

Collection Title	The Michael W. Whalon Research Collection
Collection Nbr	BLCWMW
Creator	Whalon, Michael W.
Inclusive Dates	1960-1983
Extent	10 linear feet
Organization	This collection is organized into three series: <i>Dissertation Thesis, Research on Civil War General Philip H. Sheridan</i> , and <i>Biographical and Academic Papers</i> .
Biographical Note:	<p>Dr. Michael W. Whalon was born on November 4, 1941. Growing up in the small town of Pepperell, Massachusetts, Dr. Whalon began his interest in politics at a very young age. In 1952, the state wide election featured a Senate race between Senator Henry Cabot Lodge, and challenger, Congressman John F. Kennedy. In Pepperell, during the campaign, Kennedy attended a picnic also attended by the Whalon family. Whalon followed the Senatorial contest on T.V., radio, and the print media, and continued to follow politics closely thereafter, leading to his continuing interest in political history. Dr. Whalon completed his undergraduate education at Bowdoin College in 1963 with department honors. He received his master's degree in 1964 from the University of Illinois, finishing his doctoral degree at the University of Nebraska in 1968. His dissertation, titled <i>Maine Republicans, 1854-1866: A Study in Growth and Political Power, entailing the birth and inner workings of the Republican Party in Maine</i>, was completed in 1968. Research for this dissertation comprises the first series of this collection. Whalon's dissertation advisor, Professor James A. Rawley is later mentioned in correspondence with publishers discussing his prospective publication on Civil War General Philip Sheridan. It is this that indicates that Rawley had an important influence on Whalon's academic career. From 1968-1976, Whalon was an Assistant Professor of History at the University of Tulsa in Texas, his area of specialty 19th century American history. In 1976, he became an Associate Professor of History at Tulsa. During the academic year of 1977-78, Whalon took his sabbatical to travel and collect research on Civil War General Philip H. Sheridan for a book that he was planning to write. In 1981, he became the Associate Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at the University of Tulsa. He held that position until 1983, when he became the acting Vice Provost at the University until 1984; in 1988 becoming the Vice Provost. Whalon then became Associate Director at the Harry Ransom Humanities Research Center on May 29, 1989. He was put in charge of the Center's development program. During this time, Whalon continued as a senior lecturer in Tulsa's Department of History. Throughout his time as a professor at Tulsa and Associate Director at the Ransom Center, Whalon published many scholarly papers and received several grants and funding for</p>

his research. This includes funding for his work on General Philip H. Sheridan that can be found in this collection. Due to his involvement in both the Ransom Center and his classes, Whalon was unable to finish his publication on Sheridan. An additional undated manuscript survives, entitled: *Consistent Majorities, the Republican Party of Maine during the Civil War Era* that was written after his doctoral thesis. Outside of his work, he was on the membership committee for the Southern Historical Association from 1980-1981, a national judge for the American History Scholarship Award given by the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution in 1981 and 1982. In addition, he was also an academic trustee in the Oklahoma Foundation for the Humanities from 1984 until his death on June 29th, 1990.

Scope and Content Note: The contents of this collection reflect a life's work in academic scholarship in the history of American politics and the Civil War. Whalon's academic work spanned from his undergraduate years at Bowdoin College, through graduate work at the University of Illinois and the University of Nebraska. The collection includes a range of material types, including research notes typed or taken in Whalon's own hand, written on 5x8 index cards and/or note papers. Whalon kept copious research notes and citations from dozens of primary and secondary sources, which are all reflected in the collection. He then organized these notes, and conclusions from them, by subject and date. There are indications of organization of concepts through his own short hand marginalia; these seem to indicate the preliminary order of his writings. Research notes indicate that Whalon visited over a dozen major archives and repositories throughout the country. Series one contains research for the dissertation, completed in 1968. The second series, on General Philip H. Sheridan, contains correspondence with publishers about tentative dates for the publication of that work, along with photocopies of letters that show of Sheridan's correspondence throughout his career. The material covered in the second series on General Philip H. Sheridan was never published. The final series (series 3) contains academic papers and some biographical information, as well as his early student research endeavors at Bowdoin College. There is a second manuscript included with the Biographical and Academic Papers series that is complete, this is titled: *Consistent Majorities, the Republican Party of Maine during the Civil War Era*. This series highlights the many significant academic relationships that Whalon maintained across several institutions

Series Title	Dissertation Thesis
Series Number	BLCWMW.01
Extent	3 linear feet
Inclusive Dates	1803-1890
Arrangement	Series is arranged chronologically, and then by subject.

Scope-Content

This series contains the compiled data that Dr. Whalon used to form his doctoral thesis. Data is in the form of notes taken from a wide variety of bibliographical resources, including contemporary periodicals, books, and manuscript material. Files contain first dated materials, then 'Miscellaneous Notes' with data from mixed sources and dates; thirdly folders contain chapter notes. Whalon's doctoral thesis is entitled: *Maine Republicans, 1854-1866: A Study in Growth and Political Power, entailing the birth and inner workings of the Republican Party in Maine*. It was published in 1968. A copy of the published thesis is found through the UNE catalog and housed with the collection.

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Series Title	Research on Civil War General Philip H. Sheridan
Series Number	BLCWMW.02
Inclusive Dates	1855-1903
Extent	
Arrangement	Arranged by subject
Scope-Content Note	This series contains the compiled data that Dr. Whalon used to begin his book on Civil War General Philip H. Sheridan. Whalon uses over a dozen different resources which can be found in the Bib Cards section of this series. The majority of this collection contains Whalon's miscellaneous notes on different periodicals, and other material in regards to Sheridan. The Library of Congress notes are clearly set apart from regular notes that Whalon took. This series also contains a collection of letters from several different resources. With these letters is the original manuscript from the Headquarters of the Army, a letter that dates from 1887. The dates for this series are widely spread, ranging from 1855-1903, and do not appear in order by date.

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- 029 Miscellaneous Notes 1868-1877
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- 050 Library of Congress Papers (2/3) 1876-1883
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- 052 The Legacy of the Civil War 1983
- 053 Bibliography Cards 1978
- 054 Bibliography Cards (MSS) Undated
- 055 Bibliography Cards (Memoirs 1/2) Undated
- 056 Bibliography Cards (Memoirs 2/2) Undated
- 057 Bibliography Cards (Contemp. Observers) Undated
- 058 Bibliography Cards (Secondary Accounts 1/4) Undated
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- 064 Bibliography Cards (1/2) Undated
- 065 Bibliography Cards (2/2) Undated
- 066 Miscellaneous Notes (1/3) 1855-1883
- 067 Miscellaneous Notes (2/3) 1855-1883
- 068 Miscellaneous Notes (3/3) 1855-1883
- 069 Headquarters of the Army (MSS) 1887
- 070 Sheridan MSS 1878 (MSS copies) 1878
- 071 Sheridan MSS 1878-1885 (MSS copies) 1878-1885
- 072 Sheridan MSS Undated [LC] (MSS copies) Undated
- 073 Sheridan MSS 1874-1878 [LC] (MSS copies) 1874-1878
- 074 "The Loyal Girl of Winchester" [Ohio] (MSS copies) Undated

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- 075 West Point [New York] (MSS copies) 1848,1888, 1966
- 076 Comly MSS [Ohio] (MSS copies) Undated
- 077 Alger MSS [Michigan] (MSS copies) Undated
- 078 McClellan: "Notes on the Personal Memoirs" [Ohio] (MSS Copies) Undated
- 079 Hayes Library, Fremont (article) Undated
- 080 Sherman MSS [Ohio] (MSS copies) Undated
- 081 M.O.L.L.U.S. eulagies [Ohio] (MSS copies) Undated
- 082 Oberlin MSS (MSS copies) Undated
- 083 Chapter by chapter summary/Personal Memoirs of P.H. Sheridan (Webster 1888) Undated
- 084 Notes from Rhodes Dictionary of American Biography Undated

Series Title	Biographical Material and Academic Papers
Series Number	BLCWMW.03
Extent	1 linear foot
Inclusive Dates	1963-1983
Arrangement	Arranged by subject and date.

Scope-Content Note This series contains biographical information on Dr. Whalon in addition several academic papers from his undergraduate and graduate career. Included in this collection is an additional (undated) manuscript titled: Consistent Majorities, the Republican Party of Maine during the Civil War Era. This series also contains several of the papers that Dr. Whalon wrote as an undergrad and grad student (complete with comments and grades). Overall, this gives a glimpse into what Dr. Whalon was like before he began his career as a professor, and a window into his interests early on in his academic career.

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- 001 Biographical Information 1977-1990
- 002 The Schism of 1054 Jan 9, 1960
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- 004 JFK Breakthrough Jan 12, 1962
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- 006 Tito: Revolutionary April 4, 1962
- 007 German Empire Jan 14, 1963
- 008 Senate 1861-69 May 4, 1965
- 009 Reich Concordat 1933 Undated
- 010 Task for the 60's Undated
- 011 Paris Commune Undated
- 012 Teaching Materials: American Civ Honors 1980
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