

Client Name: J A Dangerfield

Disposal Type: Ad-hoc

Agency Coverage: New Zealand Railways Dunedin and Invercargill District Offices

Scope: Registered Files, Plans and NZR Timetables

#### Appraisal Circumstances

Between May 2000 and February 2002 Mr J A Dangerfield, a retired railwayman transferred stray records of the New Zealand Railways Department to the Dunedin Regional Office of Archives New Zealand.

Mr Dangerfield worked 40 years for the Railways Department and rescued a number of plans, registered files and publications from destruction. The records recommended for transfer as public records are described below.

#### Recommendations

All records are recommended for transfer as public records.

Plans – The plans show development and building of the railways infrastructure within Otago and Southland including significant alterations to both the lines, signalling systems and buildings.

Registered Files –These files are from both the Dunedin and Invercargill District Engineer and Traffic Manager Offices. These files related to building contracts, lease files and provision of private sidings for companies.

Publications – The railway timetables are of significant historical interest as they provide detailed information on both railway lines and usage. These items have already been used by railway historians.

Compiled files – These files are a combination of original papers from registered files and Jim Dangerfield's own historical research. These files are of local historical interest especially as much of this material was used as the basis for Mr Dangerfield's numerous railway publications.