



### Nicholas Morant fonds

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| Part Of:              | Nicholas Morant fonds   |
| Description Level:    | 1 / Fonds   |
| Fonds Number:         | M300 / S20 / V500   |
| Sous-Fonds:           | M300 / S20 / V500   |
| Accession Number:     | 122, 182, 1273, 1460, 1612, 1685, 2175, 2265, 2631, 2703, 5117, 7438, 7784, 7672, 7914, 2023.01   |
| Reference Code:       | M300 / S20 / V500   |
| GMD:                  | Album<br>Drawing<br>Film<br>Government record<br>Map<br>Blueprint<br>Negative<br>Photograph<br>Photograph print<br>Postcard<br>Poster<br>Private record<br>Recording disc<br>Scrapbook<br>Sound recording<br>Textual record<br>Transparency |
| Responsibility:       | Nicholas Morant, Canadian Pacific, various  |
| Date Range:           | 1892-1995, predominant 1920-1981  |
| Physical Description: | ca.50,775 photographs: ca.23,795 negatives, ca.18,456 transparencies, ca.8524 prints. -- 11 photograph albums. -- 125 sound recordings  |

## History /

### Biographical:

Nicholas Everard Morant, 1910-1999, was a professional photographer based at Banff, Alberta, Canada. He was a Canadian commercial photographer of international repute and Canada's premier railway photographer of the 20th century.

Morant was born at Kamloops, British Columbia, the son of Francis and Mollie Morant. After attending the University School at Victoria, Morant served as Special Photographer to the CPR from 1929 to 1935 and again from 1944 to 1981. From 1935 to 1939, he was a cameraman for the Winnipeg Free Press, and from 1940 to 1944 worked with the Wartime Information Branch of the federal government (later to be known as the National Film Board Stills Division).

Morant had a prolific career as a freelance commercial, portrait, magazine, landscape and documentary photographer. His work appeared in numerous books and magazines, including Time, Life, Liberty, Saturday Evening Post, (Toronto) Star Weekly, Northern Sportsman, Reader's Digest, Country Guide, The Standard, National Home Monthly, Canadian Photography, Outdoor Canada, National Geographic, the Globe & Mail, Winnipeg Tribune, New York Daily News, and the two Canadian Pacific Railway magazines, The Spanner and Rail News.

Two wartime images were featured on postage stamps, while three landscape views appeared on Canadian \$10, \$50 and \$100 bills. His images were also used for corporate annual reports, postcards, brochures, calendars and advertisements. From the 1950s to 1980s Morant gave public slide shows of his work, two of the most popular being "A Talk Without Words" and "The World At Your Feet".

Morant married Ivy May "Willie" Young in 1936 when he was a photographer with the Winnipeg Free Press. Beginning in 1929, and until the end of her life, Morant's travelling and working companion was his wife, "Willie," 1910-1986.

### Scope & Content:

The Nicholas Morant fonds consists of Morant's freelance work from his early days with the Winnipeg Free Press to his retirement from the Canadian Pacific Railway in 1981. It is national in scope and also includes some international material. The fonds is comprised of three series: I. Photography; II. Professional records; III. Personal and family records.

I. Photography series consists of: A. Negatives and transparencies, B. Transparencies, C. Prints, D. Other photographs. II. Professional records series consists of: A. Working records, B. Career records, C. Topical files. III. Personal and family records series consists of: A. Nick and Willie Morant, B. Nick Morant funeral and memorial, C. Francis and Mollie Morant, D. Collected material

Notes:

Full summary of sub-sub-series levels:

I / A : 1) Darkroom Files [ a) Negative Albums b) Black/White Series I and II c) Colour Series I and II d) Leica Negs ]

2) GD Files

I / B : 1) Presentations [ a) Topical Files b) Thematic Files ]

2) General Files

3) Other

I / C : 1) Print Files

I / D : 1) Exhibition and Display Prints

2) Photographs used by John Garden

3) Other Photographs

II / A : 1) Log Books

2) Notebooks

II / B : 1) Career Binders [ a) Postcards b) Brochures and Advertising c) clippings and articles

d) Calendar Photographs ]

2) Scrapbooks [ a) Content 1933 - 1946 b) Content 1940 - 1980 ]

II / C : 1) Numbered / Titled Files [ a) Group A b) Group B c) Group C d) Group D e) Group H

f) Group P g) Group R ]

2) Other Topical Files [ a) Railway; i) Timetables ii) Publications iii) Other b) Photography; i) Textual Records ii) Print Material

c) Travel d) Exhibitions and Galleries e) Personal f) Other ]

3) Postcards, Greeting Cards and Ephemera Collection

4) Published Images and Text

5) Professional Photography

6) Promotional Items, Awards and Correspondence

7) Presentation and Interview Materials

III / A : 1) Correspondence

2) Personal Papers [ a) Personal Records b) Notes and Notebooks c) Lists and Card Files

d) Awards and Retirement ]

3) Personal Photographs

4) House Records [ a) Construction b) Household Records ]

5) Business, Financial and Legal Papers

6) Interviews, Reminiscences Personal Recordings

7) Other Records (Signs, Cartoons, Drawings, etc.)

8) Personal Correspondence and Notes

9) Travel Documents and Maps

III / B : 1) Nick Morant Funeral, Memorial and Estate

III / C : 1) Mollie Morant Papers

2) Other Family Papers

III / D : 1) Sound Recordings

2) Biographical Material

3) Other Papers and Photographs [ a) Burton Wheatley Family b) Other ]

4) Personal and Family Photography

5) Personal Interest and Gifts

Name Access:

Morant, Nicholas

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| Subject Access:            | Environment<br>Exploration, discovery and travel<br>Transportation   |
| Geographic Access:         | Alberta<br>Banff<br>British Columbia<br>Peru<br>Canadian Rocky Mountains<br>Canada<br>Manitoba<br>New Brunswick<br>Newfoundland and Labrador<br>Nova Scotia<br>Ontario<br>Quebec<br>Saskatchewan |
| Access Restrictions:       | Some restriction/s on access<br>Copyright, privacy, commercial use and other restrictions may apply  |
| Language:                  | Language is English  |
| Finding Aid:               | Finding aids and reference tools: arrangement outline<br>series and file description<br>electronic and online finding aids   |
| Creator:                   | Morant, Nicholas   |
| Category:                  | Environment<br>Exploration, discovery and travel<br>Transportation   |
| Biographical Source Notes: | Brock Silversides; We Live in a Postcard: Banff Family Histories (Banff: Banff History Book Committee, 2005)   |
| Title Source:              | Title based on contents of fonds   |
| Processing Status:         | Processed / Unprocessed  |

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## T-25. Martin Itjen's Soapy Smith Saloon, Skagway

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Part Of: Nicholas Morant fonds  
Description Level: 5 / File  
Series: I.A. Photography : negatives and transparencies / 1.b. Darkroom files : black/white I  
Reference Code: V500 / A2 / T-25  
Date Range: 193-  
Physical Description: 5 photographs : negatives, film, b/w  
Scope & Content:  
Alaska  
Notes: NM note: figures were "automated" by control wires rigged to doors when opened!; late '30s.  
Geographic Access: United States of America

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## T-26. Alaska hi-way, the sentry

<https://archives.whyte.org/en/permalink/descriptions18936>

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Description Level: 5 / File  
Series: I.A. Photography : negatives and transparencies / 1.b. Darkroom files : black/white I  
Reference Code: V500 / A2 / T-26  
Date Range: [ca.1946]  
Physical Description: 2 photographs : negatives, film, b/w  
Notes: NM note: U.S. Army engineers building Alaska Highway  
Geographic Access: United States of America

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## T-27. Alaska hi-way, early bus service, 1946

<https://archives.whyte.org/en/permalink/descriptions18937>

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Description Level: 5 / File  
Series: I.A. Photography : negatives and transparencies / 1.b. Darkroom files : black/white I  
Reference Code: V500 / A2 / T-27  
Date Range: 1946  
Physical Description: 6 photographs : negatives, film, b/w  
Notes: NM note: south of Whitehorse  
Geographic Access: Yukon

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## U-1. Multi stemmed 4 leaf clovers

<https://archives.whyte.org/en/permalink/descriptions18938>

Part Of: Nicholas Morant fonds  
Description Level: 5 / File  
Series: I.A. Photography : negatives and transparencies / 1.b. Darkroom files : black/white I  
Reference Code: V500 / A2 / U-1  
Date Range: [between 1930 and 1980]  
Physical Description: 1 photograph : negative, glass, b/w  
Scope & Content:  
Location unknown  
Notes: NM notes: unusual feature; see same file XYZ  
Geographic Access: Canada

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## U-2. Geese migration

<https://archives.whyte.org/en/permalink/descriptions18939>

Part Of: Nicholas Morant fonds  
Description Level: 5 / File  
Series: I.A. Photography : negatives and transparencies / 1.b. Darkroom files : black/white I  
Reference Code: V500 / A2 / U-2  
Date Range: [ca.1935]  
Physical Description: 3 photographs : negatives, glass, b/w  
Notes: NM note: near Rosser, Manitoba  
Geographic Access: Manitoba

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## U-3. Clippings, handwriting tricks

<https://archives.whyte.org/en/permalink/descriptions18940>

Part Of: Nicholas Morant fonds  
Description Level: 5 / File  
Series: I.A. Photography : negatives and transparencies / 1.b. Darkroom files : black/white I  
Reference Code: V500 / A2 / U-3  
Date Range: [between 1930 and 1980]  
Physical Description: 4 photographs : negatives, glass, film, b/w  
Notes: NM note: see same file XYZ  
Geographic Access: Canada

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## U-4. Wedding ring found in onion

<https://archives.whyte.org/en/permalink/descriptions18941>

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Description Level: 5 / File  
Series: I.A. Photography : negatives and transparencies / 1.b. Darkroom files : black/white I  
Reference Code: V500 / A2 / U-4  
Date Range: [between 1930 and 1980]  
Physical Description: 1 photograph : negative, glass, b/w  
Notes: NM notes: "Saturday Snapshots"; see same file XYZ  
Geographic Access: Canada

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## U-5. Golfball wedged in washer

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Description Level: 5 / File  
Series: I.A. Photography : negatives and transparencies / 1.b. Darkroom files : black/white I  
Reference Code: V500 / A2 / U-5  
Date Range: [between 1930 and 1980]  
Physical Description: 1 photograph : negative, glass, b/w  
Notes: NM notes: "Saturday Snapshot"; see same file XYZ  
Geographic Access: Canada

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## U-6. Landscape in lightbulb

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Description Level: 5 / File  
Series: I.A. Photography : negatives and transparencies / 1.b. Darkroom files : black/white I  
Reference Code: V500 / A2 / U-6  
Date Range: [between 1930 and 1980]  
Physical Description: 1 photograph : negative, glass, b/w  
Notes: NM notes: old "Saturday Snapshot"; see same file XYZ  
Geographic Access: Canada

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