



### Robert J. McGuinness fonds

<https://archives.whyte.org/en/permalink/descriptions276>

Part Of: Robert J. McGuinness fonds

Description Level: 1 / Fonds

Fonds Number: M 460

Sous-Fonds: M 460

Accession Number: 960

3707

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Reference Code: M460

GMD: Textual record

Plan

Postcard

Private record

Date Range: 1940-1950

1954

1955

1960

1977

1978

1980-1983

Physical Description: 1.11 cm of textual records (34 pages : 29 x 42 cm or smaller) -- 9 architectural drawings : annotations ; 89 x 58 cm or smaller

## History /

### Biographical:

Originally from ancient Iveagh, which is now County Down, Ireland, the McGuinness family eventually migrated to Liverpool at an unknown time. The McGuinness family were provision merchants in Liverpool, but found supplies limited so they emigrated to Canada. Born on June 20, 1886 in Liverpool, Father Robert James McGuinness moved to Belleville, Ontario, Canada with his family in 1890. He had 7 brothers and sisters, including Oswald A. McGuinness, who settled in Invermere, British Columbia.

Robert attended St. Lawrence College in Ampleforth, Yorkshire, and completed his studies at St. Servan in Rhiems, France, qualifying as an engineer. He held a position with the federal government upon his return to Canada, however when World War I broke out Robert served in the 29th Battalion of CRTS building pontoons behind European battle lines. After returning to Canada, Robert worked for the Canadian Pacific Railway as an architectural engineer, which brought him west to Banff, Alberta. Robert was the resident architectural engineer overlooking the construction of the Banff Springs Hotel expansion in the 1920's.

In the late 1920's, Robert traveled to Rome to enter the seminary and four years later he was ordained as a priest. After serving as priest in Calgary, Robert was appointed Catholic priest in Banff in 1936, where he lived and worked until his death in 1961. To fulfill a personal dream, Robert designed and supervised the construction of the new church building and grounds for St. Mary's Parish (St. Mary's of the Assumption) which was completed in 1951. During his years in Europe, Robert visited ancient churches and cathedrals which influenced the design of the church, primarily the Norman Chateau architectural style.

Robert was also a talented artist. Some of his work can be seen in galleries in New York and in Banff. His work has been reproduced for Canadian Pacific Railway tourism material, including the Spiral Tunnels postcard included in this fonds.

Robert died in Calgary on June 17, 1961, just shy of his 75th birthday, after being ill for a few months.

### Scope & Content:

Fonds consists of two series:

I. St. Mary's Parish, ca.1945-1983, 0.16 cm, and contains two sub-series: A. Architecture, ca.1945-1983 (architectural plans, general information); B. Correspondence and Newspaper Clippings (pertaining to Father McGuinness and St. Mary's Parish), 1950-1978.

II. McGuinness Family, 1953-1977, 1 cm (private records, including handwritten notes, a memoir, and a postcard).

### Notes:

. Younger brother Oswald was a surveyor who built the road from Invermere to Calgary

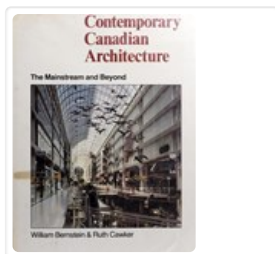
There is some indication that Robert had a role in the construction of the Bow River Bridge or the collection of the stones used for the bridge, but this is unconfirmed

### Name Access:

McGuinness, Robert J.

Subject Access:	Architecture
	Art
	Banff
	Buildings
	Churches
	Fairmont Banff Springs Hotel
	Family and personal life
	Professional and Personal Life
	Religions
	St. Mary's of the Assumption Catholic Church
Geographic Access:	Alberta
	Banff
	Banff National Park
	Canada
	Ontario
Access Restrictions:	No restrictions on access
	Copyright, privacy, commercial use and other restrictions may apply
Language:	Language is English
Related Material:	08.3 / Si 3m / Pam
	08.3 / B22 stm / Pam
	08.3 / Sa 2 / Pam
Creator:	McGuinness, Robert J.
Category:	Family and personal life
	Religions
Biographical Source	Based on contents of the fonds
Notes:	<a href="https://www.genealogy.com/ftm/g/o/g/Laurie-Goggin/WEBSITE-0001/UHP-0444.html">https://www.genealogy.com/ftm/g/o/g/Laurie-Goggin/WEBSITE-0001/UHP-0444.html</a>
	"St. Mary's of the Assumption" pamphlet printed by the Crag and Canyon in Banff (08.3/Sa 2/Pam)
	<a href="http://www.stmarysparishbanff.ca/history/">http://www.stmarysparishbanff.ca/history/</a>
Title Source:	Title based on accession records
Processing Status:	Processed

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## Contemporary Canadian architecture : the mainstream and beyond

<https://archives.whyte.org/en/permalink/catalogue20490>

Author: Bernstein, William  
Responsibility: William Bernstein & Ruth Cawker  
Publisher: Toronto : Fitzhenry & Whiteside  
Published Date: c1982  
Physical Description: 190p. : ill. plans.  
Medium: Library - Book (including soft-cover and pamphlets)  
Subjects: Architecture, Canadian  
Devonian Gardens (Calgary)  
Erickson, Arthur  
Mawson, Thomas  
Architecture - Calgary  
Arthur Erickson Associates  
Architecture - Vancouver  
Architecture - Edmonton  
Notes: Bibliography p.181-182  
Includes index  
ISBN: 0-88902-588-6  
Accession Number: 15,000  
Call Number: NA745 B4  
Location: Art Library is located in Curatorial Department - Please contact Curatorial Department for access  
Collection: Art Library

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## Canadian architecture, 1960/70

<https://archives.whyte.org/en/permalink/catalogue20491>

Author: Ede, Carol Moore  
Responsibility: Photography and text : Carol Moore Ede  
Publisher: Toronto : Burns and MacEachern  
Published Date: (n.d.)  
Physical Description: 264p. : illus. plans  
Medium: Library - Book (including soft-cover and pamphlets)  
Subjects: Architecture, Modern - 20th century  
Architecture - Canada  
Accession Number: 1642  
Call Number: NA745 E3  
Location: Art Library is located in Curatorial Department - Please contact Curatorial Department for access  
Collection: Art Library

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## Space in Canadian architecture

<https://archives.whyte.org/en/permalink/catalogue20492>

Author: Jackson, Anthony  
Responsibility: Anthony Jackson  
Publisher: [Halifax?] : Tech-Press (Technical University of Nova Scotia)  
Published Date: c1981  
Physical Description: 32p. : ill., plans, diagr. - (Library of Canadian architecture)  
Medium: Library - Book (including soft-cover and pamphlets)  
Subjects: Space (Architecture)  
Architecture - Canada  
ISBN: 0-920692-03-6  
Call Number: NA745 J3  
Location: Art Library is located in Curatorial Department - Please contact Curatorial Department for access  
Collection: Art Library

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## Cascade Mountain

<https://archives.whyte.org/en/permalink/artifactbwb.02.03>

Artist:	Belmore Browne (1880 – 1954, American)
Title:	Cascade Mountain
Date:	c. 1930
Medium:	oil on canvas
Dimensions:	45.5 x 61.0 cm
Description:	General colour: blue, green, red brown. In the lower third are buildings and a road. The building in the center flies a flag. Behind the town of Banff are trees and a mountain rises up to a peak right of center at the top. Clouded sky comes down with sides a third.
Subject:	mountain architecture Rocky Mountains Cascade Mountain urban Banff
Credit:	Gift of Mrs J. C, Reed, 1972
Catalogue Number:	BwB.02.03

### Images



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## The architect & the lady

<https://archives.whyte.org/en/permalink/catalogue11113>

Author: Jensen, Philip  
Physical Description: p.21-27 : ill  
Medium: Library - Periodical  
Subjects: Architecture  
Canadian Pacific Railway Hotels  
Hays Charles M  
Rattenbury Francis  
Notes: In The Beaver, vol. 79:3 (June / July 1999)  
Call Number: P  
Collection: Archives Library

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## Lake Louise built heritage resource description and analysis

<https://archives.whyte.org/en/permalink/catalogue11202>

Author: Taylor, C.J  
Publisher: Calgary : Parks Canada. Canadian Heritage  
Published Date: revised January 1999 ; January 1998  
Physical Description: 67 leaves : ill  
Medium: Library - Book (including soft-cover and pamphlets)  
Subjects: Architecture  
Buildings  
Cabins  
Hotels  
Notes: Includes bibliographic references  
Accession Number: 7270  
Call Number: 13.113 T211  
Collection: Archives Library

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## Rattenbury

<https://archives.whyte.org/en/permalink/catalogue11326>

Author: Reksten, Terry  
Edition: 2nd ed  
Publisher: Victoria : Sono Nis Press  
Published Date: 1998  
Physical Description: xiv, 204 p. : ill., ports  
Medium: Library - Book (including soft-cover and pamphlets)  
Subjects: Architecture  
Hotels  
Notes: Bibliography and index  
Accession Number: 32,500  
Call Number: 08.5 R18r  
Collection: Archives Library

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## Yoho fire lookouts : built heritage resource description and analysis

<https://archives.whyte.org/en/permalink/catalogue11378>

Author: Taylor, C.J  
Publisher: Calgary : Parks Canada Western Canada service centre  
Published Date: July 1998  
Physical Description: 36 p. : col. ill, map, technical drawing  
Medium: Library - Book (including soft-cover and pamphlets)  
Subjects: Architecture  
Buildings  
Cabins  
Accession Number: 7270  
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## [Speech pertaining to Basil Gardom]

<https://archives.whyte.org/en/permalink/catalogue11457>

Author: Gardom, Garde B  
Published Date: May 23, 1999  
Medium: Library - Book (including soft-cover and pamphlets)  
Subjects: Architecture  
Biography  
Bell, Gabrielle Gwladys  
Mountain guides  
Notes: Speech given at Lake Louise for centennial celebration of Canadian Pacific's Swiss Guides  
Accession Number: 7209  
Call Number: 01.4 G17 Pam  
Collection: Archives Library

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