



Correspondence from Europe

<https://archives.whyte.org/en/permalink/descriptions56768>

Part Of: Mary (Molly) Wright Adams fonds

Description Level: 5 / File

Fonds Number: M555
V777

Series: M555 / I : Correspondence

Sous-Fonds: M555

Sub-Series: M555 / I / A : Molly Wright Adams correspondence

Accession Number: 2018.8685

Reference Code: M555 / I / A / 1

GMD: Textual record
Private record
Postcard

Date Range: 1891
1893
1896
1902-1903

Physical Description: 2 cm of textual records (6 postcards -- letters)

Scope & Content:
File consists of handwritten letters and 6 postcards which Molly Wright Adams sent to her sister, Catharine (Adams) Elkin, between 1891 and 1903. Contents pertain to Molly's travels in Europe, including trips to Switzerland, Italy, England, Germany, and the Netherlands.

Notes: Items in file are accompanied by two envelopes addressed to Catharine Elkin and her husband, Dr. William Elkin.

Name Access: Adams, Molly
Elkin, Catharine (Adams)

Subject Access: Travel
Tourism
Family and personal life
Correspondence

Geographic Access: United States of America
Europe
Italy
Switzerland
England
Germany
Netherlands

Access Restrictions: Some materials in file are fragile - assistance from staff required

Language: English

Conservation: Some materials stored in mylar sleeves

Category: Exploration and travel
Family and personal life
Tourism
Title Source: Title based on contents of file
Processing Status: Processed

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Travel letters, 1898 to 1905

<https://archives.whyte.org/en/permalink/descriptions56771>

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Fonds Number: M555
V777
Series: M555 / I : Correspondence
Sous-Fonds: M555
Sub-Series: M555 / I / A : Molly Wright Adams correspondence
Accession Number: 2018.8685
Reference Code: M555 / I / A / 2
GMD: Textual record
Private record
Date Range: 1898-1905
Physical Description: 2 cm of textual records

Scope & Content:

File consists of handwritten letters which Molly Wright Adams wrote between 1898 and 1905. Letters are predominantly addressed to "Katy" [possibly Molly's sister, Catharine (Adams) Elkin]. Contents pertain to Molly's travels in the United States, Venezuela, Mexico and the Canadian Rockies [including Banff, Emerald Lake, Field, Golden and Glacier], extended family and personal interests.

Notes: Letters from Mexico accompanied by envelope (ca.1940) with notes pertaining to transcription of original letters in file [See "Material Details"] and annotated brown storage envelope in separate file folder

Material Details: Annotation in pencil on manila envelope in file:
"Mexico
Mar 16 1905 to
Apr 11 1905
typewritten 1940"

Name Access: Adams, Molly
Elkin, Catharine (Adams)

Subject Access: Travel
Tourism
Family and personal life
Correspondence

Geographic Access: United States of America
Venezuela
Mexico
Canada
Alberta
Banff National Park
Banff
Yoho National Park
Emerald Lake
British Columbia
Field
Golden
Glacier
Glacier National Park
Language: English
Category: Exploration and travel
Family and personal life
Tourism
Title Source: Title based on contents of file
Processing Status: Processed

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Letters to Helene and Katy, 1904

<https://archives.whyte.org/en/permalink/descriptions56774>

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Fonds Number: M555
V777
Series: M555 / I : Correspondence
Sous-Fonds: M555
Sub-Series: M555 / I / A : Molly Wright Adams correspondence
Accession Number: 2018.8685
Reference Code: M555 / I / A / 3
GMD: Textual record
Private record
Date Range: 1904
Physical Description: 0.3 cm of textual records
Scope & Content:

File consists of four personal letters which Molly Wright Adams sent to "Helene" and "Katy" [possibly her sister, Catharine (Adams) Elkin] in November 1904.

Name Access: Adams, Molly
Elkin, Catharine (Adams)
Subject Access: Family and personal life
Correspondence
Access Restrictions: Materials are fragile - handle with caution
Language: English
Category: Family and personal life
Title Source: Title based on contents of file
Processing Status: Processed

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Letters, postcards and sketches

<https://archives.whyte.org/en/permalink/descriptions56779>

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Description Level: 5 / File
Fonds Number: M555
V777
Series: M555 / I : Correspondence
Sous-Fonds: M555
Sub-Series: M555 / I / A : Molly Wright Adams correspondence
Accession Number: 2018.8685

Reference Code: M555 / I / A / 4

GMD: Textual record
Private record
Postcard
Drawing

Date Range: 1904 - 1905

Physical Description: 1.5 cm of textual records -- 6 postcards -- 3 drawings

Scope & Content:
File consists of letters and six postcards sent from Molly Wright Adams to various family members between 1904 and 1905; and three ink drawings depicting climbers scaling mountains [possibly drawn by Molly]. Letters and postcards are primarily addressed to Molly's sister, Catharine (Adams) Elkin [addressed mostly as "Katy"]. Letters pertain to Molly's travels in California, New Mexico, and the American and Canadian Rockies.

Notes: Materials in file previously stored with one leather-bound journal and four miniature monthly planners [1904-1905]. Journal and planners have been renumbered and processed as file M555 / II / 1.

Name Access: Adams, Molly
Elkin, Catharine (Adams)

Subject Access: Family and personal life
Exploration
Travel
Recreation
Climbing
Hiking
Tourism

Geographic Access: United States of America
California
New Mexico
Canada
Alberta
Lake Louise
Rocky Mountains
Canadian Rocky Mountains

Access Restrictions: Some materials in file are fragile - handle with caution

Language: English

Related Material: M555 / II / 1 - journal and daybooks

Category: Exploration and travel
Family and personal life
Sports, recreation and leisure

Title Source: Title based on contents of file

Processing Status: Processed

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Letters to friends and family

<https://archives.whyte.org/en/permalink/descriptions56780>

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Fonds Number: M555
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Series: M555 / I : Correspondence

Sous-Fonds: M555

Sub-Series: M555 / I / A : Molly Wright Adams correspondence

Accession Number: 2018.8685

Reference Code: M555 / I / A / 5

GMD: Textual record
Private record
Postcard

Date Range: 1906 - 1908

Physical Description: 0.3 cm of textual records -- 4 postcards

Scope & Content:

File consists of several handwritten letters and four postcards which Molly Wright Adams sent to family and friends including "Cousin Alice", "Katy" [possibly Molly's sister, Catharine Elkin] and "Helene" between 1906 and 1908. Contents pertain to daily life and Molly's travels in the Canadian Rockies and Japan.

Notes: File includes one torn fragment of a letter addressed to Molly Adams [sender unknown].

Name Access: Adams, Molly
Elkin, Catharine (Adams)

Subject Access: Family and personal life
Correspondence
Travel

Geographic Access: Canada
Alberta
Banff
Banff National Park
British Columbia
Field
Japan

Language: English

Category: Exploration and travel
Family and personal life

Title Source: Title based on contents of file

Processing Status: Processed

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Transcribed letters

<https://archives.whyte.org/en/permalink/descriptions56782>

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Description Level: 5 / File
Fonds Number: M555
V777
Series: M555 / I : Correspondence
Sous-Fonds: M555
Sub-Series: M555 / I / A : Molly Wright Adams correspondence
Accession Number: 2018.8685
Reference Code: M555 / I / A / 6 to 8
GMD: Textual record
Private record
Date Range: 1891
1893 - 1906
1908 - 1909
1941

Physical Description: 5 cm of textual records

Scope & Content:

File consists of transcribed copies of letters originally written by Molly Wright Adams between 1891 and 1909. Some letters were sent to Roger Cook Adams by Catharine (Adams) Elkin in 1941.

File includes genealogical notes pertaining to the Adams/Cook family addressed to Colleen [Skidmore] [possibly sent by Marjorie Adams ca. 2010-2015]

Notes: Materials in file re arranged based on original order:

M555 / I / A / 6 : Letters 1891, 1908-1909 [includes envelope mailed to Roger Cook Adams, 1941, and genealogical notes]

M555 / I / A / 7 : "Letters from Mary W. Adams, 1893 to 1906"

M555 / I / A / 8 : Journal entries and letters from Molly Adams, 1904

Name Access: Adams, Molly
Elkin, Catharine (Adams)
Adams, Roger Cook

Subject Access: Family and personal life
Research
Genealogy
Correspondence
Travel

Language: English

Category: Family and personal life
Exploration and travel

Title Source: Title based on contents of file

Processing Status: Processed

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Miniature journal and monthly planners

<https://archives.whyte.org/en/permalink/descriptions56786>

Part Of:	Mary (Molly) Wright Adams fonds
Description Level:	5 / File
Fonds Number:	M555 V777
Series:	M555 / II : Personal and collected records
Sous-Fonds:	M555
Accession Number:	2018.8685
Reference Code:	M555 / II / 1
GMD:	Diary Textual record Private record
Date Range:	1904 - 1905
Physical Description:	1.5 cm of textual records (5 volumes : 6.5 x 10 cm and 5 x 6.5 cm)
Scope & Content:	<p>File consists of one miniature pocket journal which belonged to Molly Wright Adams [ca.1904-1905]; and four miniature monthly planners for July to October 1904. Journal and planners contain notes pertaining to Molly's life and travels in the United States and the Canadian Rockies.</p>
Notes:	Monthly planners accompanied in file by annotated storage envelope Materials were previously stored with items in file M555 / I / A / 6 to 8
Name Access:	Adams, Molly
Subject Access:	Exploration Travel Recreation Family and personal life Hiking
Geographic Access:	United States of America Canadian Rocky Mountains
Access Restrictions:	Materials are fragile - handle with caution
Language:	English
Category:	Exploration and travel Family and personal life Sports, recreation and leisure
Title Source:	Title based on contents of file
Processing Status:	Processed

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Mary (Molly) Wright Adams fonds



<https://archives.whyte.org/en/permalink/descriptions56758>

Part Of: Mary (Molly) Wright Adams fonds
Description Level: 1 / Fonds
Fonds Number: M555
V777
Sous-Fonds: M555
V777
Accession Number: 2018.8685
Reference Code: M555 / V777
GMD: Photograph
Album
Photograph print
Textual record
Diary
Drawing
Postcard
Private record
Responsibility: Some materials produced by Catharine (Adams) Elkin
Date Range: [ca.1844 - 1909]
[ca.1939 - 1944]
1980 - 1981
2014
Physical Description: 21 cm of textual records -- 16 postcards -- 3 drawings -- 1 photograph album : 107 b&w photographs

History /

Biographical:

Mary Wright (Molly) Adams was born on 15 October 1868. in Ridgefield Connecticut. She was the third of five children born to Cornelia Ann Cook (1830-1902) and Daniel Lucius Adams (1814 - 1899) She died in Kobe, Japan on 23 January 1909 and was buried there.

Scope & Content:

Fonds consists of textual records, postcards, drawings and one photograph album pertaining to Mary (Molly) Wright Adams (1868-1909); transcripts of Molly's original letters which were compiled by Molly's sister, Catharine Elkin (nee Adams) between ca.1939 and 1941; and transcriptions of letters sent between Molly's extended family members [including members of the Adams, Cook and Wright families], ca.1844 and 1866.

Textual records primarily consist of correspondence sent between Molly Adams and various friends and family members [ca.1891-1909].

Notes: Fonds consists of two series:

Series I : Correspondence [contains two sub-series: I / A : Molly Wright Adams ; I / B : Extended family]
Series II : Personal and collected records

Name Access: Adams, Molly
Schaffer, Mary

Subject Access: Family and personal life
 Family
 Correspondence
 Travel
 Exploration

Geographic Access: United States of America
 Connecticut
 New York
 Europe

Language: English

Creator: Mary (Molly) Wright Adams fonds

Category: Family and personal life
 Exploration and travel

Biographical Source Notes: Searching for Mary Schaffer: Women Wilderness Photography by Colleen Skidmore

Title Source: Title based on contents of fonds

Processing Status: Processed

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Mary Schaffer fonds

<https://archives.whyte.org/en/permalink/descriptions341>

Part Of: Mary Schaffer fonds

Description Level: 1 / Fonds

Fonds Number: M79 / V527

Series: V527

Sous-Fonds: V527

Accession Number: 275, 439, 573, 2685, 2764, 2933, 2996, 3284, 3302, 5248, 7202, 7731, 7737

Reference Code: M79 / V527

GMD: Photograph
 Album
 Negative
 Photograph print
 Transparency
 Textual record
 Diary
 Map
 Private record
 Published record

Other Title Info: Also known as Mary Schaffer Warren fonds

Date Range: 1893-[ca.1935]

Physical Description: 35 cm of textual records. -- ca.2025 photographs (ca.1550 transparencies, ca.400 negatives, 75 prints). -- 7 photograph albums (ca.1760 prints)

History /

Biographical:

Mary Schaffer, 1861-1939, also known as Mary Schaffer Warren, was an American explorer, photographer and artist who visited the Canadian Rockies and Selkirk Mountains frequently beginning in 1888, finally settling in Banff, Alberta in 1912. Born Mary Townsend Sharples to moderately wealthy Quaker parents at West Chester, Pennsylvania, she first visited the Canadian Rockies and Selkirk Mountains in 1888 with her friend Mary Vaux. She returned the following year with her husband, Dr. Charles Schaffer, and until Charles died in 1903, the Schaffers travelled annually to the mountains to study botany. Using Dr. Schaffer's data and her drawings and photographs, Mary Schaffer and Stewardson Brown completed "Alpine flora of the Canadian Rocky Mountains" in 1907.

Schaffer continued to travel in the Canadian mountains, often through remote regions. In 1908, she reached Maligne Lake in Jasper National Park, Alberta, and returned in 1911 to survey the region. "Old Indian Trails of the Canadian Rockies," 1911, recounts her adventures of 1907 and 1908. Schaffer settled in Banff in 1912 and married her guide, Billy Warren, in 1915.

Scope & Content:

Fonds consists of three series: I. Personal, literary and research papers, 1907-ca.1935; II. Mary Schaffer photographs, 1893-ca.1920; III. Other, 1895-1928.

I. Papers series consists of four sub-series: A. Correspondence, 1908-1922; B. Literary manuscripts (original and published), 1907-ca.1925; C. Maps of Maligne Lake; D. Other, 1905-ca.1935. Literary manuscripts pertain to the Athabasca River, Maligne Lake, Howse, Yellowhead and Athabasca passes; hunting; Dr. Gilbert Atkin and Nurse Fulcher's medical mission to Ya Ha Tinda Ranch; Banff, Revelstoke BC, Saskatchewan River; Stoney Nakoda; Palliser Expedition; and Mary Schaffer life and activities.

II. Photographs series consists of four sub-series: A. Lantern slides; B. Photograph albums; C. Negatives; D. Prints. Lantern slides pertain to Mary Schaffer's trips to Maligne Lake and Yellowhead Pass, mountain scenics, nature subjects (animals, birds, flowers); and includes Mary Schaffer's lantern slide presentations "In the Heart of the Canadian Rockies", accompanied by scripts; Philip Moore's Indigenous lecture series, mainly copies from books and other graphic sources; and Mary Schaffer's slides of China and Japan. Photograph albums, 1908-ca.1921, pertain mainly to trips in the Canadian Rocky and Selkirk Mountains, especially expeditions to the Yoho and Ptarmigan Valleys, Nakimu Caves, North Saskatchewan River, Wilcox Pass and Maligne Lake. Two albums pertain to travels in Mexico and Asia. Negatives pertain mainly to Schaffer's trips and explorations, Glacier House and environs, alpine flora and fauna, mountain views, portraits, Sampson Beaver family, 1902-1911.

III. Other material series consists of diaries of Molly Adams, 1908, and Mrs. H. H. Sharples, 1911, and original manuscripts and published reports by other writers, 1895-1928.

Name Access: Adams, Molly
Schaffer, Mary

Subject Access: Arts
Environment
Exploration, discovery and travel

Access Restrictions: Some restrictions on access to originals
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 for processed material
electronic finding aid
item list for lantern slides
copies of literary manuscripts
modern reference prints for lantern slides

Related Material: Accompanied by books, artifacts and art works

Creator: Schaffer, Mary

Category: Arts
Environment
Exploration, discovery and travel

Title Source: Title based on contents of file

Processing Status: Processed

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Annotated copy of Alpine Flora of the Canadian Rockies

<https://archives.whyte.org/en/permalink/descriptions57633>

Part Of: Archives General File Collection

Description Level: 5 / File

Fonds Number: M8

V8

S8

Sous-Fonds: M8

Accession Number: 2023.63

Reference Code: M8 / accn. 2023.63

GMD: Published record

Date Range: 1907

Physical Description: 1 volume

Scope & Content:

File consists of one copy of the book "Alpine Flora of the Canadian Rockies" (1907) with a note written on the first page from the illustrator Mary Schaffer to Molly (Wright) Adams in December 1907.

Name Access: Warren, Mary Schaffer

Schaffer, Mary

Wright, Mary

Adams, Molly

Subject Access: Artist

Art

Flowers

Plants

Mountains

Publication

Environment

Geographic Access: Canadian Rocky Mountains

Language: English

Category: Environment

Title Source: Title based on contents of file

Processing Status: Processed

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Elliot Barnes Copy Negatives

<https://archives.whyte.org/en/permalink/descriptions54140>

Part Of: Elliott Barnes fonds
Description Level: 5 / File
Fonds Number: V48
Series: V48 / I.A. : Negative Series
Sous-Fonds: V48
Accession Number: 5076
Reference Code: V48 / NA - 489 to 490
GMD: Photograph
Negative
Date Range: ca.1907 - ca.1910
Physical Description: Photographs: 2 negatives, b&w

History /

Biographical:

See fonds level description

Scope & Content:

File consists of 2 b&w negatives. Negatives are copy negatives made from original prints loaned by Findlay Barnes. File pertains to the Barnes home in Banff, Windermere Cottage, 1905 - 1908; interior of the Barnes home at Jumping Pound.

Language: English
Creator: Elliot Barnes
Title Source: Title based in contents of file
Processing Status: Processed

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Photograph album [Japan and Taiwan]

<https://archives.whyte.org/en/permalink/descriptions804>

Part Of: Mary Schaffer fonds
Description Level: 5 / File
Fonds Number: v527
Series: II.B. Photographs: albums
Sous-Fonds: v527
Reference Code: V527 / PD - 5
Date Range: [1908]
Physical Description: 1 photograph album (100 prints)
Scope & Content:
Album pertains to travels in Japan and Taiwan
Notes: Researcher identified as Indigenous Peoples of Japan: Ainu
Name Access: Schaffer, Mary
Adams, Molly
Subject Access: Japanese
Ainu
Taiwan
Geographic Access: Japan
Taiwan
Creator: Mary Schaffer
Title Source: Title based on item.
Processing Status: Processed

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Album, Canadian and American Rocky Mountains

<https://archives.whyte.org/en/permalink/descriptions56762>

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Description Level: 5 / File
Fonds Number: M555
V777
Series: V777 / II : Personal and collected records
Sous-Fonds: V777
Accession Number: 2018.8685
Reference Code: V777 / II / PD - 1
GMD: Album
Photograph
Print
Responsibility: Produced by Molly W. Adams

Date Range: 1904

Physical Description: 1 photo album (ca. 107 photographs : b&w prints)

Scope & Content:
File consists of one photograph album compiled by Molly Wright Adams containing ca.107 photographs. Images pertain to Molly's travels in the American and Canadian Rocky Mountains in 1904.

Notes: Some pages include annotations below photographs

Name Access: Adams, Molly

Subject Access: Family and personal life
Mountains
Landscape
Travel
Exploration
Environment
Recreation
Hiking

Geographic Access: United States of America
Rocky Mountains
Canada
British Columbia
Canadian Rocky Mountains

Access Restrictions: Materials in file are fragile - handle with caution

Language: N/A

Conservation: Pages interleaved with acid-free issue paper in 2018

Category: Exploration and travel
Family and personal life
Environment
Sports, recreation and leisure

Title Source: Title based on contents of file

Processing Status: Processed

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Rocky cliff

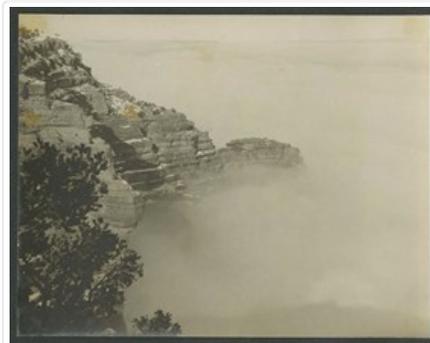
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Part Of: Mary (Molly) Wright Adams fonds
Description Level: 6 / Item
Fonds Number: V777
M555
Series: V777 / II : Personal and collected records
Sous-Fonds: V777
Accession Number: 2018.8685
Reference Code: V777 / II / PD - 1 / 2
GMD: Photograph
Date Range: 1904
Physical Description: 1 album page with one photograph : 1 photograph
Scope & Content:

Image depicts view of rocky cliff next to a body of water [untitled, location unknown].

Name Access: Adams, Molly
Subject Access: Family and personal life
Environment and Nature
Exploration
Travel
Language: N/A
Creator: [Molly Wright Adams created the album]
Title Source: Title based on contents of file
Processing Status: Processed

Images



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TEST - Rocky cliff - changed to Image File Name field and digital asset add date

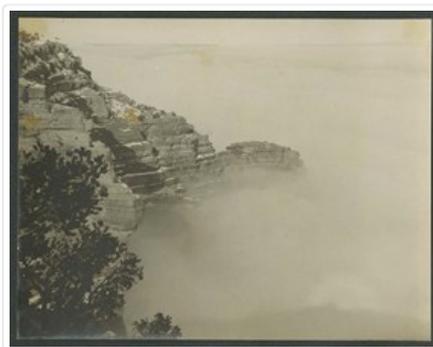
<https://archives.whyte.org/en/permalink/descriptions57318>

Part Of: Mary (Molly) Wright Adams fonds
Description Level: 6 / Item
Fonds Number: V777
M555
Series: V777 / II : Personal and collected records
Sous-Fonds: V777
Accession Number: 2018.8685
Reference Code: V777 / II / PD - 1 / 2
GMD: Photograph
Date Range: 1904
Physical Description: 1 album page with one photograph : 1 photograph
Scope & Content:

Image depicts view of rocky cliff next to a body of water [untitled, location unknown].

Name Access: Adams, Molly
Subject Access: Family and personal life
Environment and Nature
Exploration
Travel
Language: N/A
Creator: [Molly Wright Adams created the album]
Title Source: Title based on contents of file
Processing Status: Processed

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