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

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Collection Overview

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

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

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Biographical / Historical

Railroad brakeman.

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.

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.

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

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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