

**P225- George W. Hill Fonds**  
**1940-2019 (predominant 1940-1962)**  
**7 cm of textual documents and 2 cartographic documents**

**Biographical Sketch:** George William Hill (1933-2020), son of John Felix and Marguerite Hill and brother of John Robert, was born in Sudbury on April 2, 1933. Hill is the father of Sean and Christopher and has been married to Lynn (née Cresswell) for over 49 years. While his father was office manager and later yard foreman at the CPR Creosote plant in Sudbury (Dominion Tar and Chemical Company Canada Creosoting Division), George and his brother worked at the plant in a variety of roles between 1949 and 1954. Once George began teaching, he continued to work at the plant in the summers until 1960.

Hill studied engineering at Laurentian University and completed his studies in Montreal. Back in Sudbury, he first taught at Wanup Public school, followed by MacLeod Public School (Sudbury) where he taught science courses until his retirement in 1988. Besides being an avid stamp collector and member of the Sudbury Stamp Club and India-Canada Society, specializing in stamps from India, Hill has been a naturalist throughout his life and many of his activities such as garden design, wildlife viewing, and photography reflect his interest in nature. As a photographer he had a dark room where he processed his own photographs. Hill enjoyed watching birds and animals that were attracted to the many feeders on his patio. According to friends, he always said he had the best show in town.

In the summer of 2020, George Hill and his wife moved to Ottawa, where he passed away on December 30, 2020.

**Scope and content:** George Hill Fonds documents a period of 20 years of the Dominion Tar and Chemical Company Canada Creosoting Division, CPR creosote plant in Sudbury. Composed of photographs, a notebook of memorabilia with a preamble, records from the plant, and maps relating to the CPR Creosote plant in Sudbury, the fonds provides an overview of the operations and the workflow involved, but also illustrates the layout of the plant, including the different buildings and machinery. The preamble, consisting of comments and explanations by Hill, provides an understanding not only of the set up required to process creosote, but also of the different steps involved. Moreover, an engineering blueprint of the layout of the plant with references to photographs and annotations by George Hill offers a visualization of the plant and the machinery.

Sheets of wages, lists of employees and their roles at the plant, and a grievance on the work conditions complete this comprehensive presentation on the CPR creosote plant.

**Notes: Immediate source of acquisition:** George Hill donated the documents in 2019.

**Language(s) of material:** The documents are in English.

**Availability of other formats:** The maps are available in pdf.

**Restrictions on access:** In accordance with legislation restriction of access applies to the wage sheets.

**Terms governing use and reproduction/publication:** No restrictions known.

**Accruals:** A first accrual was received July 15, 2019. No more accruals expected.

**Custodial History:** The original documents were given to George Hill by his father.

### listing

1- [memorabilia notebook]

1940- 2019

2cm Textual documents and 36 photographs

Hill wrote a text presenting the different phases of processing at the creosote plant, and photographs illustrate well the buildings, the machinery and the different steps. A list of the plant staff that were kept to help with the shutdown (including name, position, and wage sheet) are included in the note book.

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: files #3 and #4 may contain related information.

2- Wage sheets

1957-1962

7cm

2 books of wage sheets detailing the hours worked including overtime, hourly rate for each employee at the creosote plant between 1957-1962.

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3- Map of Canada Creosoting Co. LTD – lay out of Sudbury, ON Plant –

1920

1 cartographic document

Blue print of the layout of Sudbury, ON Plant with notes for identification of buildings added in 2018 (?).

**Note: available in other format:** a copy in PDF format is available

: **related information** :#2- [memorabilia notebook] may contain related information.

4- Map of CPR Creosote Plant and Yard

1921

1 cartographic document

A blueprint of the Plant as constructed –

**Note: Available in other format:** Also available in PDF and Jpeg forma

: **Related information:** Files #2 and #3 may contain related information