

Research Collections



Arnold Wexler fonds

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Part Of: Arnold Wexler fonds

Description Level: 1 / Fonds Fonds Number: M 69

V 52

Sous-Fonds: M69/V52
Accession Number: 7196
Reference Code: M69 / V52
GMD: Photograph

Album Negative

Photograph print Textual record

Diary Map

Private record

Published record

Responsibility: Arnold Wexler was responsible for the creation of most material. Fonds

also contains material created by A. C. Faberge, Alvin E. Peterson, Donald Hubbard, William L. Putnam, Samuel V. Moore, Mike Banks, and

others

Date Range: 1913-1978, predominant 1946-1974

Physical Description: ca.4100 photographs (ca.3000 transparencies, ca.700 negatives, ca.400

prints). -- 7 photograph albums (ca.190 prints). -- ca.40 cartographic records. -- 16 cm of textual records. -- 5 cm of print material. -- 5 graphic

records

History / Biographical:

Arnold Wexler, 1918-1997, was a research engineer and mountaineer in the Washington, DC area of the United States. He was a member of numerous scientific and mountaineering organizations and was actively involved in the testing of mountaineering equipment. Wexler climbed extensively in North America, Europe and South America, and also travelled throughout Asia. He is credited with over 100 ascents, almost half being first ascents.

Wexler was a key organizer and participant of expeditions to western and northern Canada beginning in 1946. Noteworthy ascents of that first expedition, to the northern Selkirks of British Columbia, were the second ascent of Mount Sir Sandford and first ascents of Sentinel Peak, Unicorn and East Blackfriar. Also, near the end of that trip, an accident claimed the life of an expedition member. Wexler and his associates made annual expeditions and trips to Canada from 1946 until 1955, and subsequently in the years 1961, 1962, 1963, and 1970 through 1974

Scope & Content:

Fonds consists of two series: I. Expeditions and trips series, 1946-1974; II. General files series, 1913-1978.

Expeditions and trips series pertains to mountaineering expeditions and trips of Arnold Wexler and companions to western and northern Canada and locations in the United States. Canadian expedition destinations included the Selkirk Mountains, Cariboo Mountains, Rocky Mountains, Monashee Mountains, Coast Range, Bugaboo Mountains, Logan Mountains, Battle Range and Adamant Range. Mountaineers involved were Arnold Wexler, Sterling B. Hendricks, Donald Hubbard, Alvin (Pete) E. Peterson, Alex C. Faberge, Chris G. Scoredos, Charles C. Haworth Jr., Samuel V. Moore, Arthur Lembeck, Norman Goldstein, W. L. Putnam, A. J. Kauffman and others. Series includes extensive photographs, trip diaries and maps.

General files series consists of files pertaining to mountaineering, equipment, locations, climbing associates and expeditions. Includes correspondence, checklists, exhibition prints, climbing portraits, and research material in the form of topical files, maps and print material

Name Access: Wexler, Arnold

Subject Access: Exploration, discovery and travel

Science and technology

Sports, recreation and leisure

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

electronic finding aid

Creator: Wexler, Arnold

Category: Exploration, discovery and travel

Science and technology

Sports, recreation and leisure

Biographical Source Obituary by John Christian (see case file)

Notes: Contents of the fonds

Title Source: Title based on contents of fonds

Processing Status: Processed



Canada. Meteorological Division fonds

https://archives.whyte.org/en/permalink/descriptions122

Part Of: Canada. Meteorological Division fonds

Description Level: 1 / Fonds
Fonds Number: M 244
Sous-Fonds: M 244
Accession Number: 546, 1511

GMD: Machine-readable data file

M244

Textual record

Government record

Other Title Info: Material also known as Norman Sanson papers

Date Range: Microfilm copy and printout were made in 1969 and 1972

Physical Description: 20 cm of textual records. -- 1 reel of microfilm

History / Biographical:

Reference Code:

This federal government department was known as the Meteorological Service until 1936. Directors were Frederick Stupart, 1894-1929, and J. Patterson, 1929-1946.

Scope & Content:

Fonds consists of selections of correspondence between Norman Bethune Sanson (1862-1949) and the Director of the Meteorological Service (later Division), pertaining to meteorological matters, snow surveys and Sulphur Mountain observatory, 1916-1928; Sanson's retirement and pensionary rights, 1932; and Sanson's meteorological research involving old records and care of the observatory, 1934-1942.

Name Access: Canada. Meteorological Division

Sanson, Norman

Subject Access: Environment

Government

Science and technology

Access Restrictions: No restrictions on access

Copyright, privacy, commercial use and other restrictions may apply

Language: Language is English

Finding Aid: Finding aids and reference tools: item description

Creator: Canada. Meteorological Division

Category: Environment

Government

Science and technology

Title Source: Title based on accession records and contents of fonds

Processing Status: Processed



Charles D. Walcott fonds

https://archives.whyte.org/en/permalink/descriptions562

Part Of: Charles D. Walcott fonds

V596

Description Level: 1 / Fonds
Fonds Number: V 596
Sous-Fonds: V 596

Accession Number: 1667, 3077

GMD: Photograph

Framed print
Photograph print

Date Range: 1908-1925

Physical Description: 69 photographs: prints

History / Biographical:

Reference Code:

Geologist Charles D. Walcott, 1850-1926, was Director of the United States Geological Survey from 1894 until 1907 and Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution from 1907 until 1926. During his years at the Smithsonian, Walcott did extensive paleontological research in Banff and Yoho National Parks.

Scope & Content:

Fonds consists of research views of Banff, Yoho and Kootenay National Parks. Detailed identifications and dates are provided. Forty-two items are oversize panorama views. Three of these panoramas are framed; these are views of Bow Lake, Peyto Lake and Wolverine Pass areas.

Name Access: Walcott, Charles D.

Subject Access: Environment

Science and technology

Access Restrictions: Some restriction/s on access

Public domain (other restrictions may apply)

Language: Language is English

Finding Aid: Finding aids and reference tools: basic description

Creator: Walcott, Charles D.

Category: Environment

Science and technology

Title Source: Title based on accession records

Processing Status: Processed



Drag-Folded Fault example

https://archives.whyte.org/en/permalink/descriptions53815

Part Of: Bert Riggall fonds

Description Level: 6 / Item
Fonds Number: V26

Series: III. Professional Photography: Topical Files

Sub-Series: Geology and Fossils
Reference Code: V26 / III / B24 / PA - 11

GMD: Photograph

Date Range: ca.1910 to ca.1945

Physical Description: 1 photograph: print, b&w

Scope & Content:

Image depicts a drag-folded fault example in a rock.

Subject Access: Environment and Nature

Science and technology

Images



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Elliott Barnes' anti-rattler invention

https://archives.whyte.org/en/permalink/descriptions37937

Part Of: Elliott Barnes fonds

Description Level: 6 / Item

Series: I. Negative series
Reference Code: V48 / NG - 57
GMD: Photograph

Date Range: [ca.1905-ca.1914]

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

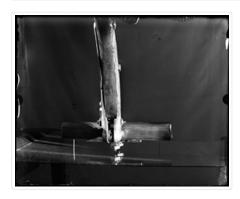
Subject Access: Family and personal life

Science and technology

Geographic Access: Alberta

Creator: Elliott Barnes

Images



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Gerald Smedley Andrews fonds

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Part Of: Gerald Smedley Andrews fonds

Description Level: 1 / Fonds Fonds Number: M 450

V 736

Sous-Fonds: M 450

V 736

Accession Number: 3526, 3770, 5359
Reference Code: M450 / V736

GMD: Photograph

Negative

Textual record

Private record

Date Range: Copies made 1982-1987

Physical Description: 1 cm of textual records. -- 5 photographs : copy negatives

History / Biographical:

Lieutenant-Colonel Gerald Smedley Andrews, b.1903-, was Surveyor General and Director of Surveys and Mapping for British Columbia from 1951-1968. In retirement, Andrews has written, lectured and travelled.

Scope & Content:

Fonds consists of reminiscences, lecture and correspondence pertaining to Andrews' activities and interests in the Canadian Rockies. Reminiscence is titled: Beyond those rugged mountains by Gerry Andrews 1987: about his summer jobs at Field, British Columbia, 1919 Part I & 1921, Part II. Lecture, 1975, is titled: Edouard Gaston Daniel Deville, father of Canadian photogrammetric mapping. Personal correspondence is between Andrews and Fred Brewster, 1959- 1968, and pertains to maps, Samuel Prescott Fay, Cree language and travels. Also includes photographs pertaining to Fred Brewster and his house, Jasper, Alberta, 1924, 1965.

Name Access: Andrews, Gerald Smedley

Brewster, Fred

Prescott, Samuel Fay

Subject Access: Family and personal life

Science and technology

Access Restrictions: No restrictions on access

Copyright, privacy, commercial use and other restrictions may apply

Language: Language is English

Creator: Andrews, Gerald Smedley
Category: Family and personal life

Science and technology

Title Source: Title based on accession records

Processing Status: Processed



Jack Giddie fonds

https://archives.whyte.org/en/permalink/descriptions196

Part Of: Jack Giddie fonds

Description Level: 1 / Fonds Fonds Number: M 389

V 228

Sous-Fonds: M 389

V 228

Accession Number: 2756, 3256
Reference Code: M389 / V228
GMD: Photograph

Negative

Textual record
Private record

Date Range: Copies made 1977-1980

Physical Description: 2 textual records (1 cm). -- 13 photographs : copy negatives

History / Biographical:

Jack M. Giddie, 1880-ca.1978, guided for Brewster Brothers prior to World War I and was a game warden in Yoho and Waterton Lakes National Park until 1946

Scope & Content:

Fonds consists mainly of untitled reminiscences, ca.1962, pertaining to school days; mountain regions; Banff to Revelstoke; Giddie's pack trips and clients, 1910-1912, including Charles D. Walcott's paleontological expeditions and various hunting trips; and warden career, 1919, re game law enforcement, guides and outfitters, etc. Reminiscences are in holograph and typewritten form. Also includes photographs pertaining to Jack Giddie, friends, and associates and clients, pack trips, camp scenes

Name Access: Giddie, Jack

Subject Access: Exploration, discovery and travel

Family and personal life Science and technology

Access Restrictions: No restrictions on access

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Language: Language is English

Creator: Giddie, Jack

Category: Exploration, discovery and travel

Family and personal life Science and technology

Title Source: Title based on accession records

Processing Status: Processed



Norman Sanson fonds

https://archives.whyte.org/en/permalink/descriptions31

Part Of: Norman Sanson fonds

Description Level: 1 / Fonds

Fonds Number: M3

V246

Sous-Fonds: M3

V246

Accession Number: 109, 148, 181, 334, 384, 400, 439, 448, 1036, 1148, 1191, 2072. 2484,

2594, 2771, 3028, 6351, 6739, 8096

Reference Code: M3 / V246
GMD: Photograph

Album

Photograph print

Postcard

Textual record

Diary Map

Private record

Published record

Scrapbook

Date Range: 1855-1949

Physical Description: ca.55 cm and 21 v. of textual records. -- 46 photograph albums (ca.7500

prints). -- 1 postcard set (37 prints)

History / Biographical:

Norman Bethune Sanson, 1862-1949, was a naturalist, meteorologist and museum curator at Banff, Alberta, Canada. Born in Toronto, Ontario, the son of a prominent clergyman, he developed a life-long interest in natural history as a boy. Sanson came west in 1885 to fight in the Riel Rebellion as a member of the Queen's Own Rifles.

In 1892, Sanson came to Banff as an accountant for the Sanitarium Hotel. He also did book-keeping for other local businesses and handled the town's weather reports. In 1896 he was appointed curator of the Park Museum and also worked as zookeeper for the Banff Zoo. From 1896 until 1931, Sanson was meteorological officer and curator of the Park Museum. In 1903 an observatory was built on Sulphur Mountain on a site chosen by Sanson. During the period 1903-1931, Sanson made one thousand ascents of Sulphur Mountain to collect weather records. In 1948, the Dominion Government acknowledged his many years of service by naming a peak on the mountain for him.

As a nature enthusiast, Sanson was well-known both in Banff and beyond. He was an avid collector of flora and fauna, both privately and through his job as museum curator. Sanson was an active member of the Alpine Club of Canada, the Skyline Hikers of the Canadian Rockies and the Banff Rotary Club. He was a warden of St. George's Anglican Church and a supporter of the Canadian Bible Society. He was active in community events such as the Banff Winter Carnival, for which he organized and led the snowshoeing events. An ardent mountain traveller, he enjoyed both hiking and snowshoeing. Following retirement, Sanson toured extensively on foot throughout Britain and Europe.

Scope & Content:

Fonds consists of papers and photographs resulting from Sanson's life and work.

Textual records consist of: I. Correspondence, 1901-1944, 2 cm.; II. Research and professional papers, 1890-1947, 45 cm., includes notebooks and notes pertaining to nature study, meteorological research, Sulphur Mountain and maps; III. Travel diary, 1900-1933, 1 cm.; IV. Register books, 1931, 1941, n.d. 2 cm.; IV. Scrapbooks, 1909-1931, n.d., 21 vol, many containing postcards from Great Britain and around the world; VI. Miscellaneous, 1855-1895, n.d., 4 cm.

Photographs consist of: I. Albums, 1880s-1949, 46 v., pertain to Norman Sanson's life and work; document Banff Park Museum, Sulphur Mountain and Sulphur Mountain Observatory; natural history, including mountain flora, collecting trips, weather surveys and snow surveys; Banff events, including Banff Winter Carnival, Banff Indian Days, Highland Gatherings and Banff Regatta; mountain travels and travels throughout Canada, United States, England and Europe; friends, associates and Banff personalities. Detailed identifications provided by Norman Sanson. II. Postcard set, ca.1930.

Name Access: Sanson, Norman Subject Access: Environment

Exploration, discovery and travel

Science and technology

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 description and partial file description

reference microfilm copies of photographs albums and some textual

materials

Creator: Sanson, Norman
Category: Environment

Exploration, discovery and travel

Science and technology

Title Source: Title based on contents of fonds

Processing Status: Processed

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Pamphlets, programmes, books, other publications

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Part Of: Luxton family fonds

Description Level: 5 / File Fonds Number: LUX

Series: LUX / II / F : Collected material

Sous-Fonds: LUX / II : Eleanor Luxton sous-fonds

Sub-Series: LUX / II / F1 : Textual

Accession Number: LUX

Reference Code: LUX / II / F1 / 67 to 70

GMD: Textual record

Published record

Date Range: 1892

1905 1914

[1920-1925] 1921-1922 1924-1928 1930

1932-1937 1939-1940

1943 1950

1955-1959

Physical Description: 12.5 cm of textual records

Scope & Content:

File consists of pamphlets, event programmes, information booklets, song books, bound publications and other published materials collected by members of the Luxton family. Content pertains to community events, including Banff and Calgary area trapshooting tournaments and organization meetings; an exhibit opening at the Glenbow Museum [1981]; scientific theory and human evolution; Japanese study books; Canadian and global politics; international travel; and various other subjects.

Name Access: Luxton, Eleanor

Subject Access: Academics

Advertising

Art

Banff Community High School

Animals Businesses

Calgary Gun Club

Ceremony

Commerce and industry

Community events
Community life

Dancing Education

Glenbow Foundation

History Horses Horseback riding

Hunting

Industry

Japanese

Language

Military

Museums

Municipal views

Music

Organizations

Politics

Politics and government

Public events

Publication

Recreation

Research

Religions

Royal Visit

Royal tours

School

Science and technology

Shooting

Ski lodges and cabins

Skyline Trail Hikers of the Canadian Rockies

Sports and recreation

Tourism

Travel

War

World War I

Geographic Access: Canada

Alberta

Banff

Banff National Park

Calgary

United States of America

Japan

Tokyo

Reproduction

Restrictions:

Restrictions may apply

Language: English

Japanese

Latin

Category: Arts

Commerce and industry

Education

Exploration, discovery and travel

Government Military Politics Religions

Science and technology

Sports, recreation and leisure

Title Source: Title based on contents of file

Content Details: Items in file are organized into 4 file folders based on contents:

LUX / II / F1 / 67 : Pamphlets, event programs and booklets

LUX / II / F1 / 68 : Booklets and small publications LUX / II / F1 / 69 : Books and bound publications LUX / II / F1 / 70 : Loose and other published materials

Processing Status: Processed

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Parks Canada fonds

https://archives.whyte.org/en/permalink/descriptions310

Part Of: Parks Canada fonds

Description Level: 1 / Fonds Fonds Number: M 317

S 23

V 488

Sous-Fonds: M 317

S 23 V 488

Accession Number: 97, 90, 1155, 1270, 1386, 1396, 1487, 1500, 1539, 1552, 1848, 1877,

1911, 1969, 2140, 2147, 2185, 2267, 2342, 2360, 2365, 2382, 2530, 2539, 2683, 2749, 2819, 2938, 2971, 2979, 2990, 2994, 2977, 3026, 3067, 3120, 3238, 3296, 3344, 3368, 3381, 3403, 3458, 3466, 3473, 3624, 3678, 3765, 3783, 3847, 3875, 4008, 5018, 5054, 5085, 5114, 5141, 5222, 5321, 6015, 6372, 6373, 6404, 6410, 6423, 6444, 6699, 6756, 6024, 7057, 7061, 7328, 7351, 8134 (upprox), 7770, 7511

6756, 6924, 7057, 7061, 7228, 7351, 8134 (unproc) 7770, 7511,

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Reference Code: M317 / S23 / V488

GMD: Motion picture

Film Video

Photograph

Machine-readable data file

Negative

Photograph print Transparency Sound recording

Cassette
Reel to reel
Textual record

Government record

Map Plan

Other Title Info: Also known as the Canadian Parks Service collection.

Date Range: [ca.1887-ca.1995]

Physical Description: ca.13,557 photographs: prints, negatives, transparencies: col.; 35mm, 1

CD-ROM (556 digital scans). -- ca.55 sound recordings: audio tape cassettes, audio tape reel. -- ca.2.5 m textual records. -- 9 motion

pictures: si., b&w; 16mm

History / Biographical:

Parks Canada administers national parks in Canada. The agency has been administered by several government departments and undergone numerous name changes over the years. Most recently it was known as the Canadian Parks Service. Parks Canada is responsible for the administration of mountain parks and, in some cases, townsites within these parks. Until 1990, it administered the town of Banff in Banff National Park. Parks Canada provides a variety of services to visitors and residents pertaining to interpretive and visitor information; trail, resource and wildlife management; fire protection, mountaineering search and rescue and avalanche control; facilities and utilities; townsite services etc.

Scope & Content:

Fonds consists of material pertaining to the mountain parks of western Canada.

I.A. Banff National Park photograph collection, 1903-1965 (predominant 1920s-1950s), ca.1756 prints and negatives. Pertains mainly to Banff townsite and developments and facilities within the park. Included are private and government buildings, dwellings, roads and utilities; resource and wildlife development and management; visitor facilities; lodges, hotels and bungalow camps; warden and fire protection activities; Banff events; Norman Sanson trips and expeditions.

I.B. Banff National Park warden service photographs, motion pictures and documentation pertaining to wardens, warden activities and cabins, wildlife management; ca.11,000 items. Series includes 2 National Parks Service motion pictures "Hunting without a gun",1930 and Stalking big game", 1930.

I.C. Lantern slides, 2 sets (accn.3783); includes CPR lecture set, ca.1915, 145 items, and Canadian Rockies lecture set, ca.1920, 54 items, accompanied by lecture notes (stored with textual material M317).

I.D. Cave and Basin project; copies of mainly snapshot prints acquired by the Cave and Basin restoration and re-development project, 1981-1985, from various individuals, 204 items.

I.E. Yoho National Park collected photographs, ca.90 photographs: prints, pertain to Yoho National Park landscape, scenery, railway, places and facilities, including Field. Accompanied by 3 letters. Collected from numerous donors, including Kevin Hargadon, T. Lees, Ernie Plant, F. W. Yeats and Millie Adamson.

I.F. Other, ca.90 items?; prints, transparencies, copy negatives, video recording. Includes: colour transparencies by Jack Holroyd and Bruce Gordon, 1966-1974, re Banff buildings and Protection Mountain mine; photographs of Bankhead, its people and activities used for project Bankhead: The Twenty Year Town by Ben Gadd, 1989; video recording, "Saskatchewan Glacier Clean-up 1994"; VHS cassette copy of National Parks of Canada films produced in the 1930s, including Winter Wonderland, Skiing at Lake Louise, Skiing in Cloudland, Sunshine and Powder Snow, When Winter Comes and "She Climbs to Conquer" by William J. Oliver featuring Georgia Engelhard and Swiss Guide, Ernest Feuz, 1932. CD-ROM includes scanned images from a photograph album "Public Works Projects 1930s Banff National Park"; Tom Boon's photographs of Mount Royal Hotel fire, 1967, and photograph of C.A. (Alfred) Boon, Union Oil representative at Field and Banff, 1935.

II. Sound recordings series, 1977-1985, ca.55 sound recordings: audio tape cassettes, audio tape reel. Series consists of: A. Yoho National Park human history study, 1977, 20 cassettes. B. Memoirs of the Warden Service oral history project, 1984, 15 interviews (29 cassettes). Project was conducted by Maryalice Harvey Stewart. Accompanied by report. C. Other, 1980-1985, 3 items, includes rededication ceremonies for Kootenay National Park and for the Park Museum, Banff, also recording pertaining to the Castleguard Caves.

Ill. Textual records series, [ca.1887]-1994, ca.250 cm of textual records. Series consists of unpublished reports and management plans; visitor registers, summit registers, cabin and fire lookout registers (some with photographs); register of pack parties, Banff National Park, 1922-1933; maps and plans, including annotated warden service maps; warden records; surveyor notebooks; and transcripts and ephemera pertaining to ceremonies and events. Reports pertain to archaeological sites and research, national parks history, warden service, coal mining in the Bankhead area, predator studies, Cave and Basin, Radium Hot Springs, Ya Ha Tinda Ranch and other sites.

Notes: Original photograph album of the scanned images on CD-ROM is

located in the Warden's office, Banff National Park Archival Room, cabinet 4, entitled "Public Works Projects 1930s Banff National Park"

Name Access: Parks Canada

Subject Access: Banff National Park - Wardens

Bankhead

Buildings and facilities

Commerce and industry

Environment Government

Natural resources

Science and technology

Surveying

Access Restrictions: Some restriction/s on access

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Language: Language is English

Finding Aid: Separate finding aid database Parks Canada M317 S23 V488: file level

description, includes processed and unprocessed

Finding aids and reference tools: electronic series description

basic description for processed material

basic description for Series I.A. Banff National Park photograph

collection (accn.3783)

accession record copies for unprocessed material

sound recording summaries and reference copy recordings modern reference prints for Cave and Basin photographs

Related Material: Related records can be found in Rocky Mountains Park fonds (M410)

Alpine hut registers for ACC huts managed for a time by Parks Canada are in M200 / I.C.1. Alpine Club of Canada, Hut and clubhouse registers

Creator: Parks Canada

Category: Commerce and industry

Environment
Government
Natural resources

Science and technology

Title Source: Title based on accession records

Processing Status: Processed / Unprocessed