

Research Collections



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, lke

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

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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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Family and Friends

https://archives.whyte.org/en/permalink/descriptions54663

Part Of: Dorothy Wardle fonds

Description Level: 5 / File
Fonds Number: M521 / V75

Series: V75 / I: Wardle Family, c.1912-1971

Sous-Fonds: V75 Accession Number: 7504

Reference Code: V75 / I / PA - 171 to 254

GMD: Private record

Photograph print

Photograph

Date Range: 1919-1963

1919-1926 1930-1941 1945-1950

1963

Physical Description: 82 photographs: b&w; 18 x 13 cm or smaller

Scope & Content:

File consists of 82 black and white photographs, 18 x 13 cm or smaller. File documents the Wardle family and friends in the community, at different events and various travels, including: baby photographs of Dorothy in Banff (1919-1926); Banff early days with James and Leette Wardle, particularly at the snowshoe tramp for the Banff Winter Carnival (1919-1920); snapshots from a trip to Big Bend (1930); Norman Sanson's 1000th ascent of Sulphur Mountain in 1931; class photographs from the Mountain School (1932, 1935); various trips with Carl Rungius, including Lake McArthur and Lake O'Hara (1933), Ottawa (1945), and the Laurentians (1949); a trip to the Panama Canal (1933); miscellaneous photographs of school events (including the Alma Mater Society election that resulted in Dorothy being the first female president) of Dorothy and friends at Queen's University (1938-1941); the Swedish Legation in Ottawa (1946-1950); and photographs of Frank Kaguitts and his artwork (1963).

Notes: Most photographs are annotated on the backside of the print.

V75 / I / PA -193 : Includes an accompanying list identifying everyone in the class photograph (Dorothy attended the Mountain School as a young

child).

V75 / I / PA -239 to 247 : includes handwritten notes regarding Frank Kaquitts. Dorothy originally filed these images with M521 / I / A / 10

([Indigenous] Story Material).

Name Access: Wardle, Dorothy

Wardle, James M.

Rungius, Carl Kaquitts, Frank

Sanson, Norman

Subject Access: Banff

Banff National Park

Family and personal life

Travel

Education

Art

Artist

Indigenous Peoples

Stoney Nakoda

Snowshoes and snowshoeing

Banff Winter Carnival
Banff Winter Festival

Women

Geographic Access: Banff

Banff National Park

Alberta Canada

Canadian Rocky Mountains

Ottawa Ontario

Sulphur Mountain

Panama

Panama Canal Lake O'Hara

Language: English

Related Material: V75 / I / NA - 2 to 3

V75 / I / NA - 4 to 9

Category: Sports, recreation and leisure

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