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**Robert Michael Wilcox fonds**

**1989.040, 1972.080**

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Textual, Cartographic

[ca. 1912]-1979

0.12 meters

**Title:** Robert Michael Wilcox fonds

**Dates of Creation:** [ca. 1912]-1979

**Physical Description:** 12 cm of textual records and 1 map

### Biographical Sketch:

**Robert Michael Wilcox** was born on April 22, 1922 in Kamloops, B.C. in the Royal Inland Hospital, the son of Thomas Joseph and Margaret Hamilton Wilcox. He was educated at St. Ann's Academy in Kamloops beginning in 1928 until the family moved to the Cahilty Ranch in 1930. Wilcox would complete his education at the Upper Louis Creek School in 1938. In 1940 Wilcox joined the Canadian Scottish (Princess Mary's) Regiment and would be shipped overseas in 1941 to participate in World War II. After the war Wilcox would return to Barriere, where he would meet and marry Eva Elizabeth Wilcox on April 18, 1949. The couple would then move to Kamloops to raise their family, comprised of 3 sons. Wilcox would begin working for the Canadian National Railway in 1948, beginning his career as a brakeman and retiring in 1982 as a conductor. He was also involved in the Royal Canadian Legion and was active in the railway unions. In 1993 Wilcox and his wife moved to Abbotsford, and later to Salmon Arm in 2003. Robert Michael Wilcox died on November 21, 2012 in Salmon Arm, B.C. and is buried in Mt. Ida Cemetery.

### Scope and Content:

Fonds consists primarily of documents collected by Robert Wilcox during his employment with Canadian National Railways, focusing on collective agreements between the company and various railway unions which Wilcox was involved in negotiating. Fonds also includes pamphlets from the Worker's Compensation Board, union constitutions, benefit plans, and various other documents relating to Wilcox's railway career, as well as an instructional booklet on the use of the Chinese Abacus from the collection of his father.

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### **Custodial History:**

Accession 1989.040 was donated to the Kamloops Museum and Archives on April 20, 1989 by Robert Michael Wilcox. Accession 1972.080 was donated on November 9, 1972 by Robert Michael Wilcox, from the collection of his father. This item was previously placed in the Vertical Files collection, and was accrued to this fonds during reprocessing in 2020.

### **Notes:**

**Source of supplied title:** Title based on contents of fonds.

**Arrangement:** Fonds has been arranged based on contents of items during processing in 2018. Numbering of individual items reflects original accessioning order. Additional records from accession 1972.080 were placed before records from accession 1989.040 based on their accession date.

**Access restrictions:** No restrictions on access. The archivist reserves the right to restrict access to any fragile material for preservation purposes.

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**Finding aids:** File list is available for this collection.

**Accruals:** No further accruals are expected.

**Related materials:** See Artifact Collection for additional materials donated with accessions 1972.080 and 1989.040.

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Accession	Description	Dates	Box/Folder
1972.080.002	The Fundamental Operations in Bead Arithmetic (how to use the Chinese Abacus) – File contains an instructional manual by Kwa Tak Ming entitled <i>The Fundamental Operations in Bead Arithmetic (how to use the Chinese Abacus)</i> . – 0.25 cm of textual records	[ca. 1912]	1/1
1989.040.001	Agreements – File contains agreements between the Canadian National Railway Company and the United Transportation Union, CN agreements, a collective agreement between the Canadian National Railway Company Prairie and Mountain Regions and the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, supplements to agreements, a negotiating manual, and newspaper clippings. – 6 cm of textual records	1959-1978	1/12-3
1989.040.002	Constitutions – File contains Constitutions from the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen and the United Transportation Union, a supplement to a constitution, and a unification agreement and constitution for the United Transportation Union. – 3 cm of textual records	1964-1979	1/4
1989.040.003	Workmen's Compensation – File contains publications from the Workmen's Compensation Board. – 1 cm of textual records	1955-[ca. 1970]	1/5
1989.040.004	Benefit Plan – File contains benefit plans for employees of Canadian Railways and a letter regarding a benefit plan claim. – 1 cm of textual records	1965-[ca. 1970s]	1/6
1989.040.005	Misc. – File contains Canadian National Railway Seniority Standing for 1956, These Wheels Must Turn pamphlet, Your Canada Pension Plan pamphlet, Instructions on the Use of CN Radio, Questions and Answers about Unions pamphlet, How to Keep Fit pamphlet, and a map of the Kamloops CN Junction Yard. – 2 cm of textual records and 1 map	1956-1979	1/7