

CENTRE D'ARCHIVES DE LA GRANDE ZONE ARGILEUSE
Archival description

Title: Collection Alain Bussières (AB)

Dates: 1952-2017.

Extent of descriptive unit: 0.25 m of textual documents.

Administrative history or biography: Alain Bussières was born in Charny, Quebec on April 28, 1952. His family moved to Cochrane, Ont., in 1959. He completed his secondary school studies at Collège de Hearst and then enrolled at the University of Ottawa, where he obtained a Bachelor of Arts degree in Geography and a Bachelor degree in Education. In 1975, he married Hélène Thiffault. The couple had four children: Martin, Guylaine, Marc-André, and Marie-Josée. After having taught a few years in Iroquois Falls, he continued his teaching career in Embrun. As a teacher and a collector, he assembled archival records related to the history of the railway and the geography of Northern Ontario.

Alain Bussières passed away on April 26, 2017.

Scope and content: The collection contains textual records related to Northern Ontario railway networks, including an incomplete serie of schedules of the Canadian National (CN) passenger train, which ran through Northern Ontario between 1953 and 1989 and of VIA Rail's schedule from 1987 to 1997. An incomplete collection of the magazine *Branchline*, student yearbooks from Iroquois Falls High School, newspaper clippings, a map and flyers about the tourist attractions of Northern Ontario are also part of the collection.

Sources of information: Collection Alain Bussières and Hélène Bussières.

Physical description: The collection contains two boxes including textual documents and objects.

Immediate source of acquisition: The collection, a donation from Alain Bussières, was acquired between 2015 and 2017.

Arrangement: The documents, once acquired, were organized by the archivist.

Language: French and English.

Restriction on access: No restriction imposed by the donor.

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Finding aids: A research tool is available. A detailed list of the articles dealing with Northern Ontario railways and published in *Branchline* magazine of the Collection Alain Bussières, is available.

Associated materials: Collection *Annuaire étudiants*.

Accruals: No further accruals expected.

General Note: Several publications relating to Northern Ontario were also part of the Collection Alain Bussières. These books were added to the Collection d'ouvrages en histoire régionale of the Archives Centre. Some documents were not kept.

Descriptors: Alain Bussières
Annuaire étudiants
Branchline Canada's rail newsmagazine
Chemin de fer
see also
Canadien National (CN)
VIA Rail Canada
L'Express de l'Ours Blanc
Ontario Northland Railway
Algoma Central Railway
École secondaire Iroquois Falls, ON
Ontario, Nord de l'

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