

Mark Chochla Research Collection (Railway School Cars)

1925-1986

10 cm. of textual records, photocopies and audio tapes

Biographical Sketch

Mark Chochla, M.Ed., teacher/librarian at Selkirk High School and later at Sir Winston Churchill Collegiate. Writer and researcher of local history. Contributor to and editor of the *TBHMS Papers and Records* and other publications. Board member of the TBHMS.

Scope and Content

This material was collected as part of Mr. Chochla's Master of Education thesis at Lakehead University, on the subject of education on the railway school cars in Northern Ontario, accepted in 1987. Most of the material, including interviews, was compiled in the previous year. The collection consists of two main series, files of research notes and taped interviews.

Series A 32/1/1-7 - Research files - 5cm. - 1925-1984 (contains some photocopies)

- 1) Original letters from Olive Chepesiuk, 1986, regarding life as a teacher in Mack, Ont., in the early 1930s and from Helen and Bill Wright, teachers on the school car that ran between Thunder Bay and Kenora, 1928-1964 (129 pp.) and later Chapleau to White River
- 2) transcripts of taped interviews of three former teachers on School Cars (see A 32/2)
- 3) Reports from the CPR and CNR and from the Ontario Department of Education regarding school car system, 1925-40 (photocopy)
- 4) "Report on the School Cars of Northern Ontario" by G.R. Clewley and N. Kelly, Experience 1975. Includes manuscript report and attached clippings (photocopy)
- 5) Photocopies of published material from magazines, books and newspapers, 1929-1982 (photocopy)
- 6) C.B.C. production script of "And Miles to Go..." by Gordon Pinsent, 1984 (photocopy)
- 7) Miscellaneous typescripts, probably from donor's thesis drafts, including some transcripts of published reports. (photocopy)

Series A 32/2/1-3 - Audio taped interviews - 4 cassette tapes - 1986

Audio tapes of interviews conducted by Mr. Chochla in April 1986 with three former teachers on railway school cars. 1) J.R. Chalmers (two tapes), 2) Mr. Jack Antoniuk, 3) James Martin

Additional Information

Copy/Repository - The originals of the Wright letters (A 32/1/1) are in the possession of Mr. William Wright of Bobcaygen, Ont. The material in the file A32/1/6 was copied from the C.B.C. archives in Toronto.

Related Material - See Mark Chochla, "Teaching on the School Car", *TBHMS Papers and Records* XV (1987), 23-34