



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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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 Kaquitts 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
Family and personal life
Exploration, discovery and travel
First nations
Title Source: Title based on contents of file
Processing Status: Processed

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Peter Whyte Prints

<https://archives.whyte.org/en/permalink/descriptions54664>

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 - 255 to 256
GMD: Print
Date Range: 1946-1957
1946
1957

Physical Description: 2 prints : b&w art prints ; 13 x 6.5 cm on mat 25 x 18.5 cm

Scope & Content:

File consists of 2 black and white art prints, 13 x 6.5 cm on mat 25 x 18.5 cm. File pertains to reproductions of Peter Whyte's artwork. One print is titled "Stonies" (undated but had the year 1946 written on the back) and depicts a tipi village. The other print does not have a title but has "Painting - 72 x 36" written on it. It is dated 1957 and depicts a group travelling.

Notes: Both prints were professionally framed by The Village Gallery Ltd. in Sidney, British Columbia. The prints were taken out of the frames for storage.

Name Access: Wardle, Dorothy
Whyte, Peter

Subject Access: Art
Artist
Indigenous Peoples
Stoney Nakoda

Geographic Access: Banff
Banff National Park
Alberta
Canada

Language: English

Creator: Whyte, Peter

Category: Arts
First nations

Title Source: Title based on contents of file

Processing Status: Processed

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Photo and Feature Stories

<https://archives.whyte.org/en/permalink/descriptions54623>

Part Of:	Dorothy Wardle fonds
Description Level:	5 / File
Fonds Number:	M521 / V75
Series:	M521 / I : Dorothy Wardle Personal Papers
Sous-Fonds:	M521
Sub-Series:	M521 / I / A : Research and Writing
Accession Number:	7504
Reference Code:	M521 / I / A / 8-18
GMD:	Newspaper clipping Photograph Published record Textual record Scrapbook
Date Range:	1933-1978 1933-1934 1942 1953-1954 1960-1963 1965 1969 1970 1977-1978
Physical Description:	8 cm of textual records (40.5 x 60 cm or smaller); 25 photographs : b&w (20 x 25 cm or smaller)
Scope & Content:	<p>File consists of 8 cm of textual records (40.5 x 60 cm or smaller) and 25 photographs : b&w (20 x 25 cm or smaller). Records include newspaper clippings, typed articles, research, correspondence, and photograph prints.</p> <p>File pertains to Dorothy's freelance research, notes, original writing, and published articles from The Albertan and The Calgary Herald primarily in the 1960s, and short stories for Reader's Digest in 1933-1934. File documents various people, places, and events significant to Banff, including: the old days, Banff Indian Days, Mountain School, Banff Centre, Banff namesake in Scotland, the teahouses at Lake Louise, hot springs, Indigenous regalia and ceremonies, local guides, and Silver City. File also includes personal notes/stories and correspondence between Dorothy and her parents, and several articles from the Banff Crag and Canyon. Notable people include Cliff and Beverly White, Walking Buffalo (Tatanga Mani, George McLean), George Paris, Margaret Greenham, Ike Mills, and Nora Drummond-Davies.</p>

Notes:	Correspondence between Dorothy and Mrs. Margaret Greenham, dated April 4, 1942.
	Correspondence between Dorothy and C.R. Walrod from the museum in Kelowna, dated November 4, 1953.
	Correspondence between Dorothy and her parents, dated March 9, 1961.
	M521 / I / A / 10 : title on folder changed to [Indigenous]. Original title was "Indian Story Material."
	M521 / I / A / 10 : photographs of Frank Kaquitts were originally filed in this folder (see: V75).
	M521 / I / A / 16 : title on folder changed to [Indigenous Ceremonial Regalia]. Original title was "Indian Ceremonial Costume."
	Most of the newspaper clippings are glued on a piece of paper like an unbound scrapbook.
Name Access:	<p>Wardle, Dorothy</p> <p>Wardle, James M.</p> <p>Greenham, Margaret</p> <p>White, Clifford</p> <p>Drummond-Davies, Nora</p> <p>Mills, Ike</p> <p>McLean, George</p> <p>Walking Buffalo (George McLean)</p> <p>Kaquitts, Frank</p>

Subject Access:	Grizzly Bears
	Fire fighters
	Boats
	Sunshine Village
	Teahouses
	Lake Agnes Teahouse
	Oldtimers
	Banff Indian Days
	Regalia
	Calgary Stampede
	Guides
	Homestead Hotel
	Hotel
	Mountain School
	Art
	Artist
	Animals
	Banff
	Banff National Park
	Bears
	Calgary Herald
	Community life
	Community events
	Hot Springs
	Indigenous Peoples
	Lake O'Hara Trails Club
	Mountain guides
	Newspaper
	Research
	Stoney Nakoda
	The Albertan
	Crag and Canyon newspaper
	Banff Centre
Geographic Access:	Castle Mountain
	Alberta
	Banff
	Banff National Park
	Canada
	Scotland
	Plain of Six Glaciers
	Lake Agnes
	Bow River
	Calgary
	Lake Louise

Language: English

Conservation: Many of the newspaper clippings and other textual records were taped or glued together, and some of the photograph prints are damaged by ink. May present conservation issues in the future.
Acid-free archival paper was sporadically used to protect prints.
Should consider digitizing before further degradation.

Creator: Wardle, Dorothy

Category: Arts
First nations
Sports, recreation and leisure

Title Source: Title based on contents of file

Processing Status: Processed

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Reference Material

<https://archives.whyte.org/en/permalink/descriptions54629>

Part Of: Dorothy Wardle fonds

Description Level: 5 / File

Fonds Number: M521 / V75

Series: M521 / I : Dorothy Wardle Personal Papers

Sous-Fonds: M521

Sub-Series: M521 / I / A : Research and Writing

Accession Number: 7504

Reference Code: M521 / I / A / 19

GMD: Textual record
Published record
Newspaper clipping

Date Range: 1956-1969
1956
1963
1969

Physical Description: 0.5 cm of textual records (40 x 60 cm or smaller)

Scope & Content:

File consists of 0.5 cm of textual records, 40 x 60 cm or smaller. Records include 6 newspaper articles from the Calgary Herald and one typed correspondence between Dorothy and J.D.H. regarding Inland Waters Navigation and Captain Frank P. Armstrong. File pertains to place names in Banff, Dinosaur Park, automobiles in Banff, history of Banff, and local Banff lore (mostly Indigenous).

Name Access: Wardle, Dorothy

Subject Access:	Stoney Nakoda Banff Banff National Park Superintendents Hot Springs Automobiles Calgary Herald Community life Indigenous Peoples Mountains Natural history Newspaper
Geographic Access:	Alberta Banff Banff National Park Canada
Language:	English
Creator:	Wardle, Dorothy
Category:	First nations Natural resources Sports, recreation and leisure
Title Source:	Title based on contents of file
Processing Status:	Processed

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