

Research Collections



Tom Wilson Scrapbook

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Part Of: Tom Wilson family fonds

Description Level: 5 / File
Fonds Number: M10 / V701
Series: M10 / 1
Sous-Fonds: M10
Accession Number: 1634
Reference Code: M10 / 1

GMD: Scrapbook Date Range: 1881-1968

Physical Description: 4.5 cm of textual records (146 pages; 29 x 36 cm)

History / Biographical:

See fonds level description

Scope & Content:

 $\label{eq:File-pertains} \mbox{File pertains to a scrapbook of newsclippings pertaining to the life and achievements of Tom$

Wilson.

Name Access: Tom Wilson

Subject Access: Banff High School

School
Guide
Guiding
Exploration

Discovery and exploration

Newspaper

Trail Riders of the Canadian Rockies

Geographic Access: Banff

Calgary
Lake Louise
Alberta

Banff National Park

Canada

Language: English

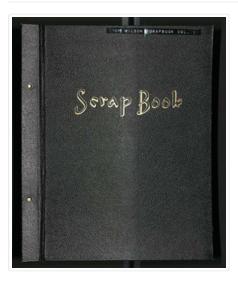
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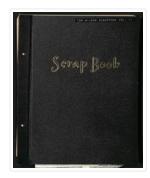


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Tom Wilson Scrapbook

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Fonds Number: M10 / V701
Series: M10 / 1
Sous-Fonds: M10
Accession Number: 1634
Reference Code: M10 / 2
GMD: Scrapbook

Date Range: 1881-1968

Physical Description: 4.5 cm of textual records (146 pages; 25.5 x 29 cm)

History / Biographical:

See fonds level description

Scope & Content:

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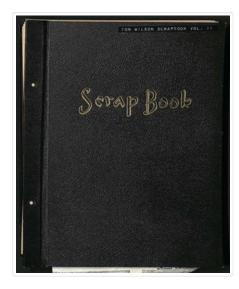
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Tom Wilson family fonds

https://archives.whyte.org/en/permalink/descriptions38

Part Of: Tom Wilson family fonds

Description Level: 1 / Fonds

Fonds Number: M 10

V 701

Sous-Fonds: M 10

V 701

Accession Number: 551, 981, 1234, 1578, 1634, 2097, 3039, 7750 (unproc)

Reference Code: M10 / V701 GMD: Photograph

Negative

Photograph print Textual record

Diary

Private record Published record

Scrapbook

Date Range: 1861-1982

Physical Description: 2 v. and 2 cm of textual records. -- ca.400 photographs : prints, copy

negatives. -- 1 cm of print material

History / Biographical:

The Wilson family were guides, outfitters and ranchers at Morley, Kootenay Plains, Banff and Nordegg, Alberta, Canada. Thomas Edmonds (Tom) Wilson, 1859- 1933, and Minnie McDougall Wilson, 1865-1936, had six children, including sons John Clark Wilson, 1888-1932, and Thomas Edmonds (Ed) Wilson, 1892-1973. Daughters were Ada, 1886-1967?, Rene, Bessie and Dora. Tom Wilson is credited with the discovery of Lake Louise in July of 1882, while working as a packer on the Canadian Pacific Railway survey through the mountains. In 1883, Wilson established his own business at Banff, Lake Louise and Field, British Columbia. After selling the business in 1904, Tom Wilson operated a horse ranch at Kootenay Plains. He later retired to Banff. Ed Wilson was born at Morley and raised in Banff. Around 1910 he began working for Brewster Trading Company at Banff and, later, Lake Louise. Just before the First World War, he moved to Nordegg, where he worked for the Bighorn Trading Company for many years.

Scope & Content:

Fonds includes textual records and photographs generated and collected by the Wilson family and pertaining to Tom Wilson, son Ed Wilson, daughter Ada Wilson and other family members.

Textual records include: Ed Wilson's scrapbook, 1881-1968, which includes mainly items pertaining to Tom Wilson, Ed Wilson, the Wilson family, and early guiding and exploration in the Canadian Rockies (photocopy in two volumes); miscellaneous papers, 1905-1929, including a holograph speech by D. D. Galletly on the cave at Banff; letter and note re sale of horses to Frank Wellman, 1920; letters to Catharine Whyte from Ada Wilson re personal matters and Wilson family history, 1964-1965; transcripts of manuscripts by Tom Wilson and B. M. (Bess) Wilson re the CPR and tourism and 1916 pack trip Lake Louise to Kootenay Plains; letters of Col. Robert O'Hara to Tom Wilson, 1895-1914, re Mount Assiniboine and Lake O'Hara; letter by Catharine Robb Whyte to Tom Link, 1965, re Lake O'Hara history based partly upon above material; diary, Trip to ranch by B. M. Wilson; essay, The last of the pathfinders by Dorie (Wilson) Legit; programmes, articles, clippings re Tom Wilson, 1924-1982; Eliza Edmonds certificate, 1845, and later clipping.

Photographs pertain to outfitting and guiding activities of Tom, John and Ed Wilson, including clients, associates and trips throughout the Rocky Mountains; Wilson family, friends and associates; Stoney Indians; Kootenay Plains; Banff people and events; Banff townsite and surrounding area; Canadian Pacific Railway; Nordegg area; 1861-1930. Includes photograph of Tom Wilson at Lake Louise inscribed to A. O. Wheeler, 1932. Many of the early photographs were taken by clients of Tom Wilson. Later, after settling at Kootenay Plains, Wilson was apparently given a camera by Mary Vaux and likely took many of the Stoney Indians views. Ed Wilson was an amateur photographer and likely took most of the views of staff at Lake Louise and of Nordegg.

Name Access: Wilson, Ada

Wilson, Ed Wilson, Tom

Subject Access: Exploration, discovery and travel

Family and personal life

First nations

Sports, recreation and leisure

Access Restrictions: No restrictions on access

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Language: Language is English

Finding Aid: Finding aids and reference tools: basic description

modern reference prints

Creator: Wilson, Ed

Wilson, Tom

Category: Exploration, discovery and travel

Family and personal life

First nations

Sports, recreation and leisure

Title Source: Title based on contents of fonds

Processing Status: Processed / Unprocessed

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Stoney Indian mother and children

https://archives.whyte.org/en/permalink/descriptions49095

Part Of: Tom Wilson family fonds

Description Level: 6 / Item
Fonds Number: V701

Sous-Fonds: .

Sub-Series: .

Reference Code: NA66 - 595 GMD: Photograph

Negative, copy

Date Range: 1909

Physical Description: Copy from book

Notes: Note: Any descriptive information or identification of people has been

provided by research done through the Recognizing Relations

Subject Access: First Nations

Recognizing Relations Collection

Geographic Access: Alberta

Creator: Walter Wilcox

Title Source: Stoney Nakoda Elders provided naming and other culturally relevant

information during interviews held for Recognizing Relations, an archives initiative active from 2014-2023. The goal of this initiative was to name local Indigenous peoples in photographs held in the WMCR archives as well as encouraging access for Indigenous communities to these images.

See: "The Rockies of Canada" by W.Wilcox, 1909. [p.291], text implies

this is Tom Chiniquay jr.'s family

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Adam Poucette? (left) [1900]

https://archives.whyte.org/en/permalink/descriptions56947

Part Of: Tom Wilson family fonds

Description Level: 6 / Item
Fonds Number: M10

V701

Sous-Fonds: V701

Reference Code: V701 / LC - 272

GMD: Photograph

Negative

Date Range: 1900

Physical Description: 1 photograph: negative, 13 x 18 cm or smaller

Scope & Content:

Item consists of two indiviudals on horseback, possibly Adam Poucette on the left, overlooking

scenery from a rocky edge.

Subject Access: Stoney Nakoda

Indigenous Peoples

First Nations

Horses

Geographic Access: Alberta

Related Material: Recognizing Relations number: RR 544

Creator: Wilson, Tom

Title Source: Information provided by Stoney Nakoda Elders during the Recognizing

Relations project, an archives initiative undertaken in 2014 to identify Indigenous people in photographs held in the Whyte Museum Archives

and Special Collections.

Identification made by Big Horn Elders: Charlie Abraham and John

Wesley

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Peter Wesley (Ta Otha) (Moose Hunter) at Kootenay Plains [1904]

https://archives.whyte.org/en/permalink/descriptions56948

Part Of: Tom Wilson family fonds

Description Level: 6 / Item



Fonds Number: M10

V701

Sous-Fonds: V701

Reference Code: V701 / LC - 273
GMD: Photograph

Negative

Date Range: 1904

Physical Description: 1 photograph: negative, 13 x 18 cm or smaller

Scope & Content:

Item consists of Peter Wesley (Ta Otha) (Moose Hunter) posed with a rifle in front of sheep skulls and a tipi at Kootenay Plains.

Name Access: Wesley, Peter Subject Access: Stoney Nakoda

Indigenous Peoples

First Nations

Hunting

Geographic Access: Alberta

Related Material: Recognizing Relations number: RR 545

Creator: Wilson, Tom

Title Source: Information provided by Stoney Nakoda Elders during the Recognizing

Relations project, an archives initiative undertaken in 2014 to identify Indigenous people in photographs held in the Whyte Museum Archives

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Morley Beaver (left) and Isaac Beaver (right) [1904]

https://archives.whyte.org/en/permalink/descriptions56949

Part Of: Tom Wilson family fonds

Description Level: 6 / Item
Fonds Number: M10

V701

Sous-Fonds: V701

Reference Code: V701 / LC - 275
GMD: Photograph

Negative

Date Range: 1904

Physical Description: 1 photograph: negative, 13 x 18 cm or smaller

Scope & Content:

Item consists Morley Beaver (left) and Issac Beaver (right) stood behind stacked logs and

sheep skulls.

Name Access: Beaver, Morley

Beaver, Isaac

Subject Access: Stoney Nakoda

Indigenous Peoples

First Nations

Hunting

Geographic Access: Alberta

Related Material: Recognizing Relations number: RR 546

Creator: Wilson, Tom

Title Source: Information provided by Stoney Nakoda Elders during the Recognizing

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Joshua Wildman, Moses Wesley and Samson Beaver [1904]

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Part Of: Tom Wilson family fonds

Description Level: 6 / Item Fonds Number: M10

V701

Sous-Fonds: V701

Reference Code: V701/LC-276

GMD: Photograph

Negative

Date Range: 1904

Physical Description: 1 photograph: negative, 13 x 18 cm or smaller

Scope & Content:

Item consists of Joshua Wildman, Moses Wesley and Samson Beaver stood with rifles behind sheep skulls at Kootenay Plains.

Name Access: Wildman, Joshua

> Wesley, Moses Beaver, Samson

Beaver, Sampson

Subject Access: Stoney Nakoda

Indigenous Peoples

Hunting

First Nations

Geographic Access: Alberta

Related Material: Recognizing Relations number: RR 547

Creator: Wilson, Tom

Title Source: Information provided by Stoney Nakoda Elders during the Recognizing

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John House (Suwatâga Ktûze), Silas Abraham? and Job Beaver [1904]

https://archives.whyte.org/en/permalink/descriptions56951

Part Of: Tom Wilson family fonds

Description Level: 6 / Item
Fonds Number: M10

V701

Sous-Fonds: V701

Reference Code: V701 / LC - 277a

GMD: Photograph

Negative

Date Range: 1904

Physical Description: 1 photograph: negative, 13 x 18 cm or smaller

Scope & Content:

Item consists of John House (Suwatâga Ktûze), possibly Silas Abraham and Job Beaver stood behind sheep skulls in the snow at Kootenay Plains.

Name Access: House, John

Abraham, Silas

Beaver, Job

Subject Access: Stoney Nakoda

Indigenous Peoples

First Nations

Hunting

Geographic Access: Alberta

Related Material: Recognizing Relations number: RR 548

Creator: Wilson, Tom

Title Source: Information provided by Stoney Nakoda Elders during the Recognizing

Relations project, an archives initiative undertaken in 2014 to identify Indigenous people in photographs held in the Whyte Museum Archives

and Special Collections.

Elder group identified as Silas Abraham, however, does not match other

photos of Silas Abraham, identification not confirmed.

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Tom Kaquitts (right) [1904]



https://archives.whyte.org/en/permalink/descriptions56952

Part Of: Tom Wilson family fonds

Description Level: 6 / Item
Fonds Number: M10
V701

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Sous-Fonds: V701

Reference Code: V701 / LC - 277b

GMD: Photograph

Negative

Date Range: 1904

Physical Description: 1 photograph: negative, 13 x 18 cm or smaller

Scope & Content:

Item consists of group photo with sheep skulls, confirmed Tom Kaquitts on far right and others

unidentified, gathered in front of a tipi.

Name Access: Kaquitts, Tom Subject Access: Stoney Nakoda

Indigenous Peoples

First Nations

Geographic Access: Alberta

Related Material: Recognizing Relations number: RR 549

Creator: Wilson, Tom

Title Source: Information provided by Stoney Nakoda Elders during the Recognizing

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