Robert J. McGuinness fonds

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Part Of:	Robert J. McGuinness fonds
Description Level:	1 / Fonds
Fonds Number:	M 460
Sous-Fonds:	M 460
Accession Number:	960
	3707
	2018.9000
Reference Code:	M460
GMD:	Textual record
	Plan
	Postcard
	Private record
Date Range:	1940-1950
	1954
	1955
	1960
	1977
	1978
	1980-1983
Physical Description:	1.11 cm of textual records (34 pages : 29 x 42 cm or smaller) -- 9 architectural drawings : annotations ; 89 x 58 cm or smaller

History /
Biographical:

Originally from ancient Iveagh, which is now County Down, Ireland, the McGuinness family eventually migrated to Liverpool at an unknown time. The McGuinness family were provision merchants in Liverpool, but found supplies limited so they emigrated to Canada. Born on June 20, 1886 in Liverpool, Father Robert James McGuinness moved to Belleville, Ontario, Canada with his family in 1890. He had 7 brothers and sisters, including Oswald A. McGuinness, who settled in Invermere, British Columbia.

Robert attended St. Lawrence College in Ampleforth, Yorkshire, and completed his studies at St. Servan in Rhiems, France, qualifying as an engineer. He held a position with the federal government upon his return to Canada, however when World War I broke out Robert served in the 29th Battalion of CRTS building pontoons behind European battle lines. After returning to Canada, Robert worked for the Canadian Pacific Railway as an architectural engineer, which brought him west to Banff, Alberta. Robert was the resident architectural engineer overlooking the construction of the Banff Springs Hotel expansion in the 1920's.

In the late 1920's, Robert traveled to Rome to enter the seminary and four years later he was ordained as a priest. After serving as priest in Calgary, Robert was appointed Catholic priest in Banff in 1936, where he lived and worked until his death in 1961. To fulfill a personal dream, Robert designed and supervised the construction of the new church building and grounds for St. Mary's Parish (St. Mary's of the Assumption) which was completed in 1951. During his years in Europe, Robert visited ancient churches and cathedrals which influenced the design of the church, primarily the Norman Chateau architectural style.

Robert was also a talented artist. Some of his work can be seen in galleries in New York and in Banff. His work has been reproduced for Canadian Pacific Railway tourism material, including the Spiral Tunnels postcard included in this fonds.

Robert died in Calgary on June 17, 1961, just shy of his 75th birthday, after being ill for a few months.

Scope & Content:

Fonds consists of two series:

I. St. Mary's Parish, ca.1945-1983, 0.16 cm, and contains two sub-series: A. Architecture, ca.1945-1983 (architectural plans, general information); B. Correspondence and Newspaper Clippings (pertaining to Father McGuinness and St. Mary's Parish), 1950-1978.

II. McGuinness Family, 1953-1977, 1 cm (private records, including handwritten notes, a memoir, and a postcard).

Notes: . lYounger brother Oswald was a surveyor who built the road from Invermere to Calgary

There is some indication that Robert had a role in the construction of the Bow River Bridge or the collection of the stones used for the bridge, but this is unconfirmed

Name Access: McGuinness, Robert J.

Subject Access:	Architecture
	Art
	Banff
	Buildings
	Churches
	Fairmont Banff Springs Hotel
	Family and personal life
	Professional and Personal Life
	Religions
	St. Mary's of the Assumption Catholic Church
Geographic Access:	Alberta
	Banff
	Banff National Park
	Canada
	Ontario
Access Restrictions:	No restrictions on access
	Copyright, privacy, commercial use and other restrictions may apply
Language:	Language is English
Related Material:	08.3 / Si 3m / Pam
	08.3 / B22 stm / Pam
	08.3 / Sa 2 / Pam
Creator:	McGuinness, Robert J.
Category:	Family and personal life
	Religions
Biographical Source Notes:	Based on contents of the fonds
	https://www.genealogy.com/ftm/g/o/g/Laurie-Goggin/WEBSITE-0001/UHP-0444.html
	"St. Mary's of the Assumption" pamphlet printed by the Crag and Canyon in Banff (08.3/Sa 2/Pam)
	http://www.stmarysparishbanff.ca/history/
Title Source:	Title based on accession records
Processing Status:	Processed

Architectural and Grounds Plans for St. Mary's Parish

https://archives.whyte.org/en/permalink/descriptions25774

Part Of:	Robert J. McGuinness fonds
Description Level:	5 / File
Fonds Number:	M460
Series:	M460 / I : St. Mary's Parish

Sous-Fonds:	M460
Sub-Series:	M460 / I / A : Architecture
Accession Number:	3707
Reference Code:	M460 / I / A / 1-9 O.S.
GMD:	Plan
	Textual record
	Architectural drawing
Date Range:	[ca.1945-1951]
Physical Description:	9 architectural drawings : annotations ; 89 x 58 cm or smaller

Scope & Content:

File consists of architectural and grounds plans and drawings for St. Mary's Parish in Banff, comprising 9 sheets, H58 x W89 cm to H43 x W58 cm.

Plans are possibly diazotype (diazo) prints.

Designed by Father Robert McGuinness.

Donated by Stevenson Raines Barrett Christie Hutton Seton & Partners (later Raines Finlayson Barrett) to the Canadian Architectural Archives at the University of Calgary.

Notes:	Father Robert McGuinness was an engineer with the Canadian federal government and the Canadian Pacific Railway before entering the priesthood. After becoming ordained in Rome, Father McGuinness traveled around Europe and his designs for St. Mary's Parish were influenced by the ancient stone churches he visited during his travels.
	The church was known by different names, including: St. Mary of the Assumption and St. Mary's Catholic Church. It is currently called St. Mary's Parish.
Name Access:	McGuinness, Robert J.
Subject Access:	Churches
	Architecture
	St. Mary's of the Assumption Catholic Church
	Buildings
Geographic Access:	Banff
	Banff National Park
	Alberta
	Canada
Reproduction Restrictions:	Originals are held in the Canadian Architectural Archives at the University of Calgary Libraries.
	Copies are for reference only.
Language:	English
Category:	Religions
Title Source:	Title based on contents of file
Processing Status:	Processed

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Correspondence

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Part Of:	Robert J. McGuinness fonds
Description Level:	5 / File
Fonds Number:	M460
Series:	M460 / I / : St. Mary's Parish
Sous-Fonds:	M460
Sub-Series:	M460 / I / B : Correspondence and Newspaper Clippings
Accession Number:	960
Reference Code:	M460 / I / B / 1-2
GMD:	Private record
	Textual record
Date Range:	1954-1955
Physical Description:	0.05 cm of textual records (9 pages ; 21 x 27.5 cm or smaller)
Scope & Content:	

File consists of two hand-written letters from Father Robert McGuinness to Alfred Roberts, comprising 7 sheets and 2 envelopes, H27.5 x W21 cm to H9.5 x W16.5.

One letter is dated February 11, 1955.

One letter is dated October 26, 1954.

Topics discussed include: McGuinness' role as inspecting engineer for the Banff Springs Hotel expansion; McGuinness' travels and religious education in Rome and Wales; architecture (primarily the Norman Chateau style) of St. Mary's Parish, including sketches; traveling to Liverpool by ship; and material he used while presiding over a wedding service.

Notes:	Letters were posted to Alfred V. Roberts in San Diego. McGuinness mentions in one of the letters that Alfred was also an engineer and that they were in Canada at some point together.
Name Access:	McGuinness, Robert J.
	Roberts, Alfred V.
Subject Access:	Architecture
	Banff
	Hotels
	Churches
	Fairmont Banff Springs Hotel
	Professional and Personal Life
	Religions
	St. Mary's of the Assumption Catholic Church
	Stone structures
	Travel
Geographic Access:	Alberta
	Banff
	Banff National Park
	Canada
	United States of America
	San Diego
Language:	English

Creator:	McGuinness, Robert J.
Category:	Religions
	Communications
Title Source:	Title based on contents of file
Processing Status:	Processed

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McGuinness Family

https://archives.whyte.org/en/permalink/descriptions54490

Part Of:	Robert J. McGuinness fonds
Description Level:	3 / Series
Fonds Number:	M460
Series:	M460 / II : McGuinness Family
Sous-Fonds:	M460
Accession Number:	2018.9000
Reference Code:	M460 / II / 1-4
GMD:	Postcard
	Private record
	Textual record
Date Range:	1953-1977
Physical Description:	1 cm of textual records (16 pages ; 23 x 40 cm or smaller)
Scope & Content:	

Series consists of:

one postcard inside a protective cover (H9 x W14.5 cm)

one hand-written note (H14.5 x W15 cm)

one 13-page hand-written memoir/family history by Oswald A. McGuinness (H28 x W21.5 cm)

one envelope (H40 x W23 cm)

Content includes: McGuinness family tree; history of the McGuinness family and their time in Belleville, Ontario; Robert's role as inspecting engineer in the Banff Springs expansion; Robert's artwork on the CPR postcard depicting the spiral tunnels; and the envelope that was used to gift the above items to the Whyte Museum

Notes:	Oswald A. McGuinness is the younger brother of Father Robert McGuinness. Oswald was a surveyor and helped build the road from Invermere to Calgary, and he lived in Invermere
	The McGuinness family tree goes back to Oswald and Robert's great-grandparents, from Ireland to England and then to Ontario
	In the hand-written note, which is undated and the author is unknown although it is possible that it was written by Flora McGuinness when she gave it to Mark Nightingale, an association between Robert and the building of the Bow River Bridge is made
	Mark Nightingale also gifted 3 newspaper clippings located in M460 / I / B / 3-5
	M460 / II / 1 : created by the Canadian Pacific Railway
	M460 / II / 3 : created by Oswald A. McGuinness
Name Access:	McGuinness, Robert J.
	McGuinness, Oswald A.
Subject Access:	Family and personal life
	Banff
	Art
	Canadian Pacific Railway
	Fairmont Banff Springs Hotel
Geographic Access:	Alberta
	Banff
	Banff National Park
	Canada
	Ontario
Language:	English
Creator:	Canadian Pacific Railway
	McGuinness, Oswald A.
Category:	Arts
	Family and personal life
	Religions
Title Source:	Title based on contents of file
Processing Status:	Processed

Newspaper Clippings

https://archives.whyte.org/en/permalink/descriptions54488

Part Of:	Robert J. McGuinness fonds
Description Level:	5 / File
Fonds Number:	M460
Series:	M460 / I / : St. Mary's Parish

Sous-Fonds:	M460
Sub-Series:	M460 / I / B : Newspaper Clippings
Accession Number:	2018.9000
Reference Code:	M460 / I / B / 3-5
GMD:	Textual record
	Published record
	Newspaper clipping
Date Range:	1950-1978
Physical Description:	0.05 cm of textual records (3 pages ; 29 x 42 cm or smaller)
Scope & Content:	

File consists of 3 newspaper article clippings:

The Albertan, Tuesday October 17, 1950 (H38.5 x W10.5 cm)

Banff Crag and Canyon, Wednesday May 18, 1960 (H28 x W38 cm, folded)

Western Catholic Reporter, August 21, 1978 (H42 x W29 cm)

Articles document: the wedding service of the niece of Father McGuinness, which he officiated; the visit of Governor-General Georges Vanier and wife to Banff, who attended Mass at St. Mary's Parish and is photographed with Father McGuinness; and, the unveiling of a memorial plaque for Father McGuinness' contributions to St. Mary's Parish.

Notes:	Each article is annotated (unknown by whom)
Name Access:	McGuinness, Robert J.
Subject Access:	Banff
	Banff Crag and Canyon
	Banff National Park
	Buildings
	Churches
	Community life
	Marriage
	Memorial
	Newspaper
	Religions
	St. Mary's of the Assumption Catholic Church
	Professional and Personal Life
	The Albertan
	Western Catholic Reporter
	Government
Geographic Access:	Alberta
	Banff
	Banff National Park
	Canada
Language:	English
Category:	Government
	Religions
	Family and personal life
Title Source:	Title based on contents of file
Processing Status:	Processed

St. Mary's Church in Banff, Alberta

https://archives.whyte.org/en/permalink/descriptions54485

Part Of:	Robert J. McGuinness fonds
Description Level:	5 / File
Fonds Number:	M460
Series:	M460 / I : St. Mary's Parish
Sous-Fonds:	M460
Sub-Series:	M460 / I / A : Architecture
Accession Number:	3707
Reference Code:	M460 / I / A / 10
GMD:	Textual record
Date Range:	[ca.1980-1983]
Physical Description:	0.01 cm of textual records (6 pages ; 21 x 27.5 cm)

Scope & Content:

File consists of a copy of an article pertaining to St. Mary's Catholic Church in Banff, Alberta, comprising 6 pages, H27.5 x W21 cm. The undated article was written by Annalise Walker, the curator for the Canadian Architectural Archives at the University of Calgary Libraries. The article references the architectural design of the church, biographical information about Father Robert McGuinness, and the final built decor and design (stained glass windows, gneiss stone exterior, main alter), as well as a description of the later designs for an addition.

Notes:	The article was gifted to the Whyte Museum from the Canadian Architectural Archives along with the architectural and grounds plans drawings
Name Access:	McGuinness, Robert J.
	Walker, Annalise
Subject Access:	Architecture
	Banff
	Banff National Park
	Buildings
	Churches
	St. Mary's of the Assumption Catholic Church
	Stone structures
	Biographical
Geographic Access:	Alberta
	Banff
	Banff National Park
	Canada
Language:	English
Creator:	Walker, Annalise

Category: Religions

Title Source: Title given by author

Processing Status: Processed