

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

