ford on Bow. -- 1989-1990

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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 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 [XXIV] / 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 - \*

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

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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. / 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 childhood and with family; University of Alberta friends; later friends, including Brandy (Jon's Dachshund), Ed Cavell, Bob Sandford, Illingsworth "Buck" Kerr and others; last horsetrip with family members, fall, 1991

Title Source: Title based on material

Processing Status: Processed

## Images



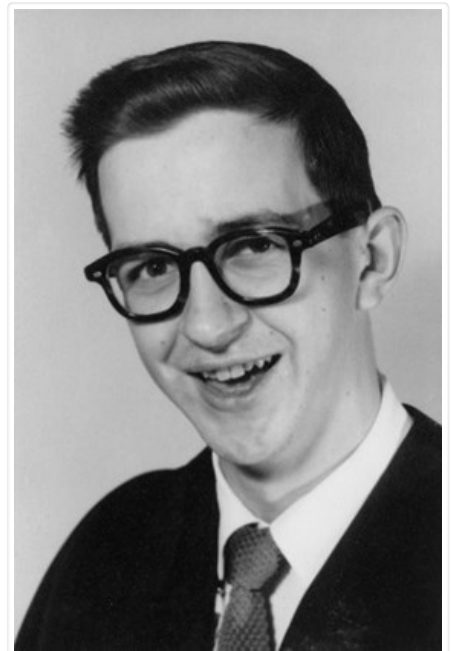
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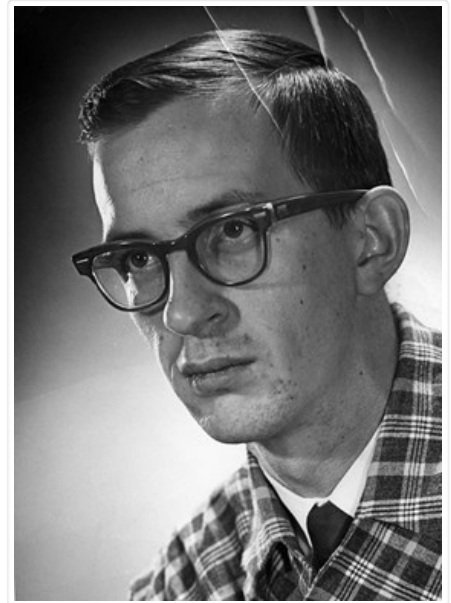


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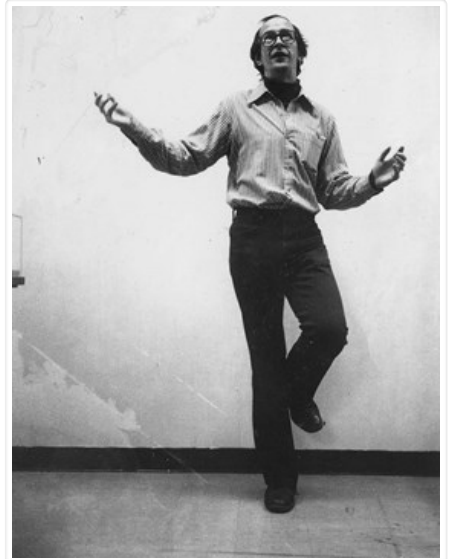
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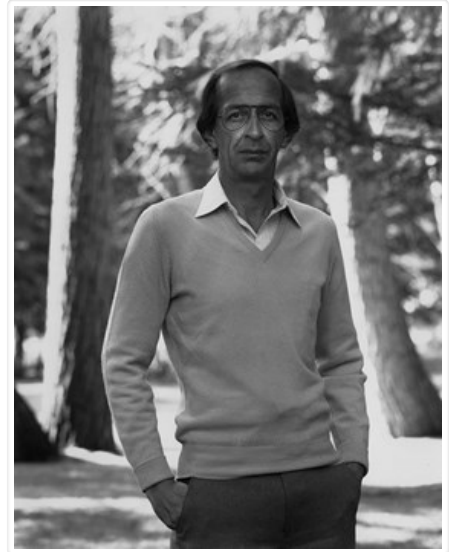
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## Rumours of a Parade

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Part Of: Jon Whyte fonds

Description Level: 5 / File

Fonds Number: M88

Series: Ill.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 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):

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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