

THE W.R. MITCHELL ARCHIVE

Collection description

Settle Stories Ltd.

Title - The W.R. Mitchell Archive

- **Dates** - 1969-2012
- **Level of description** - Fonds
- **Extent** -219 cassette tapes and 16 digital recordings and associated material
- **Name of creator** - William Reginald Mitchell, b. 1928, author and editor
- **Administrative/biographical history**

W.R. (Bill) Mitchell has had a long career as journalist with and editor of ‘The Dalesman’ magazine and ‘Cumbria’ magazine. ‘The Dalesman’, first published from the Dales village of Clapham in 1939, is one of the country's most notable regional magazines, with a monthly circulation of more than 50,000. The magazine features Yorkshire life, past and present, portraying the country and its people in words, paintings, photographs and drawings. Mr Mitchell has also written many books, mostly about the North Country, and articles for other journals and local newspapers. In June 1996 Mr Mitchell was awarded the MBE, and in July 1996 the University of Bradford awarded him the honorary degree of Doctor of Letters.

- **Immediate source of acquisition** - Donated by Mr. Mitchell in March 2012 and subsequently.
- **Scope and content** – 219 Audio Cassettes recorded by W.R .Mitchell between 1969 and 2012 of interviews and reminiscences, illustrating aspects of life in Yorkshire and Lakeland. 16 full digital recordings in both wav and mp3 formats and 38 digitised segments in mp3 format.
- **Accruals** - It is understood that further material will be deposited by Mr. Mitchell.
- **Access conditions**
The cassette tapes are on deposit in the Museum of North Craven Life at the Folly in Settle and will shortly move to the North West Sound Archive in Clitheroe. To preserve the recordings these cassettes are not available to the general public. The digital recordings are housed in Settle Stories in Settle and copies have been distributed to the Museum of Dales Countryside Life in Hawes and Craven Museum in Skipton. The transcripts and a selection of segments are available on line at <http://www.wrmitchellarchive.org.uk>. Paper copies of the Transcripts will be housed in the Museum of North Craven Life in Settle. Access to archive material is subject to preservation requirements and must also conform to the restrictions of the Data Protection Act and any other appropriate legislation.
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- **Language of material** - English- Yorkshire Dialects
- **Finding aids** - Unpublished handlist
- **Rules or conventions** - ISAD(G) 2nd ed.
- **Date(s) of description** - 1 December 2012
- **Indexing**
 - **Persons** - Mitchell, William Reginald, 1928-
 - **Corporate bodies**
 - Dalesman (Magazine)
 - Settle Stories
 - **Subjects**
 - Yorkshire Dales (England)
 - Settle & Carlisle Railway

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