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## Preliminary Inventory to the Wilbur L. Metz Collection of Railroad Ephemera

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## Collection Overview

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| <b>Repository:</b> | Archives Center, National Museum of American History                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>Title:</b>      | Wilbur L. Metz Collection of Railroad Ephemera                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Date:</b>       | 1910-1986                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>Identifier:</b> | NMAH.AC.1172                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Creator:</b>    | Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company<br>Pittsburgh and Lake Erie Railroad Company<br>Reading Company<br>United Transportation Union<br>Pennsylvania Railroad.<br>Western Maryland Railway Company<br>Brotherhood Railway Carmen of America<br>Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen (U.S.)<br>Chessie System, inc.<br>ConRail<br>Metz, Wilbur L. (Collector) |
| <b>Source:</b>     | National Museum of American History (U.S.). Division of Work and Industry (Collector)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>Extent:</b>     | 1.3 Cubic feet (4 boxes)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>Language:</b>   | English .                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |

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## Administrative Information

### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Donated by Wilbur L. Metz in 1996.

### Provenance

Collection transferred to the Archives Center from the Transportation Collections (now the Division of Work and Industry) in 2009.

### Preferred Citation

Wilbur L. Metz Collection of Railroad Ephemera, 1910-1986, Archives Center, National Museum of American History.

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## Biographical / Historical

Railroad brakeman.

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## Scope and Contents

Printed materials collected by Metz during his railroad career, including timetables, rule books, operational manuals, safety manuals, labor union materials, regulations, Metz' IDs and certifications, blank company forms, company newsletters, and internal memoranda and correspondence. The papers relate to several railroads: Western Maryland Railway Company, the Reading Co., Pittsburgh and Lake Erie Railroad, Pennsylvania Railroad, Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company, the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad, and Conrail. Unions for which papers are included in the collection are the United Transportation Union, the Brotherhood of Railway Carmen, and the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen.

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## Arrangement

9 series: Series 1, Western Maryland Railway Company; Series 2, Reading Company; Series 3, Pittsburgh and Lake Erie Railroad; Series 4, Pennsylvania Railroad; Series 5, Baltimore and Ohio Railroad; Series 6, Chessie System; Series 7, ConRail; Series 8, Labor Union materials; Series 9: Miscellaneous papers, relating to various companies.

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## Names and Subject Terms

This collection is indexed in the online catalog of the Smithsonian Institution under the following terms:

### Subjects:

- Labor unions
- Railroad companies
- Railroad engineering
- Railroads -- Employees
- Railroads -- Maryland
- Transportation

### Types of Materials:

- Correspondence -- 20th century
- Forms (documents)
- Instructional materials
- Letters
- Manuals
- Memoranda
- Pamphlets -- 20th century
- Timetables

Names:

National Museum of American History (U.S.). Division of Work and Industry

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## Container Listing

### Series 1: Western Maryland Railway Co.

|       |                          |
|-------|--------------------------|
| Box 1 | Timetables               |
| Box 1 | Books of rules           |
| Box 1 | Operational manuals      |
| Box 1 | Safety manuals           |
| Box 1 | Labor union agreements   |
| Box 1 | Employee phone directory |

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## Reading Company

|       |                     |
|-------|---------------------|
| Box 2 | Timetables          |
| Box 2 | Safety manuals      |
| Box 2 | Rule books          |
| Box 2 | Operational manuals |

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## Series 3: Pittsburgh and Lake Erie Railroad

### *Box 2*

Box 2

Timetables

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## Pennsylvania Railroad

Box 2                      Employee and instructional manuals

Box 2                      Rule books

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## Series 5: Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company

### Box 2

Box 2

Rule book for employees

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## Chessie System

|       |                     |
|-------|---------------------|
| Box 2 | Operational manuals |
| Box 3 | Safety manuals      |
| Box 3 | Radio rules         |
| Box 3 | Timetables          |

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## ConRail

Box 3                      Rule books

Box 3                      Safety leaflet

Box 3                      Timetable

Box 3                      Hazardous materials regulations

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## Series 8: Labor Union materials

|       |                                                                   |
|-------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Box 3 | Two comic books published by the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen |
| Box 3 | Time and attendance book for United Transportation Union          |
| Box 3 | Constitution of the Brotherhood of Railway Carmen, 1917           |
| Box 3 | Constitution of the Brotherhood of Railway Carmen, 1964           |
| Box 3 | Constitution of the Brotherhood of Railway Carmen, 1968           |
| Box 3 | Legal manuals from the United Transportation Union                |
| Box 3 | United Transportation Union decal                                 |
| Box 3 | Metz' personal telephone and address book                         |

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## Series 9: Miscellaneous papers relating to various companies

|                   |                                        |
|-------------------|----------------------------------------|
| Box 4, Folder 1   | Seat tickets                           |
| Box 4, Folder 2   | Metz' IDs and certifications           |
| Box 4, Folder 3-4 | Papers relating to employee pay scales |
| Box 4, Folder 5   | Correspondence                         |
| Box 4, Folder 6   | Train specifications                   |
| Box 4, Folder 7   | Company forms some blank               |
| Box 4, Folder 8   | Internal company memoranda             |
| Box 4, Folder 9   | Company newsletters                    |

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