

Collection Title Michael W. Whalon Research Collection
Creator Whalon, Michael W.
Inclusive Dates 1960-1983
Extent 6 linear feet
Organization This collection is organized into three series: *Dissertation Thesis, Research on Civil War General Philip H. Sheridan*, and *Biographical and Academic Papers*.

Biographical Note: Michael W. Whalon was born on November 4, 1941 in Pepperell, Massachusetts. Michael Whalon completed his undergraduate education at Bowdoin College in 1963. He received his master's degree in 1964 from the University of Illinois, and his doctorate from the University of Nebraska in 1968. His dissertation was titled, *Maine Republicans, 1854-1866: A Study in Growth and Political Power, Entailing the Birth and Inner Workings of the Republican Party in Maine*.

From 1968-1976, Whalon was an Assistant Professor of History at the University of Tulsa, achieving the rank of Associate Professor in 1976. In 1977-78, Whalon took a 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, a position he held until 1983, when he became Vice Provost. Whalon took the position of Associate Director at the Harry Ransom Humanities Research Center in 1989.

He was on the membership committee for the Southern Historical Association from 1980-1981, and was a national judge for the American History Scholarship Award given by the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution in 1981 and 1982. He served as an academic trustee in the Oklahoma Foundation for the Humanities from 1984 until his death on June 29, 1990.

Scope and Content Note:

Michael Whalon's academic work spans his undergraduate years at Bowdoin College, through graduate work at the University of Illinois and the University of Nebraska. He retained research notes and citations from primary and secondary sources, which are reflected in the collection. 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 reflect Sheridan's correspondence throughout his career. This material is unpublished. Series three contains academic papers and biographical information, as well as early student research at Bowdoin College. This series also contains the manuscript *Consistent Majorities, the Republican Party of Maine during the Civil War Era*.

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Series Title Dissertation Thesis
Series Number 01
Inclusive Dates 1803-1968
Scope-Content This series contains the research that Michael Whalon used to write his dissertation, *Maine Republicans, 1854-1866: A Study in Growth and Political Power, Entailing the Birth and Inner Workings of the Republican Party in Maine*. His research includes notes taken from primary source periodicals, books, and manuscript material.

Series Title Research on Civil War General Philip H. Sheridan
Series Number 02
Inclusive Dates 1855-1903

Scope-Content Note This series contains the research that Dr. Whalon conducted to begin his book on Civil War General Philip H. Sheridan, which was not published. The majority of this collection consists of Whalon's notes from different periodicals. This series also contains a collection of letters from several different sources, ranging from 1855-1903, and are arranged by subject.

Series Title Biographical Material and Academic Papers
Series Number 03
Inclusive Dates 1963-1983

Scope-Content Note This series contains biographical information about Michael Whalon and academic papers from his undergraduate and graduate careers. Included in this series is an unpublished manuscript, *Consistent Majorities, the Republican Party of Maine during the Civil War Era*.