

# Guide to the John Whalan George Mason University history collection C0264

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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)