



Dorothy Wardle fonds

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Part Of: Dorothy Wardle fonds

Description Level: 1 / Fonds

Fonds Number: M521

V75

Sous-Fonds: M521

V75

Accession Number: 5296, 5391, 7504

Reference Code: M521 / V75

GMD: Photograph

Album

Negative

Photograph print

Postcard

Transparency

Textual record

Private record

Published record

Date Range: ca.1870-2002

Physical Description: 154 cm of textual records. -- 1304 photographs (1190 prints, 95 negatives, 19 transparencies). -- 6 photograph albums.

History /

Biographical:

The Wardle family was comprised of husband and wife, James Morey Wardle (June 26, 1888 - May 18, 1971) and Maud Leette (Roney) Wardle (May 24, 1889 - December 1, 1969), and their one child, Dorothy Hope Wardle (May 23, 1919 - July 20, 2003).

James Wardle, born in Chiliwack, British Columbia, was a civil engineer and public servant. He was the Superintendent of Banff National Park from 1918-1921, Chief Engineer for Parks Canada from 1921-1935, and Deputy Minister of the Interior from 1935-1936. He is primarily known as a highway design engineer, particularly for building the Banff-Windermere, Banff-Lake Louise, and Banff-Jasper highways. He was a councillor for the Municipality of Rockcliffe Park in Ontario and he was the President of the Trail Riders of the Canadian Rockies in Banff from 1925-1929. Mount Wardle in Vermillion was named after him in 1921. James married Leette on November 4, 1913, with whom he had one child, Dorothy.

Born in Calgary, Alberta, Dorothy (also known as Dot and Dorie) grew up in Banff, Alberta and Ottawa, Ontario, due to her father's position with the federal government. She was educated at the Mountain School in Banff and at the Elmwood School in Ottawa. All three family members were graduates of Queen's University in Kingston, Ontario. James graduated in 1912 with a Bachelor of Science in Engineering, Leette graduated with a Bachelor's degree, and in 1942, Dorothy also earned a Bachelor's degree. Dorothy was prominent in student life and active in athletics. In 1941, Dorothy became the first woman elected as President of the Alma Mater Society and during her academic career, Dorothy was a member of the Levana Intercollegiate Debative, University Centenary Committee, and Queen's War Aid Commission.

Dorothy spent her career as a freelance writer however, upon graduation she served as the first Secretary-In-Charge of Records at Carleton College (now Carleton University) from 1942-1944 in Ottawa and in the mid-1950s worked as a secretary for the Glenbow Foundation in Calgary. Dorothy pursued a lifelong interest in traveling, art, and antiques. Although she was fiercely proud and protective of Banff and the Park, and remained a volunteer and patron of the Whyte Museum of the Canadian Rockies, Dorothy eventually settled in Sidney, British Columbia and shared an apartment with Sheila Iris Ritchie, with whom Dorothy travelled extensively. After her death in 2003, Dorothy, "Dorie," was laid to rest alongside her parents in the Old Banff Cemetery.

Scope & Content:

Fonds consists of two sous-fonds: M521 and V75.

M521 consists of four series, 154 cm, ca. 1870-2002. Series I: Dorothy Wardle Personal Papers, 69.5 cm, ca. 1870-2002 (includes Dorothy's written work and research and notes related to Banff). Series II: Wardle Family, 32.5 cm, 1872-1998 (including correspondence with Carl Rungius and Mrs. Helen Brett, and Christmas and other greeting cards from Peter and Catharine Whyte). Series III: Queen's University, 7.5 cm, 1911-1980 (including graduation certificates for each family member and records pertaining to Dorothy's participation on the Alma Mater Society). Series IV: Travel, 44.5 cm, ca. 1950-1988 (includes hand-written notebooks meticulously detailing their travels).

V75 consists of two series, 79.5 cm, ca. 1912-2001. Series I: Wardle Family, ca. 1912-1971, 6 albums, 31 cm of photograph prints and negatives (including family trips, trail rides in the Canadian Rocky Mountains, and family gatherings). Series II: Dorothy Wardle, 1972-2001, 34 cm of photograph prints, negatives, and transparencies (including Dorothy's travels in Alberta and British Columbia, overseas, and various outings with friends).

Name Access:	Wardle, Dorothy
	Wardle, James
	Rungius, Carl
	Brett, Helen
	Keyte, Freeman
	Hart, E. J. (Ted)
	Harkin, J. B. (James Bernard)
	Brewster, Pat
	Peyto, Bill
	Brett, Robert George
	Sanson, Norman
	White, Clifford
	Drummond-Davies, Nora
	Mills, Ike
	McLean, George
	Walking Buffalo (George McLean)
	Kaquitts, Frank
	Oxborough, Dorothy
	Whyte, Jon
	Robinson, Dean
	Warren, Mary Schaffer
	Simpson, George
	Gibbon, John Murray
	Whyte, Catharine
	Whyte, Peter
	Greenham, Margaret
Subject Access:	Arts
	Environment
	Personal and Family Life
	Banff
	Old Banff Cemetery
	Whyte Museum of the Canadian Rockies
	Cabins
	Travel
	Picnics and picnicking
	Holidays
	Scenery
	Christmas
	Dogs
	Horses
	Mountain
	Canoes and canoeing
	Hiking
	Wildlife
	War Memorial

Highland Games
Bow River Bridge
Golfing
Anniversary
Horseback riding
Indigenous Peoples
Stoney Nakoda
Education
Snowshoes and snowshoeing
Banff Winter Carnival
Banff Winter Festival
Women
Trails
Trail Riders of the Canadian Rockies
Sports and leisure
Skiing
European travel
Beach
Calgary Herald
Geography
Government
Newspaper
Politics
Research
Banff Public Library
National parks and reserves
Park policy
Parks Canada
Wardens
Ya-Ha-Tinda Ranch
Community life
Mines and mineral resources
History
Immigration and homesteading
Settlement
Organizations
World War II
Biographical
Professional and Personal Life
Grizzly Bears
Fire fighters
Sunshine Village
Teahouses
Banff Indian Days
Regalia

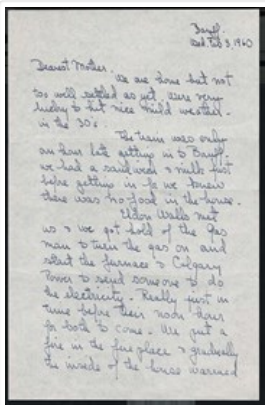
Calgary Stampede
Mountain guides
Mountain School
The Albertan
Crag and Canyon newspaper
Homestead Hotel
Banff Centre
Hot Springs
Superintendents
Automobiles
Natural history
Records
Calendar
Finances
Leases
Legal and Financial
Property
Recreation

Geographic Access: Banff
Banff National Park
Canmore
Alberta
Canada
Canadian Rocky Mountains
Castle Mountain
Bankhead
British Columbia
Glacier National Park
Kootenay National Park
Silver City
Victoria
Scotland
Revelstoke
Yoho National Park
Ottawa
Ontario
Prince Edward Island
Plain of Six Glaciers
Lake Agnes
Lake Louise
Lake Minnewanka
Lake O'Hara
Bow River
Calgary

Sidney
San Francisco
United States
Europe
Germany
Switzerland
France
Spain
Monaco
Italy
Denmark
Austria
Quebec
Windermere
New York
Assiniboine
Ghost River
High River
Quebec City
New Brunswick
Maine
Great Divide
Moraine Lake
Maligne Lake
Columbia Icefield
Washington
Philadelphia
Atlantic City
Larch Valley
Cascade Mountain
Panama
Sulphur Mountain
Field
Emerald Lake
Head Smashed In Buffalo Jump
Takkakaw Falls
Jasper National Park
Athabasca Falls
Okanagan
Kananaskis
Hoodoos
Powell River
Montreal

Access Restrictions:	Some restriction/s on access Copyright, privacy, commercial use and other restrictions may apply
Language:	Language is English
Related Material:	Dorothy also donated artwork (by Carl Rungius) to Art and Heritage. James Morey Wardle fonds (Library and Archives Canada)
Creator:	Wardle, Dorothy Wardle, James M. Wardle, Leette
Category:	Arts Environment Education Exploration, discovery and travel Family and personal life First nations Sports, recreation and leisure
Title Source:	Title based on accession records and contents of fonds
Processing Status:	Processed

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Letters to Mother [February - June 1960]

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Part Of:	Peter and Catharine Whyte fonds
Description Level:	5 / File
Fonds Number:	M36 / V683 / S37
Series:	I.A.2. Catharine Robb Whyte papers / photographs
Sous-Fonds:	M36
Accession Number:	.
Reference Code:	M36 / I / A / 2b / i / 146
GMD:	Postcard Private record
Date Range:	1960
Physical Description:	1.1 cm of textual records (87 pages ; 22.3 x 27.4 cm or smaller)
History / Biographical:	See fonds level description.

Scope & Content:

File pertains to 68 letters written by Catharine Robb Whyte to her mother, Edith Morse Robb from February 3 to June 30, 1960. Topics include day to day life, Banff events, visits from friends, painting, wildlife, travel, camping, construction projects around the house (mostly pertaining to the new addition), events and people in Concord, weather, and returning from a trip to Concord in June. Letters are mostly hand-written, some typed. Also includes postcards and a notecard.

Notes: Please note: language pertaining to Indigenous Peoples used throughout is outdated and may be offensive.
Some letters are marked with a small x in pencil, indicating where Jon Whyte made notes for use in his project "Catharine Robb Whyte, Peter Whyte: Commemorative Portfolio," originally published in 1981.
146 - 20 has a small newspaper clipping attached to the letter.

Name Access: Whyte, Catharine
Whyte, Peter
Robb, Edith Morse
Simpson, Jimmy, Sr.
Evans, Sam
Morant, Nicholas (Nick)
Morant, Willie
Brewster, Fern
Harmon, Don
Kaquitts, George
Kaquitts, Frank
Beil, Charlie
Vallance, Doris
Vallance, Sydney
McCowan, Dan
Grayson, L. Stuart
Ward, Sam
Moore, Edmee

Subject Access: Activities
Animals
Art
Artists
Banff
Banff Centre
Banff Indian Days
Banff Public Library
Banff School of Fine Arts
Banff Springs Hotel
Bird watching
Birds
Birthday
Businesses
Calgary Stampede
Camping

Children
Christmas
Community events
Community life
Correspondence
David Thompson Highway
Deer
Family
Family and personal life
First Nations
Flowers
Glenbow Foundation
Golf Course
Home
Hot Springs
Indigenous Peoples
Lake Louise
Leisure
Painting
Personal and Family Life
Post Office
Scenery
Skating
Ski areas
Ski racing
Ski jumping
Skiing
Stoney Nakoda
Sunshine Village
Weather

Geographic Access:

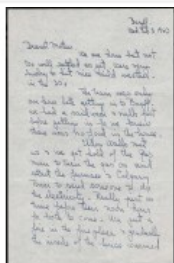
Banff
Lake Louise
Moraine Lake
Banff National Park
Columbia Icefield
Bow Lake
Yoho National Park
Calgary
Alberta
Concord
Massachusetts
Canada
United States of America

Language:

English

Conservation:	Good : all pages creased throughout from being folded prior to accession, minor rips and tears along the edges of most pages. 146 - 20 : staple removed from insert, replaced with plastic paper clip.
Creator:	Robb Whyte, Catharine
Title Source:	Title based on contents of file
Processing Status:	Processed

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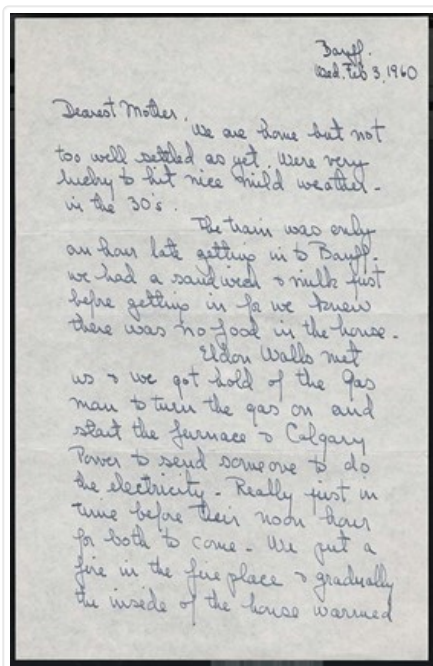


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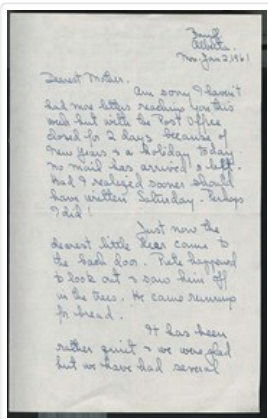
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Letters to Mother [January 1961 - February 1962]

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Part Of: Peter and Catharine Whyte fonds
Description Level: 5 / File
Fonds Number: M36 / V683 / S37
Series: I.A.2. Catharine Robb Whyte papers / photographs
Sous-Fonds: M36
Accession Number: .
Reference Code: M36 / I / A / 2b / i / 148
GMD: Postcard
Private record
Date Range: 1961-1962
Physical Description: 2.6 cm of textual records (ca. 185 pages ; 21.9 x 27.8 cm or smaller)

History /

Biographical:

See fonds level description.

Scope & Content:

File pertains to 41 letters written by Catharine Robb Whyte to her mother, Edith Morse Robb from January 2, 1961 to February 15, 1962; Edith passed away February 18, 1962. Topics include day to day life, Banff events, visits from friends, painting, wildlife, travel, hockey and football games, the Calgary Stampede, weather, and the 1962 space launch. Letters are mostly hand-written, some typed. Also includes postcards and notecards.

M36 / 148 - 114 to 120 are not fully dated - unsure of order within other 1961 letters. All are postcards.

Notes: Please note: language pertaining to Indigenous Peoples used throughout is outdated and may be offensive.
Some letters are marked with a small x in pencil, indicating where Jon Whyte made notes for use in his project "Catharine Robb Whyte, Peter Whyte: Commemorative Portfolio," originally published in 1981.
M36 / 148 - 29 is missing its second half, indicated by Catharine to be a picture of Bow Lake.

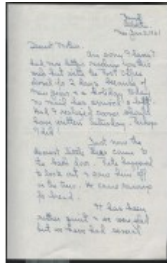
Name Access:	Whyte, Catharine
	Whyte, Peter
	Robb, Edith Morse
	Harvie, Eric
	Brewster, Fred
	Morant, Nicholas (Nick)
	Simpson, Jimmy, Jr.
	Simpson, Jimmy, Sr.
	Twoyoungmen, Jacob
	Beil, Charlie
	Morant, Willie
	Madsen, Ken
	Currie, Flossie
	Vallance, Doris
	Fulmer, Alice
	Link, George K. K. (Tommy)
	Link, George K.K.
	Vallance, Sydney
	Whyte, Jon
	Luxton, Norman
	Moore, Edmee
	Moore, Pearl
	Ward, Sam
Subject Access:	Activities
	Animals
	Art
	Artists
	Banff
	Banff Centre
	Banff Indian Days
	Banff Public Library
	Banff School of Fine Arts
	Bird watching
	Birds
	Birthday
	Businesses
	Calgary Stampede
	Camping
	Children
	Christmas
	Community events
	Community life
	Correspondence
	David Thompson Highway
	Deer

Family
Family and personal life
First Nations
Flowers
Glenbow Foundation
Glenbow-Alberta Institute
Home
Hot Springs
Indigenous Peoples
Lake Louise
Library
Leisure
Painting
Personal and Family Life
Post Office
Prince of Wales Hotel
Royal Canadian Legion, Colonel Moore Branch No.26
Scenery
Skating
Ski areas
Skiing
Stoney Nakoda
Weather

Geographic Access: Banff
Lake Louise
Moraine Lake
Banff National Park
Columbia Icefield
Bow Lake
Jasper
Jasper National Park
Rocky Mountain House
Yoho National Park
Waterton National Park
Calgary
Alberta
Canada

Language: English
Creator: Robb Whyte, Catharine
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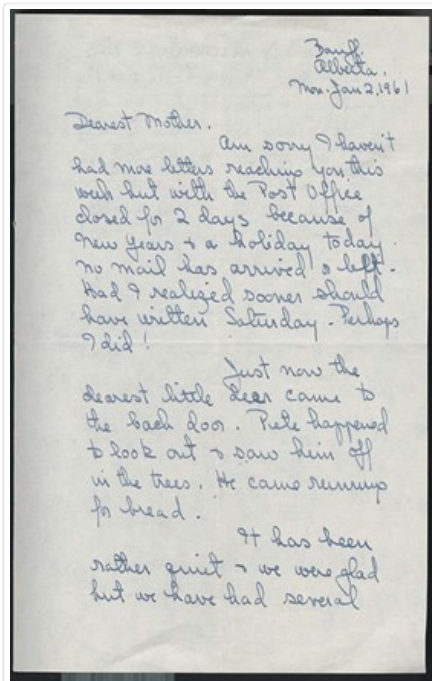


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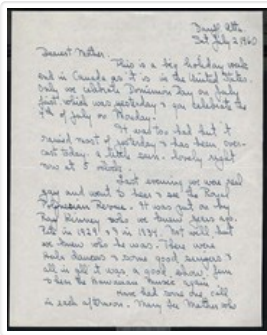
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Letters to Mother [July - December 1960]

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Part Of: Peter and Catharine Whyte fonds
Description Level: 5 / File
Fonds Number: M36 / V683 / S37
Series: I.A.2. Catharine Robb Whyte papers / photographs



Sous-Fonds: M36
 Accession Number: .
 Reference Code: M36 / I / A / 2b / i / 147
 GMD: Postcard
 Private record
 Date Range: 1960
 Physical Description: 1.7 cm of textual records (107 pages ; 21.9 x 27.8 cm or smaller)
 History /
 Biographical:

See fonds level description.

Scope & Content:

File pertains to 74 letters written by Catharine Robb Whyte to her mother, Edith Morse Robb from July 2 to December 30, 1960. Topics include day to day life, Banff events, visits from friends, painting, wildlife, travel, camping, construction of the new kitchen & workroom (including the removal of the original stone chimney in the kitchen), the Calgary Stampede, the death of George Paris, Walter Phillips going blind, the United Nations summit in September, weather, and a visit Catharine made to Concord in December. Letters are mostly hand-written, some typed. Also includes postcards, a telegram, and a notecard.

Notes: Please note: language pertaining to Indigenous Peoples used throughout is outdated and may be offensive.
 Some letters are marked with a small x in pencil, indicating where Jon Whyte made notes for use in his project "Catharine Robb Whyte, Peter Whyte: Commemorative Portfolio," originally published in 1981.
 M36 / 147 - 28 appears to be missing page 2, but could be misnumbered.

Name Access:	Whyte, Catharine
	Whyte, Peter
	Robb, Edith Morse
	Whyte, Barbara
	Whyte, Clifford
	Simpson, Jimmy, Sr.
	Lefroy, Beatrice
	Lefroy, Robert
	Browne, Belmore
	Browne, Evelyn
	Evans, Sam
	Cameron, Stewart
	Millar, Chuck
	Link, George K. K. (Tommy)
	Link, George K.K.
	Morant, Nicholas (Nick)
	Morant, Willie
	Brewster, Fern
	Paris, George
	Phillips, Walter J.
	Lonsdale, Tom
	Vallance, Sydney
	Ward, Sam
	Reid, Charles
	McLean, George
	McLean, Bill

Subject Access:	Activities
	Animals
	Art
	Artists
	Banff
	Banff Centre
	Banff Indian Days
	Banff Public Library
	Banff School of Fine Arts
	Bird watching
	Birds
	Birthday
	Businesses
	Calgary Stampede
	Camping
	Children
	Christmas
	Community events
	Community life
	Correspondence
	David Thompson Highway
	Deer
	Family
	Family and personal life
	First Nations
	Flowers
	Funeral
	Home
	Hot Springs
	Indigenous Peoples
	Lake Louise
	Leisure
	Painting
	Personal and Family Life
	Post Office
	Scenery
	Skating
	Ski areas
	Skiing
	Stoney Nakoda
	Sunshine Village
	Weather

Geographic Access: Banff
Lake Louise
Moraine Lake
Banff National Park
Columbia Icefield
Bow Lake
Jasper
Jasper National Park
Yoho National Park
Calgary
Alberta
Concord
Massachusetts
Canada
United States of America

Language: English

Creator: Robb Whyte, Catharine

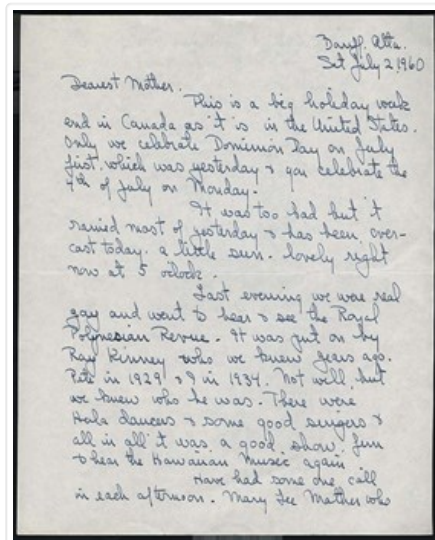
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