

MG 608 Buck Wells fonds

Scope and Content

Fonds consists of photographs, newspaper clippings, and recordings of Métis Country / Western / Blues musician Buck Wells throughout his music career.

All records have been described to the item level.

Date of Records

1959-2011

Physical Description

32 photographs

0.5 cm textual records

2 optical disks : DVD

1 print : poster

Material Types (GMD)

Graphic Materials

Moving Images

Textual Records

Creator Information

Authority Name Wells, Buck

Authority History Buck Wells was born in Lloydminster, Saskatchewan, to parents Mary and Frank Wells on June 17, 1945. The family included 8 boys and 3 girls. They later relocated to Red Deer, Alberta where they had a construction business.

Buck credits his interest in music from his older brother Fred. He formed a band with his brothers Herb and Fred called the Wells Brothers Three band and hosted the Rocky Mountain Music show for four years along side them. The show won the Liberty Award in 1960 for the broadcast. After the television show ended the brothers toured the province of Ontario for another 3 years before disbanding.

Buck went on to form numerous other bands and act as a solo artist over his long career touring Alberta and Western Canada. He toured with notable act the Canadian Sweethearts in 1972. As well as The Winfield Amateurs.

Buck moved around for music and performing, including living in Calgary and Edmonton as well as elsewhere. In the 1980s and 1990s, Buck regularly played in the Buffalo Hotel in Red Deer under the name of "That Buffalo Buck."

Buck also spent time assisting homeless people and other vulnerable populations, including volunteering with Shining Mountains running the "Buck Bus" or "Buck Truck", a food truck serving sandwiches and soup to people in need. Buck resided in Red Deer, Alberta until his passing on October 19, 2023.

Notes

Finding Aids

File list available

Physical Condition

Good

Arrangement

Original order is maintained.

Custodial History

Records were transferred in one accession in 2019 and one accession in 2023 from the owner, and one accession in 2023 from the Estate of Fred Wells and one accession in 2023 from former fiancé.

Accruals

No further accruals expected

Accession Numbers

2019-012

2023-027

2023-090

2023-083

Accession	Box #	File #	Envelope	Record Description / File Title	Date Range	Extent (cm)	Restrictions	Description
2019-012	1	1		Newspaper clippings	ca. 1970	0.1		Newspaper clippings relating to Buck Wells
2019-012	1	1	1	The Wells Brothers Three band	1962	1 photograph : col. copy ;		P17905
2019-012	1	1	2	The Wells Brothers Three band	[ca. 1965]	1 photograph : col. ; 20.3 x		P17906
2019-012	1	1	3	The Wells Brothers Three band	[ca. 1967]	1 photograph : col. ; 20.3 x		P17907
2019-012	1	1	4	Bucks Wells and Lucille Star	[1972]	1 photograph : col. copy ;		P17908
2019-012	1	1	4	Bucks Wells and Lucille Star	[1972]	1 photograph : col. copy ;		P17909
2019-012	1	1	4	Bob Regan, Lucille Star and Buck Wells	[1972]	1 photograph : col. ; 15.0 x		P17910
2019-012	1	1	5	Rocky Mountain Music	[between 1959 and 1964]	1 photograph : b&w ; 20.0 x	Copyright	P17911
2019-012	1	1	6	The Wells Brothers Three band	[1964]	1 photograph : b&w ; 25.4 x		P17912
2019-012	1	1	7	Buck Wells	[1976]	1 photograph : b&w ; 25.2 x 20.1 cm		P17913

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2019-012	1	1	7	Buck Wells	[1967]	1 photograph : b&w copy ; 25.3 x 17.1 cm		P17914
2019-012	1	1	8	Buck Wells with band mates	[ca. 1975]	1 photograph : col. ; 18.5 x 23.9 cm		P17915
2019-012	1	1	9	Buck Wells in Golden	1988	1 photograph : col. copy; 10.2 x 15.2 cm		
2019-012	1	1	9	Buck Wells and friends	March 1973	1 photograph : col. copy; 12.7 x 17.8 cm		P17917
2019-012	1	1	9	Anniversary gig	[between 1988-1989]	1 photograph : col. copy; 12.7 x 17.8 cm		P17918
2019-012	CD / DVD Box 7	1		That Buffalo Buck Real Buffalo (Bar) Café	1990	1 optical discs : DVD		4 mp4 videos recordings of Buck Wells performing country western songs. Some audio issues.

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2023-027	CD / DVD Box 2	1	That Buffalo Buck Real Buffalo (Bar) Café	1990	1 optical disc : DVD		1 mp4 videos recordings of Buck Wells performing country western songs. Some audio issues.

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2023-083	Box 1	1		Aboriginal Turtle Awards invitation	2011	0.1		
2023-083	1	1		"Hiding in Plain Sight: Discovering the Central Alberta's Métis Stories" article by Kim Verrier	2018	0.1		
2023-083	1	1		Newspaper clippings	[1959]-2003	0.1		Newspaper clippings relating to Buck Wells
2023-083	OS 101	1		Newspaper clippings	[1959]-2003	0.1		Newspaper clippings relating to Buck Wells
2023-083	1	1	1	Buck Wells performing with taxidermied bear	1988	1 photograph : col. ; 12.2 x 8.8 cm		
2023-083	1	1	2	Buck Wells and unidentified man	[between 1959 and 1964]	1 photograph : b&w ; 17.6 x 12.6 cm		
2023-083	1	1	3	Buck and Freddie Wells performing	[195-]	1 photograph : b&w ; 12.7 x 17.6 cm		P19958
2023-083	1	1	4	The Wells Brothers Three band	1962	1 photograph : col. copy ; 12.6 x 17.7 cm		Duplicate photograph; see P17905.
2023-083	1	1	5	Beck Wells and unidentified man performing	[between 1988-1989]	1 photograph : col. copy ; 12.7 x 17.8 cm		P19959

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2023-083	1	1	6	Buck Wells with guitar	1976	1 photograph : b&w ; 13 x 20.2 cm		P19960
2023-083	1	1	7	Buck Wells performing with two unidentified men	1985	1 photograph : col. ; 14.8 x 10.1 cm		P19961
2023-083	1	1	8	Buck and Freddie Wells performing	[197-]	1 photograph : col. ; 8.9 x 8.8 cm		P19962
2023-083	1	1	9	Buck Wells and the Country Boys Band performing	[197-]	1 photograph : col. ; 15 x 9.9 cm		P19963
2023-083	1	1	10	Buck Wells and unidentified man performing with taxidermied bear	1988	1 photograph : col. ; 12.7 x 8.8 cm		
2023-083	1	1	11	Buck Wells and unidentified woman looking at photograph album	[201-]	1 photograph : col. copy ; 22.5 x 18.1 cm		P19965
2023-083	OS 101	1		Dance to the New Sound of Country and Western Music & Song Buck Wells and the Country Boys Band	[197-]	1 print : poster, col.		Poster advertising Buck Wells and the Country Boys Band. DA19989

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2023-090	Server - digital accession folder			Buck Wells and friends in Golden	1988	1 photograph (tiff) : col., 600 dpi ; 8.8 x 12.6 cm		E17916
2023-090	Server - digital accession folder			Buck Wells in Golden	1988	1 photograph (tiff) : col., 600 dpi ; 8.8 x 12.6 cm		E19956
2023-090	Server - digital accession folder			Buck Wells and unidentified man performing with taxidermied bear		1 photograph (tiff) : col., 600 dpi ; 8.8 x 12.6 cm		E19964
2023-090	Server - digital accession folder			Columbia River Raft Race		1 photograph (tiff) : col., 600 dpi ; 8.8 x 12.6 cm		E20001
2023-090	Server - digital accession folder			Buck Well and friends seated on tree		1 photograph (tiff) : col., 600 dpi ; 8.8 x 12.6 cm		E20002
2023-090	Server - digital accession folder			Buck Wells and Ric Stevenson		1 photograph (tiff) : col., 600 dpi ; 8.8 x 12.6 cm		E20003
2023-090	Server - digital accession folder			Buck Wells and Cheryl Samuel		1 photograph (tiff) : col., 600 dpi ; 8.8 x 12.6 cm		E20004