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English

**Abstract**

Consists of information on urban transportation and traffic engineering subjects in reports (some co-written by Wohl), his degree work (bachelor's and master's theses, Ph.D. dissertation), interviews with Wohl, clippings, and correspondence, including letters to magazine and newspaper editors.

**Creator**

Wohl, Martin

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## Biographical Information

Born in 1930 in Greensboro, North Carolina, Martin Wohl studied and wrote about transportation economics for more than 30 years. He received a master's degree in engineering from MIT in 1960 and a doctorate in engineering from the University of California at Berkeley in 1966. He worked in the Department of Commerce during the Kennedy Administration and taught at Harvard University for two years following that. He later returned to Washington, D.C., to head the transportation studies department at the Urban Institute in 1969, and in 1972, he accepted a faculty position at Carnegie Mellon University. He is most recognized for "The Transportation Problem" (1965), the book he co-authored with John R. Meyer and John F. Kain. He died in 2009 at his home in Fairfax City, Virginia.

## Scope and Content

This collections contains writings, records, photos, and scrapbooks of one of the founders of transportation economics, Dr. Martin Wohl. The majority of the collection focuses on Wohl's work as a transportation economist, but the records and photographs depict Wohl and his family and friends throughout his life.

The first series contains essays, newspaper articles, journal articles, books, and reviews surrounding Wohl's work in urban transportation and traffic engineering (written both by and about Wohl). Also in this series are his records, including degree work (bachelor's and master's theses, Ph.D. dissertation), interviews with Wohl, clippings, and correspondence, including letters to magazine and newspaper editors. Much of the professional correspondence contains information on the publication of his books (including copyrights), and

there are also files with copies of reviews of his books *The Urban Transportation Problem* and *Traffic Systems Analysis*. Cities analyzed in the collection include Washington, D.C., San Francisco, Boston, Pittsburgh, and Los Angeles. The Second series consists of photographs, mostly black and white snapshots. The subjects include family, military service, West Point, and Cambridge, and Wohl himself. The third collection contains two unbound scrapbooks that contain photographs and ephemera from Wohl's life mostly from the 1930s through the 1960s.

## Related Material

The Special Collections Research Center holds many other [transportation-related collections](#).

## Keywords

Photographic prints  
Transportation -- United States -- Planning  
Transportation engineering  
Local transit -- United States  
Scrapbooks  
Correspondence  
Newspapers  
Photographs  
Wohl, Martin

## Arrangement

Arranged into three series.

Series

- Series 1: Subject Files, 1958-1993 (Box 1-7)
- Series 2: Photographs, 1919-2000 (Box 8)
- Series 3: Scrapbooks, 1930s-1960s (Box 9-10)

## Description of Subordinate Components

### Series 1: Subject Files

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/34069

**Unit Date** 1958-1993

#### Scope and Contents note

Contains essays, newspaper articles, journal articles, books, and reviews surrounding Wohl's work in urban transportation and traffic engineering (written both by and about Wohl).

### 20th Annual Meeting of the Eastern Conference of AAA motor Clubs

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/34070

**Unit Date** 1972

**Mixed Materials** 1 (box)

**Container** 1 (folder)

#### Scope and Contents note

### A Study for the Improvement of Traffic Conditions At the Boston University Bridge

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/34071

**Mixed Materials** 1 (box)

**Container** 2 (folder)

#### Scope and Contents note

## **Applications of Simulation to Highway Traffic Design**

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/34072

**Unit Date** 1963

**Mixed Materials** 1 (box)

**Container** 3 (folder)

**Scope and Contents note**

## **Applications of Symbolic Models and Simulation In Traffic Engineering**

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/34073

**Unit Date** 1960

**Mixed Materials** 1 (box)

**Container** 4 (folder)

**Scope and Contents note**

## **Awards/Certifications**

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/34074

**Unit Date** 1946-1983

**Mixed Materials** 1 (box)

**Container** 5 (folder)

**Scope and Contents note**

The Society of the Sigma Chi, Chi Epsilon Fraternity, The National Society of Professional Engineers, Massachusetts Registered Professional Engineer, MIT B.S. and M.S. in Civil Engineering, MIT Education Council Member, MIT Sustaining Fellow Founding Life Member

## **Clippings**

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/34075

**Unit Date** 1958

**Mixed Materials** 1 (box)

**Container** 6 (folder)

**Scope and Contents note**

## **Clippings**

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/34076

**Unit Date** 1959

**Mixed Materials** 1 (box)

**Container** 7 (folder)

**Scope and Contents note**

## **Clippings**

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/34077

**Unit Date** 1960

**Mixed Materials** 1 (box)

**Container** 8 (folder)

**Scope and Contents note**

## **Clippings**

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/34078

**Unit Date** 1961

**Mixed Materials** 1 (box)

**Container** 9 (folder)

**Scope and Contents note**

Jan, Feb, March

**Clippings**

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/34079

**Unit Date** 1961

**Mixed Materials** 1 (box)

**Container** 10 (folder)

**Scope and Contents note**

April

**Clippings**

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/34080

**Unit Date** 1961

**Mixed Materials** 2 (box)

**Container** 11 (folder)

**Scope and Contents note**

May-June-July-August

**Clippings**

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/34081

**Unit Date** 1961

**Mixed Materials** 2 (box)

**Container** 12 (folder)

**Scope and Contents note**

Sept-Oct-Nov-Dec

**Clippings**

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/34082

**Unit Date** 1962

**Mixed Materials** 2 (box)

**Container** 13 (folder)

**Scope and Contents note**

**Clippings**

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/34083

**Unit Date** 1963

**Mixed Materials** 2 (box)

**Container** 14 (folder)

**Scope and Contents note**

**Clippings**

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/34084

**Unit Date** 1964

**Mixed Materials** 2 (box)

**Container** 15 (folder)

**Scope and Contents note**

**Clippings****Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/34085**Unit Date** 1965**Mixed Materials** 2 (box)**Container** 16 (folder)**Scope and Contents note****Clippings****Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/34086**Unit Date** 1966**Mixed Materials** 2 (box)**Container** 17 (folder)**Scope and Contents note****Clippings****Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/34087**Unit Date** 1967**Mixed Materials** 2 (box)**Container** 18 (folder)**Scope and Contents note****Clippings****Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/34088**Unit Date** 1968**Mixed Materials** 2 (box)**Container** 19 (folder)**Scope and Contents note****Clippings****Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/34089**Unit Date** 1969**Mixed Materials** 2 (box)**Container** 20 (folder)**Scope and Contents note****Clippings****Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/34090**Unit Date** 1970**Mixed Materials** 2 (box)**Container** 21 (folder)**Scope and Contents note****Clippings****Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/34091**Unit Date** 1971**Mixed Materials** 2 (box)**Container** 22 (folder)**Scope and Contents note**

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Development Of A rational For Transportation Investment, Preliminary Notes On Advanced Highway Engineering, Urban Transportation Myths, Vehicle Speeds and Volumes Using Sonne Stereo Continuous Strip Photography

**Department of Transportation/Commerce Papers****Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/34096**Unit Date** 1963-1981**Mixed Materials** 3 (box)**Container** 27 (folder)**Scope and Contents note****Development of Rationale for Transportation Investment****Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/34097**Unit Date** 1967**Mixed Materials** 3 (box)**Container** 28 (folder)**Scope and Contents note****Dr. Martin Wohl's Records****Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/34098**Unit Date** 1947-1966**Mixed Materials** 3 (box)**Container** 29 (folder)**Scope and Contents note**

**Essays [1 of 2]****Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/34099**Unit Date** 1966-1976**Mixed Materials** 3 (box)**Container** 30 (folder)**Scope and Contents note****Essays [2 of 2]****Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/34100**Unit Date** 1966-1977**Mixed Materials** 3 (box)**Container** 31 (folder)**Scope and Contents note****Evaluation of the US National Capital Transportation Agency Report****Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/34101**Mixed Materials** 3 (box)**Container** 32 (folder)**Scope and Contents note****Harvard Transportation Research Program Papers [1 of 2]****Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/34102**Unit Date** 1965-1966**Mixed Materials** 4 (box)**Container** 33 (folder)**Scope and Contents note****Harvard Transportation Research Program Papers [2 of 2]****Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/34103**Unit Date** 1965-1967**Mixed Materials** 4 (box)**Container** 34 (folder)**Scope and Contents note****From Private to Public Transit****Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/34104**Unit Date** 2002**Mixed Materials** 4 (box)**Container** 35 (folder)**Scope and Contents note****Improvement of Bus Service Between Washington and Portions of Virginia****Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/34105**Unit Date** 1962**Mixed Materials** 4 (box)**Container** 36 (folder)**Scope and Contents note**

**Institute of Traffic Engineers****Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/34106**Unit Date** 1958**Mixed Materials** 4 (box)**Container** 37 (folder)**Scope and Contents note****Joint Highway Research Project****Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/34107**Unit Date** 1960-1968**Mixed Materials** 5 (box)**Container** 38 (folder)**Scope and Contents note****Letters to Dr. Wohl****Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/34108**Unit Date** 1961-1977**Mixed Materials** 5 (box)**Container** 39 (folder)**Scope and Contents note****Letters to Editors****Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/34109**Unit Date** 1966-1987**Mixed Materials** 5 (box)**Container** 40 (folder)**Scope and Contents note****Magazines****Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/34110**Unit Date** 1968-1977**Mixed Materials** 5 (box)**Container** 41 (folder)**Scope and Contents note****McGraw-Hill (Traffic System Analysis)****Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/34111**Unit Date** 1960-1971**Mixed Materials** 5 (box)**Container** 42 (folder)**Scope and Contents note****Meyer-Kain-Wohl Reviews and Comments****Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/34112**Unit Date** 1965-1968**Mixed Materials** 5 (box)**Container** 43 (folder)**Scope and Contents note**

**Obituaries**

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/34113

**Unit Date** 1940-1942

**Mixed Materials** 5 (box)

**Container** 44 (folder)

**Scope and Contents note****Policy Proposals**

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/34114

**Unit Date** 1970-1972

**Mixed Materials** 5 (box)

**Container** 45 (folder)

**Scope and Contents note**

"Assessing Prospects of Current Transport Proposals", "Analysis of Transportation Investment and Use", "Equity Considerations of Urban Transportation Planning", "Current mass-transit proposals: Answer to our commuter problems?", "Thoughts About Congestion Toll Pricing For Public Transport Facilities"

**Preliminary notes on Advanced Highway Engineering**

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/34115

**Unit Date** 1961

**Mixed Materials** 5 (box)

**Container** 46 (folder)

**Scope and Contents note****Pricing As It Relates to Investment Planning, Financing, and Highway Cost Allocation**

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/34116

**Mixed Materials** 5 (box)

**Container** 47 (folder)

**Scope and Contents note****Private and Unregulated Carriage**

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/34117

**Unit Date** 1963

**Mixed Materials** 5 (box)

**Container** 48 (folder)

**Scope and Contents note****Public Transport Investment and Policy Analysis**

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/34118

**Unit Date** 1978

**Mixed Materials** 6 (box)

**Container** 49 (folder)

**Scope and Contents note****Rand Corporation Memorandums**

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/34119

**Unit Date** 1963-1969

**Mixed Materials** 6 (box)

**Container** 50 (folder)

**Scope and Contents note**

"Alcohol and Traffic Accidents", "Safety In Transportation: The Role of Government, Law, and Insurance",

"Emergency Medical Care and Traffic Fatalities", "Vehicle Safety: Why The Market Did Not Encourage It and How It might Be made To Do So", "Modeling the Traffic Safety System, Recent Land-Use Trends In Forty Eight Large American Cities", "A Conceptual Framework for Evaluating Traffic Safety System Measures", "Putting The Analysis and Evaluation Of Traffic Safety Measure Into Perspective"

### **Rand Corporation Papers**

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/34120

**Unit Date** 1967-1968

**Mixed Materials** 6 (box)

**Container** 51 (folder)

#### **Scope and Contents note**

"Another View of Transport System Analysis", "Notes on Transient Queuing Behavior, Capacity Restraint Functions and Their Relationship to Travel Forecasting" (2 copies), "An Economic Re-Evaluation Of The Proposed Los Angeles Rapid Transit System", "A Not So Common View of the Ground Transportation Problem", "New Directions For Passenger Demand Analysis and Forecasting"

### **Route 128 Study**

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/34121

**Unit Date** 1958

**Mixed Materials** 6 (box)

**Container** 52 (folder)

#### **Scope and Contents note**

### **The Urban Transportation Problem**

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/34122

**Unit Date** 1974

**Mixed Materials** 6 (box)

**Container** 53 (folder)

#### **Scope and Contents note**

### **Technology and urban Transportation**

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/34123

**Unit Date** 1962

**Mixed Materials** 7 (box)

**Container** 54 (folder)

#### **Scope and Contents note**

### **Traffic Systems Analysis for Engineers and Planners**

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/34124

**Unit Date** 1967

**Mixed Materials** 7 (box)

**Container** 55 (folder)

#### **Scope and Contents note**

### **Traffic System Analysis (Reviews and Comments)**

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/34125

**Unit Date** 1967-1969

**Mixed Materials** 7 (box)

**Container** 56 (folder)

#### **Scope and Contents note**

### **Transportation Research Board**

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/34126

**Unit Date** 1979

**Mixed Materials** 7 (box)

**Container** 57 (folder)

#### **Scope and Contents note**

### **Urban Institute Reprints**

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/34127

**Unit Date** 1970

**Mixed Materials** 7 (box)

**Container** 58 (folder)

#### **Scope and Contents note**

"Congestion Toll Pricing For Public Transport Facilities", "Assessing The Prospects of Current Transit Proposals" (2 copies), "A Methodology For Forecasting Peak and Off-Peak Travel Volumes" (2 Copies), "Urban transport We Could Really Use", "The Urban Transportation Problem: A Brief Analysis of Our Objectives and the Prospects for Current Proposals", "The Practicalities of Determining Marginal Delay Times and Costs" (2 Copies), "What Kind of Transport Will the Urban Public Use - Today and Tomorrow?", "The Junk Vehicle Problem: Some Initial Thoughts"

### **Urban Institute Working Papers**

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/34128

**Unit Date** 1969-1970

**Mixed Materials** 7 (box)

**Container** 59 (folder)

#### **Scope and Contents note**

"Towards Better Public Transport Financing, Pricing and Investment Decisions", "What Kind of Transport Will The Urban Public Use - Today and Tomorrow?", "A Methodology For Forecasting Peak and Off-Peak Travel Volumes"

### **Wohl Hendrickson Book Reviews**

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/34129

**Unit Date** 1984-1993

**Mixed Materials** 7 (box)

**Container** 60 (folder)

#### **Scope and Contents note**

### **Series 2: Photographs**

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/34130

**Unit Date** 1919-2000s

#### **Scope and Contents note**

Consists of photographs, mostly black and white snapshots. The subjects include family, military service, West Point, and Cambridge, and Wohl himself.

### **5th MIT Class Reunion**

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/34131

**Unit Date** 1958

**Mixed Materials** 1 (box)

**Container** 1 (folder)

#### **Scope and Contents note**

Includes marked overlay labeled: "Each dot = 1 Male classmate (Bob Anslow was not included)"

**Cambridge, Massachusetts****Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/34132**Unit Date** 1980s**Mixed Materials** 1 (box)**Container** 2 (folder)**Scope and Contents note****Martin Wohl****Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/34133**Unit Date** 1923-2000s**Mixed Materials** 1 (box)**Container** 3 (folder)**Scope and Contents note****Friends and Family****Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/34134**Unit Date** 1919-2000s**Mixed Materials** 1 (box)**Container** 4 (folder)**Scope and Contents note**

Anne Wolf, Stanley S. Wohl,

**Hutzler Calendar, Annapolis****Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/34135**Unit Date** 1955**Mixed Materials** 1 (box)**Container** 5 (folder)**Scope and Contents note****West Point****Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/34136**Unit Date** 1973**Mixed Materials** 1 (box)**Container** 6 (folder)**Scope and Contents note****Series 3: Scrapbooks****Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/34137**Unit Date** 1930s-1960s**Scope and Contents note**

Contains two unbound scrapbooks that contain photographs and ephemera from Wohl's life mostly from the 1930s through the 1960s

**Scrapbook****Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/34138**Unit Date** 1930s-1960s**Mixed Materials** 1 (box)**Scope and Contents note****Scrapbook****Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/34139

**Unit Date** 1930s-1960s

**Mixed Materials** 2 (box)

**Scope and Contents note**