

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

A fair amount of the documentary history of C.H.W.K. Radio has survived. However, a lot has been lost. For some years, a great deal of material has been preserved, for others, practically nothing. However, despite the gaps, there is still enough for the researcher to piece together a fairly comprehensive look at the station history.

The greatest loss, perhaps, is in the area of sound recordings - few pre-tape era recordings have survived on disc - and little material on tape from the fifties, sixties and seventies has withstood the ravages of time and of the bulk eraser.

The C.H.W.K. archives spans the years from 1927 to 1977. In most cases, the documents have been filed according to their originating office within the radio station, i.e.: president's office, manager's, news director, etc.

However, particularly during the early days of radio, there was no clear division between offices and duties - sometimes one person would perform many duties - and this is still true today at smaller stations.

It is therefore sometimes difficult to pinpoint the exact year in which an office was created...but an attempt has been made to determine that as closely as possible.

The inventory is divided into fourteen series under the general record group heading of "C.H.W.K. RADIO."

As a final word: it should be noted that Casey Wells had a keen interest in preserving local history. In addition to founding the radio station in Chilliwack, Wells also helped found the archives at the Chilliwack Museum. A large quantity of Wells' papers are preserved there. It is therefore most appropriate that the records from the station he founded should be added to those already

stored at the Chilliwack Museum.

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SERIES DESCRIPTION

RECORD SERIES 1 MENZIES HARDWARE - C.H.W.K. RADIO  
DEPARTMENT 1927-1931 Includes original station license,  
 early accounting sheets and equipment inventories. (First  
 employees: Casey Wells, Jack Pilling. *File 2*

RECORD SERIES 2 PRESIDENTS - CHILLIWACK BROADCASTING  
COMPANY - FRASER VALLEY BROADCASTERS, 1931-1977  
 Consisting mostly of incoming and outgoing correspondence  
 of the four company presidents between 1931 and 1977.  
 Also, other surviving documents. A) Casey Wells B) Jack  
 Pilling C) Murdo MacLachlan D) Dennis Barkman  
*Files 3-4*

RECORD SERIES 3 VICE-PRESIDENT, MANAGING DIRECTOR -  
CHILLIWACK BROADCASTING - FRASER VALLEY BROADCASTERS,  
1939-1977 Consisting mostly of incoming and outgoing  
 correspondence of the four company vice-presidents-managing-  
 directors between 1939 and 1977. A) Jack Pilling B) Murdo  
 MacLachlan C) Dennis Barkman D) Bill Coombes  
*Files 5-12*

RECORD SERIES 4 SALES MANAGER'S OFFICE - NATIONAL AND  
LOCAL 1945-1977 Surviving documents relating to operation  
 of sales department at radio station - including letters  
 to and from sponsors, as well as publicity sheets.  
*Files 13-15*

RECORD SERIES 5 PRODUCTION MANAGER - PROGRAM DIRECTOR  
1945-1977 Consisting mostly of surviving correspondence  
 to and from production manager. Also, a number of job  
 applications for announcing positions at station.  
*Files 16-22*



RECORD SERIES 6 NEWS DIRECTOR 1947-1977

Correspondence to and from news director, as well as other items. Includes papers of Wally Clark, Jim McDonald and others.

*File 22*

RECORD SERIES 7 C.H.W.K. ENGINEERING AND BUILDINGS

1945-1977 Includes blueprint of complete floor plan of station location at 50 Yale Road East (1947-77), as well as maps outlining station coverage area. Also, engineering reports on various facets of the station design.

*Files 24-25*

RECORD SERIES 8 CONTINUITY DEPARTMENT - COPY DEPARTMENT

1945?-1977 Contains samples of written copy produced for broadcast over C.H.W.K. Most of the surviving material from 1968-69.

*Files 26-32*

RECORD SERIES 9 ACCOUNTING 1945-1977

Some surviving records dealing with changes of ownership in the company and transfer of stock from 1965 period.

*File 33*

RECORD SERIES 10 STATION AWARDS AND CERTIFICATES 1943-

1977 Various awards and commendations presented to the radio station as a whole, to individual departments, and to individuals.

*File 48*

RECORD SERIES 11 NEWSPAPER CLIPPINGS 1947-1977

Various newspaper articles from the Chilliwack Progress and Vancouver Sun describing people who worked at the station or various facets of station operation.

Includes three special supplements to Chilliwack Progress on the radio station from 1947, 1951, and 1977.

*Files 34-36*

RECORD SERIES 12 PHOTOGRAPHS AND SLIDES 1935-1977

Includes about seventy-five formal portraits of former station management and staff - as well as about one-hundred photos of various station activities from about 1935. Also, about 200 slides taken in 1960's and 1970's.

*Files 420-57*

#### RECORD SERIES 13    REPORTS 1935-1969

A number of reports dealing with the general operation of the radio station, as well as with specific areas of operation. Includes: special report on 1935 Fraser Valley ice storms, report on the 1948 Valley floods, special submission to the Massey Commission on the Arts from 1949...as well as reports to the Board of Broadcast Governors and internal staff newsletters.

*Files 37-47*

#### RECORD SERIES 14    DISC AND TAPE RECORDINGS 1939-1982

Includes samples of C.H.W.K. broadcasts as well as aural history tapes on development of station.

A number of old acetate and aluminum transcription discs have been transferred to tape...including a broadcast of the 1939 Royal visit to Chilliwack, the June 1947 20th anniversary programs...as well as old station identifications and promos. The original fifteen surviving discs are stored at the Provincial Archives in Victoria - Sound and Moving Image division, with tape copies at the Chilliwack Museum.

The aural history tapes include interviews with Casey Wells (1967), Jack Pilling (1977), Murdo MacLachlan (1977), and Dennis Barkman (1977)...as well as very brief memoirs from twenty other former employees of the station - recorded in 1967 and 1977.

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*Files 58-65*