

Research Collections



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 Searching for Mary Schaffer: Women Wilderness Photography by

Notes: Colleen Skidmore

Title Source: Title based on contents of fonds

Processing Status: Processed



Margaret Gmoser family fonds

https://archives.whyte.org/en/permalink/descriptions57414

Part Of: Margaret Gmoser family fonds

Description Level: 1 / Fonds Fonds Number: M594

V816

Sous-Fonds: M594

V816

Accession Number: 2022.38

Reference Code: M594 / V816

GMD: Textual record

Responsibility: Margaret Gmoser

Date Range: predom. 1970-2015

Physical Description: 4 cm textual records -- ca. 42 photographs -- 1 oversized poster

Scope & Content:

Fonds consists of materials personally collected by Margaret Gmoser. Fonds includes photographs and textual records pertaining to Hans Gmoser, Robson Gmoser, and traverse trip with Chic Scott. Fonds also includes an original letter from Orville Wright regarding early helicopters.

Name Access: Gmoser, Margaret

Gmoser, Hans

Subject Access: Family and personal life

Family Children Sports

Sports and recreation

Correspondence

Language: English

Related Material: Hans Gmoser fonds: M224 / S49 / V68

Category: Family and personal life

Sports, recreation and leisure

Title Source: Title based on contents of fonds

Processing Status: Unprocessed

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Sid Unwin fonds

https://archives.whyte.org/en/permalink/descriptions1

Part Of: Sid Unwin fonds

Description Level: 1 / Fonds

Fonds Number: M 31

V 25

Sous-Fonds: M 31

V 25

Accession Number: 7102, 7112

Reference Code: M31 / V25

GMD: Photograph

Album

Photograph print
Textual record
Private record
Published record

Date Range: 1898-1985

Physical Description: 7 cm of textual records. -- 5 photograph albums (ca.375 prints). -- 28

photographs: prints

History / Biographical:

Sidney Joseph Unwin, [1880?]-1917, was a guide and outfitter at Banff, Alberta. Born in England, Unwin returned, after serving with the volunteer cavalry in the South African (Boer) War, to his home in London, England for a brief period to work as a surveyor's clerk, and in the fall of 1904 he moved to Banff. Initially, Unwin worked for guides and outfitters Syd Baker and Jimmy Simpson. In the winter of 1905 he began his own trapline. In 1907, Unwin began work for Billy Warren and accompanied Mary Schaffer and Molly Adams on their expeditions to the Maligne Lake, Saskatchewan River areas.

After two years of working for Warren, Unwin began his own guiding outfit and in 1912, with the aid of his sister Ethel and brother Arthur, the Unwins established Unwin's Curios and Souvenirs. In 1914, Sid Unwin enlisted in the Canadian army and took up with the 22nd Battery (Howitzer), 6th Brigade, Canadian Field Artillery 2nd Division. In 1916 he saw his first action in France. He fought in the battle for Vimy Ridge, was injured May 3, 1917 and died on June 29, 1917 at the East Leeds War Hospital.

Scope & Content:

Consists of two sous-fonds: I. Sid Unwin sous-fonds; II. Unwin family sous-fonds.

Sid Unwin sous-fonds pertains to Unwin's activities in the South African (Boer) War, in the Banff area as a guide and citizen, in the First World War, and to his family. It consists of the following series: A. South African (Boer) War records,1900-1901; B. Guiding and Banff related records, 1904-1914; C. First World War records, 1914-1919; D. Sid Unwin Memorials, 1917-1946; E. Personal photograph albums, 1898-1912.

Unwin family sous-fonds consists of: A. Personal family records, 1917-1968; B. Alice Fulmer correspondence, 1965-1985.

Name Access: Unwin, Sid

Subject Access: Exploration, discovery and travel

Family and personal life

Military World War I

Access Restrictions: Some restrictions on access to originals

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Language: English

Finding Aid: Finding aids and reference tools: arrangement outline

file description

reference photocopies

Related Material: Related in part to the Ethel Unwin fonds (M178/V646)

Creator: Unwin, Sid

Category: Exploration, discovery and travel

Family and personal life

Military

Title Source: Fonds, sous-fonds and series title based on contents

Processing Status: Processed

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Robert E. Campbell fonds

https://archives.whyte.org/en/permalink/descriptions3

Part Of: Robert E. Campbell fonds

Description Level: 1 / Fonds

Fonds Number: M 22

V 3

Sous-Fonds: M 22

V 3

Accession Number: 7048

Reference Code: M22 / V3

GMD: Photograph

Framed print
Photograph print

Textual record

Private record

Date Range: 1888-[ca.1955]

Physical Description: 3 textual records. -- 14 photographs: prints

History / Biographical:

Robert (Bob) E. Campbell, 1871-1965, was a teacher, guide and outfitter, politician and soldier at Banff, Calgary, Peace River and Victoria. Campbell was born in Ontario and taught school in Saskatchewan from 1893 to 1896 before coming to Banff to teach at Tom Wilson's request. Beginning in 1897, he worked summers for Wilson as a trail hand. He then guided major clients, forming Wilson and Campbell in 1902 and buying the business in 1904. Campbell became involved in the Calgary Grain Exchange in 1908 and became the provincial MLA for Rocky Mountain in 1913. After serving in WWI, he ranched, guided and wrote a book of reminiscences, "I Would Do It Again: Reminiscences of the Rockies."

Scope & Content:

Photographs include portraits of Tom Wilson, 1930s, and Bob Campbell, ca.1955; Vaux family landscape views, 1902; and Canadian Pacific Railway views, ca.1903. CPR views are four prints incorporated into one large framed item; views are of the Crow's Nest Pass, the Banff Springs Hotel and the Lake Louise Chalet, ca.1903. Textual items are invitation for Calgary Old Timers Association, 1908; and greeting cards, ca.1907.

Name Access: Campbell, Robert E.

Subject Access: Family and personal life

Access Restrictions: No restrictions on access

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Language: Language is English
Creator: Campbell, Robert E.
Category: Family and personal life

Title Source: Title based on contents of file

Processing Status: Processed



Mary Elizabeth Rae fonds

https://archives.whyte.org/en/permalink/descriptions7

Part Of: Mary Elizabeth Rae fonds

Description Level: 1 / Fonds
Fonds Number: M24
Sous-Fonds: M24
Accession Number: 7068
Reference Code: M24

GMD: Textual record

Private record

Published record

Date Range: 1920-1926

Physical Description: .5 cm of textual records

History / Biographical:

Mary E. Rae (Church) was a school teacher at Bankhead, Canmore and Blairmore, Alberta, Canada between 1922 and 1925.

Scope & Content:

Fonds consists of teaching papers in the form of certificates, letters of recommendation and application, performance reports; also School Souvenir card with portrait, and clippings re Blairmore amateur theatre.

Name Access: Rae, Mary Elizabeth

Subject Access: Education

Family and personal life

Access Restrictions: No restrictions on access

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Language: English

Creator: Rae, Mary Elizabeth

Category: Education

Family and personal life

Title Source: Title based on contents of fonds

Processing Status: Processed

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Ernest Deniston Garner fonds

https://archives.whyte.org/en/permalink/descriptions8

Part Of: Ernest Deniston Garner fonds

Description Level: 1 / Fonds Fonds Number: M26

V23

Sous-Fonds: M26

V23

Accession Number: 7069

Reference Code: M26 / V23
GMD: Photograph

Photograph print
Textual record
Private record
Published record

Date Range: 1914-1989

Physical Description: 1 cm of textual records. -- 9 photographs : prints

History / Biographical:

Ernest Deniston Garner, 1900-1989, was an artist, journalist, poet and miner at Canmore, Alberta, Canada and England. Garner was born and educated in England, coming to Canmore with his niece in 1928, where he resided until 1937. In addition to working at Canmore Mines, he became active in Canmore affairs as correspondent for the Calgary Herald and established the Canmore Times, a mimeographed local newspaper, ca.1931. Garner returned to England in 1937.

Scope & Content:

Fonds consists primarily of reminiscences titled Memory Lane, 198-, 1 volume (137 pages). Item includes poetry and account of Garner's journey from England to Canada and life in Canada. Details pertain to life at Canmore from 1928 to 1937, work at Canmore Mines, newspaper business, community events, art tour through southern Alberta and travels in British Columbia. Fonds also includes copies of the Canmore Times, 1932, 1937, 2 items; and photographs, 1914-1989, 9 prints, pertaining to Canmore, Garner family and presentation of Garner painting to the Canmore Museum in 1989.

Name Access: Garner, E. Deniston

Subject Access: Family and personal life

Access Restrictions: No restrictions on access

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Language: English

Creator: Garner, Ernest Deniston
Category: Family and personal life

Title Source: Title based on contents of fonds

Processing Status: Processed

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Brett family fonds

https://archives.whyte.org/en/permalink/descriptions14

Part Of: Brett family fonds

Description Level: 1 / Fonds

Fonds Number: M1

V83

Sous-Fonds: M1

V83

Accession Number: 5, 20, 58, 78, 102, 354, 1164, 1532, 5042, 2022.35

Reference Code: M1 / V83 GMD: Photograph

Album

Negative

Photograph print Textual record

Diary

Private record

Published record

Scrapbook

Date Range: [ca.1860]-1965

Physical Description: 73 cm of textual records. -- 11 photograph albums (ca.850 prints). --

ca.350 photographs (ca.320 prints, 28 negatives)

History / Biographical:

Robert George Brett, 1851-1929, was a prominent physician, hotel-hospital owner, businessman and politician Banff, Alberta from 1883 until 1929. Brett was born in Strathroy, Ontario, son of James Brett and Catherine Mallon. He was educated as a physician at the University of Toronto (M.D., 1874), and practiced medicine at Arkona, Ontario. He moved to Winnipeg in 1880, where he helped found the Manitoba Medical College.

R. G. Brett moved to Banff in 1886, founding the Banff Sanitarium. In 1909 he established the Brett Hospital. Brett also had numerous other businesses and real estate in Banff (including the National Park Drug Store, the Sanitarium Bottling Co., the Bretton Hall Hotel, Lithia Bottling Co.) and elsewhere.

In 1878, Brett married Louise Theodora Hungerford, 1855-1935, of Waterford, Ontario. Of their five children, only two survived infancy, Reginald H. "Harry", 1879-1925, and Robert Earle, 1887-1912. Earle Brett was survived by Maidie (Stacpole) Brett, whom he married in 1910, and by an infant daughter. Dr. Harry Brett was married to Helen Brett, 1877-1964, who outlived the rest of her family by many years. Associated closely with the Brett family was Dr. Brett's nurse, Annie McLauchlin.

From 1881 to 1901, R. G. Brett was Conservative Member of the Legislative Assembly (MLA) for the North-West Territories, and from 1889 to 1891 he was president of the executive council. He was Lieutenant-Governor of Alberta from 1915 to 1925. He died in Calgary.

Scope & Content:

Fonds contains six series:

I. Robert G. Brett series, 1873-1926, 36 cm of textual records, consisting of: A. Personal papers, 1873-1926 (1. Correspondence, 2. Financial papers, 3. Other papers); B. Business papers, 1897-1925, (1. Banff businesses, 2. Businesses outside Banff); C. Professional papers, 1889-1925 (1. Political correspondence, 2. Official correspondence, 3. Other material);

II. Louise H. Brett series, [between1855 and 1935], 10 cm of textual records, consisting of: A. Writing, betw.1885 and 1935; B. Scrapbooks, ca.1900, ca.1910; C. Diaries and letters, 1912-1925; D. Other, ca.1870-1924.

III. Reginald H. "Harry" Brett series, ca.1910-1921, 10.5 cm of textual records, print material and photographs. Consists of: A. Personal papers, ca.1910 (1.Scrapbooks, 2. Ephemera); B. Business papers, 1912-1921.

IV. Helen Brett series, 1925-1965, 4.5 cm of textual records, consisting of: A. Correspondence, 1927-1950; B. R. G. Brett estate papers, 1925-1949; C. Financial and business records, 1936-1962; D. Other, 1935-1965.

V. Brett family series, [ca.1860-ca.1935], consisting of : A. Photographs albums, ca.1860-ca.1910; B. Photographs, ca.1875-ca.1935.

VI. Other material series, [before 1928], 2 cm of textual records, consisting of: A. Annie McLauchlin papers, 1914-1928; B. Other, before 1925.

Name Access: Brett, Helen

Brett, Louise

Brett, Reginald H. (Harry)

Brett, Robert G.
McLauchin, Annie

Subject Access: Family and personal life

Health services

Politics

Access Restrictions: Some restrictions on access to originals

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Language: Language is English

Finding Aid: Finding aids and reference tools: arrangement outline

series and file description electronic finding aid

microfilm copies of albums

Creator: Brett, Robert George and Louise

Brett, Reginald H. (Harry) and Helen

Category: Family and personal life

Health services

Politics

Biographical Source

Earlier version of fonds description.

Notes:

Title Source: Title based on contents of fonds

Processing Status: Processed



Pat Brewster fonds

https://archives.whyte.org/en/permalink/descriptions15

Part Of: Pat Brewster fonds

Description Level: 1 / Fonds

Fonds Number: M2 / V91 / S21

Sous-Fonds: V91

Accession Number: 12, 13, 80, 93, 110, 145, 340, 380, 899, 1006, 1110, 1179, 1210, 1235,

1398, 1409, 1440, 1505, 1784, 1874, 2176, 2216, 2303, 2361, 2410, 2643, 2791, 2816, 2880, 2903, 2933, 2940, 3051, 3157, 3181, 3393, 3642, 3733, 3734, 3780, 3821, 3921, 3969, 5028, 5336, 6018

Reference Code: M2 / S21 / V91

GMD: Photograph

Album Negative

Photograph print

Postcard Transparency

Sound recording

Cassette

Textual record

Drawing Map Poster

Private record

Date Range: 1841-1983

Physical Description: ca.80 cm of textual material. -- ca.900 photographs: prints, postcards,

transparencies, negatives, copy negatives. -- 1 photograph album (50

prints). -- 3 sound recordings: audio tape cassettes

History / Biographical:

Forrest Oliver "Pat" Brewster, 1896-1982, was a trail guide, outfitter and businessman in Banff, Alberta, Canada. Pat was a native and life-long resident of Banff. As a boy, he was an active Boy Scout and, by age seventeen, was a big game guide. After serving in World War I, Brewster established the first permanent camp at Lake O'Hara for the Canadian Pacific Railway. In 1926, he took over the Brewster Transport Company outfitting business from his brothers, Bill and Jim. In the 1930s, he became involved in skiing explorations in the Assiniboine, Skoki and Sunshine areas. Pat Brewster was active in community affairs and, in his later years, was an avid historian of the region. He published three books of reminiscences between 1975 and 1982.

Scope & Content:

Fonds consists of four series: I. Personal, II. Professional, III. Activities, IV. Brewster family.

I. Personal series, 1905-1982, 18 cm of textual records, 160 photographs, 2 sound recordings. Includes correspondence, interview and recorded conversation, address/notebook, artwork, other textual records, photographs.

II. Professional series, 1892-1982, 47.5 cm of textual records, 266 photographs, 1 sound recording. Includes papers pertaining to various Brewster family and other businesses, writing papers and sound recording, and photographs pertaining to guiding and outfitting, tourism promotion and other.

Ill. Activities series, 1841-1983, 6.5 cm of textual records, 262 photographs. Pertains to genealogical research, other activities and collected material.

IV. Brewster family series, 1841-1981, 2.5 cm of textual records, 132 photographs. Pertains to Brewster family, Jack Brewster, John Brewster, Pearl Brewster Moore and the Moore family.

Name Access: Brewster, Pat

Subject Access: Commerce and industry

Family and personal life

Sports, recreation and leisure

Access Restrictions: Some restrictions on access to originals

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Language: English

Finding Aid: Finding aids and reference tools: arrangement outline

series and file description electronic finding aid

reference copies and summaries for sound recordings

Creator: Brewster, Pat

Category: Commerce and industry

Family and personal life

Sports, recreation and leisure

Title Source: Title based on contents of fonds

Processing Status: Processed

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Bill de Haan fonds

https://archives.whyte.org/en/permalink/descriptions17

Part Of: Bill de Haan fonds

Description Level: 1 / Fonds Fonds Number: M 20

V 169

Sous-Fonds: M 20

V 169

Accession Number: 128, 159, 199, 395, 433, 913, 1037, 2219, 2285, 2395, 2623 3343,

6355, 6909

Reference Code: M20 / V169 GMD: Photograph

> Photograph print Transparency Textual record

Poster

Private record Published record

Date Range: [ca.1895]-1975

Physical Description: ca.220 photographs: prints, transparencies. -- ca.1 cm of textual records

History / Biographical:

Bill de Haan, b.1903, was a hotel worker, labourer and government worker at Banff, Alberta, Canada. De Haan came to Banff in 1944 after working across Canada. From ca.1950 to ca.1968, he worked for Banff National Park at Tunnel Mountain campground, the east park gate and the warden service equipment building. After 1968, de Haan was a volunteer at the government fish hatchery in Banff. An avid photographer, de Haan was a member of the Bow Valley Camera Club. He photographed wildflowers and warden cabins throughout the park.

Scope & Content:

Fonds includes textual material in the form of a manuscript, ephemera and photographs made by and collected by Bill de Haan. The manuscript is titled "Photographs to accompany P. M. Sauders report of snow survey in the vicinity of Lake Louise . . . June 14, 1918." Also includes posters and calendar pertaining to Banff National Park and Banff Indian Days. Photographs pertain mainly to cabins, including warden cabins, Banff National Park, 1963-1966; also Brett family, early Banff and area, Bankhead, Canmore cemetery (1975); flooding along Bow River, 1972; and construction of archives and library building, 1967-1968, (now Whyte Museum of the Canadian Rockies).

Name Access: De Haan, Bill

Subject Access: Buildings and facilities

Family and personal life

Access Restrictions: No restrictions on access

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Language: Language is English

Finding Aid: Finding aids and reference tools: basic description

Creator: De Haan, Bill Category: Environment

Family and personal life

Title Source: Title based on accession records

Processing Status: Processed

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Lawrence Grassi fonds

https://archives.whyte.org/en/permalink/descriptions18



Part Of: Lawrence Grassi fonds

Description Level: 1 / Fonds Fonds Number: M 45

V 240

Sous-Fonds: M 45

V 240

Accession Number: 249, 282, 830, 1626, 1943, 2262, 2826, 3159, 3446, 3985

Reference Code: M45 / V240 GMD: Photograph

> Album Negative

Photograph print
Transparency
Textual record
Private record
Published record

Date Range: [ca.1880]-1979

Physical Description: ca.25 cm of textual records. -- ca.2300 photographs : prints,

transparencies, negatives. -- 1 photograph album (180 prints)

History / Biographical:

Lawrence Grassi, 1890-1980, was a miner and mountaineer at Canmore, Alberta, Canada. Grassi was born in Falmenta, Italy and emigrated to Canada in 1912, working first as a section man for the Canadian Pacific Railway and from 1916 to 1945 as a miner for Canmore Mines. Grassi distinguished himself in solo mountain climbing and as an unofficial guide to many other mountaineers. Grassi is best remembered for trail building activities. J. S. Woodsworth led support for legislation to change the name of Twin Lakes in White Man Pass to Grassi Lakes in recognition of this work. As assistant warden at Lake O'Hara, British Columbia, Grassi upgraded and built numerous trails for which he received many honours in later life.

Scope & Content:

Fonds consist of papers and photographs produced and collected by Lawrence Grassi.

Textual records consist of correspondence, 1918-1979, from family in Italy and organizations and individuals in Canada; personal papers, 1912-1975; publications and ephemera from organizations, including the Alpine Club of Canada, Canadian Youth Hostels Association, Skyline Trail Hikers of the Canadian Rockies; newsclippings, articles and other material pertaining to Grassi and mountaineering.

Photographs pertain mainly to mountain scenery of Alberta and British Columbia, particularly Banff National Park, Lake O'Hara and region, Jasper National Park, Mount Assiniboine and region, Grotto Mountain and Grassi Lakes, ca.1930-ca.1970. Also includes views of Lawrence Grassi, family and friends, ca.1880-ca.1970, and group of unidentified portraits, ca.1880-ca.1900. Transparencies are mainly unidentified colour mountain scenics. Most views are by Grassi; some are by Richard Rushworth and F. V. Longstaff.

Name Access: Grassi, Lawrence

Subject Access: Alpine Club of Canada

Environment

Family and personal life

Mountaineering

Sky Line Trail Hikers of the Canadian Rockies

Sports, recreation and leisure

Access Restrictions: No restrictions on access

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Language: Language is primarily English. Some correspondence is in Italian

Finding Aid: Finding aids and reference tools: arrangement outline

file description and index for photographs

electronic finding aid

Creator: Grassi, Lawrence

Category: Environment

Family and personal life

Sports, recreation and leisure

Title Source: Title based on contents of fonds

Processing Status: Processed