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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

Martin Wohl, 1930-2009

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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 collection contains writings, records, photos, and scrapbooks of one of the founders of transportation economics, 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.

Index Terms

Persons:

Wohl, Martin.

Subjects:

Local transit--United States.

Transportation engineering--United States.

Transportation--United States--Planning.

Document Types:

Photographic prints.

Scrapbooks.

Arrangement

Organized into three series.

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- Series 2: Photographs, 1919-2000s (Box 8)
- Series 3: Scrapbooks, 1930s-1960s (Box 9-10)

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Urban Institute Working Papers,

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"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"

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Series 2: Photographs,

Unit Date 1919-2000s

Scope and Content

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

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Unit Date 1958

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Scope and Content

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

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