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Descriptive Summary

Unit ID

C0264

Unit Date

circa 1960s - 1975; 2005

Unit Date

1966 - 1975

Mixed Materials

2 (box)

Mixed Materials

1 (box)

Language

English .

Summary

This collection documents George Mason student John Whalan's involvement in the Whig Society and the Herschel Observatory.

Creator

Whalan, John

source

Whalan, John

Extent

1 Linear Feet 2 boxes

Physical Location

R 50, C 5, S 6

Repository

George Mason University. Libraries. Special Collections Research Center

Administrative Information

Access Restrictions

There are no access restrictions.

Use Restrictions

The copyright and related rights status of this collection have not been evaluated (See <http://rightsstatements.org/vocab/CNE/1.0/>)

Acquisition Information

Donated by John Whalan before 2008.

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Biographical Information

John Whalan was a biology student at George Mason College and George Mason University in the late 1960s and early 1970s. He was active in the Whig Society and served as its president for a time. Additionally, he, along with several other classmates, was involved in the construction of the Herschel Observatory and telescope in the mid-1970s.

Scope and Content

The collection documents John Whalan's involvement in the George Mason College/University Whig Society, as well as the creation of Herschel Observatory and its telescope. It includes correspondence, maps, notes, promotional materials, newsclippings, and photographs dating from 1967-1975. The collection also includes a retrospective essay by Whalan from 2005 on the history of the observatory and sketches of the telescope. There are also two bound volumes of handwritten notes from Whig Society meetings from 1966-1973.

Keywords

Astronomy

George Mason University

Whalan, John

Arrangement

Materials are arranged by subject and format. Box one contains photos and loose papers. Box two contains record books in custom clamshell boxes.

Description of Subordinate Components

Whig Society: Member Lists, notes, etc.

Unit Date 1967-1972

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Whig Society Letterhead

Unit Date circa 1960s-1970s

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

Whig Meeting: Directions/map

Unit Date circa 1960s-1970s

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

Whig Society: Correspondence

Unit Date 1967-1970

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 4 (folder)

Whig Society: photos, flyers, maps, Gunston Hall brochures

Unit Date 1967-1970s

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 5 (folder)

Debate Club materials

Unit Date 1969

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 6 (folder)

Whig Society Constitutions

Unit Date 1972

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 7 (folder)

Whig Society schedule, finances, narrative report, etc.

Unit Date 1967-1968

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 8 (folder)

Whig Society Correspondence Envelopes

Unit Date 1967-1972

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 9 (folder)

Whig Society Rubber Stamping Kit

Unit Date circa 1960s-1970s

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 10 (folder)

Observatory/Physics Correspondence

Unit Date 1975

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 11 (folder)

History of Herschel Observatory and Sketches of the Telescope

Unit Date 2005

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 12 (folder)

Newspaper Articles on Telescope

Unit Date 1973

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 13 (folder)

Record Book of the Whig Society

Unit Date 1969

Mixed Materials 2 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Record Book of the Whig Society

Unit Date 1966-1968

Mixed Materials 2 (box)

Container 2 (folder)