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Abstract

Papers of Milton Cohen, a Morgantown resident, businessman, World War II veteran, and community activist. The collection contains records in 11 series, including: 1.) Biographical Information, 2.) USS West Virginia, 3.) Tree of Life Synagogue, 4.) Sidler's Department Store, 5.) Morgantown, 6.) Monongalia County, 7.) Charities and Non-profit Organizations, 8.) CLOLA [Concerned Love Ones and Lotowners Associations], 9.) Environmental Issues, 10.) Audio-Visual Material, and 11.) Oversize. Series 2, USS West Virginia, includes historical narratives, clippings, and photographs regarding the USS West Virginia, its bell, mast, and the bell ringing ceremony on the West Virginia University campus. Series 5, Morgantown, regards projects and protests by Cohen and citizens groups involving BFI Waste Management, Century Cable, the Morgantown City Council, and building, zoning, and planning pertaining to Morgantown. Series 8, CLOLA [Concerned Love Ones and Lotowners], includes records regarding CLOLA suing the Beverly Hills Memorial Gardens owner Richard Pence and Sandridge Coal Company for strip mining cemetery land. Series 9, Environmental Issues, includes records related to Cohen's involvement in several environmental issues and protests. See the scope and content note for a complete listing and description of series.

Creator

Cohen, Milton, 1906-2008

Extent

10.25 Linear Feet 10 ft. 3 in. (10 records cartons, 1 flat storage box)

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Scope and Contents

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- 1.) Biographical Information
- 2.) USS West Virginia
- 3.) Tree of Life Synagogue
- 4.) Sidler's Department Store
- 5.) Morgantown
- 6.) Monongalia County
- 7.) Charities and Non-profit Organizations
- 8.) CLOLA [Concerned Love Ones and Lotowners Associations]
- 9.) Environmental Issues

10.) Audio-Visual Material

11.) Oversize.

Separated Materials

To Printed Ephemera Collection (except for post cards): 1.) Post Cards, 7 items, ca. 1998; 2.) WV State Parks and Environment, 9 items, ca. 1960-1991. 3.) State Publications, 8 items, ca. 1962-1990; 4.) National Publications, 3 items, ca. 1955-1980; 5.) Programs for concerts, theater, art exhibits, etc., ca. 1947-1993; 6.) WVU Publications, 11 items; ca. 1960-1995; 7.) Morgantown and Monongalia County Publications, 17 items, ca. 1950-2000.

Keywords

Morgantown (W. Va.)

United States Navy - USS WEST VIRGINIA.

Cohen, Milton, 1906-2008

West Virginia (Ship)

Description of Subordinate Components

Series 1. Biographical Information, Box 1

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

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Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/182066

Unit Date ca. 1944-2006

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Scope and Contents

Includes personal papers, correspondence, photographs, memorabilia, clippings, and ephemera regarding Milt Cohen's personal life, family, and friends; his enrollment as a 90 year old law school student at West Virginia University; and recognition for his community service.

Series 2. USS West Virginia, Box 2

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

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Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/182067

Unit Date ca. 1947-2006

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Scope and Contents

Includes clippings, state and local proclamations, programs, historical narratives, biographies, correspondence, and photographs regarding the sinking of the USS West Virginia during the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, her raising and restoration to duty after the attack, and biographies of her crew. Also includes records regarding Milt Cohen's participation in the USS West Virginia bell ringing on the campus of West Virginia University; and a photo of the SS Morgantown Victory Ship.

Series 3. Tree of Life Synagogue, Box 1

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/182068

Unit Date ca. 1957-2004

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Scope and Contents

Includes correspondence, newsletters, historical narratives, and ephemera regarding the Morgantown

synagogue "Tree of Life," the religion of Judaism, and political activities involving Jewish organizations and the country of Israel.

Series 4. Sidler's Department Store, Box 2

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/182069

Unit Date ca. 1946-1983

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Scope and Contents

Includes correspondence, clippings, and account books regarding the Cohen family department store business in Morgantown

Series 5. City of Morgantown, Boxes 2-5

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Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/182070

Unit Date ca. 1947-2002

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Mixed Materials 3 (Box)

Mixed Materials 4 (Box)

Mixed Materials 5 (Box)

Scope and Contents

Includes correspondence, City Council meeting minutes, agendas, studies, clippings, maps, photographs of Morgantown in the 1950s, and court papers regarding projects and protests by Cohen and citizen groups involving Century Cable, BFI Waste Management, City Council members, building, zoning and planning pertaining to Morgantown and Monongalia County, the All-American City Competition records [including photographs of Morgantown from ca. 1962 to 1982, sound recording (can be found in the Audio Series) and presentation script], the Morgantown Parking Authority, Morgantown Chamber of Commerce, and the Downtown Action Committee.

Series 6. Monongalia County, Box 5

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/182071

Unit Date ca. 1952-2005

Mixed Materials 5 (Box)

Scope and Contents

Includes correspondence, minutes, clippings, and maps regarding the County Commission, Monongalia Vo-Tech Center, Board of Education, Mon Seniors, and the Monongalia Historical Society.

Series 7. Charities and Non-Profit Organizations, Box 6

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

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Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/182072

Unit Date ca. 1946-2000

Mixed Materials 6 (Box)

Scope and Contents

Includes correspondence, clippings, photographs, ephemera, newsletters, minutes of meetings, studies, and campaign plans for fund raisers regarding the Kiwanis, Community Chest, the Red Cross [includes several photographs and three bulletins pertaining to the destruction along the Gulf Coast by Hurricane Audrey in 1957], the United Way of Monongalia County, the Community Concerts Association, and the

Series 8. CLOLA (Concerned Loved Ones and Lotowners Associations, Boxes 7-8

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/182073

Unit Date ca. 1987-1997

Mixed Materials 7 (Box)

Mixed Materials 8 (Box)

Scope and Contents

Includes correspondence, deeds, clippings, photographs, maps, permits, depositions, briefs, court transcripts, financial records, and strip mining studies regarding CLOLA suing the Beverly Hills Memorial Gardens owner, Richard Pence, and Sandridge Coal Company for strip mining cemetery land.

Series 9. Environmental Issues, Boxes 9-10

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

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Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/182074

Unit Date ca. 1977-2003

Mixed Materials 9 (Box)

Mixed Materials 10 (Box)

Scope and Contents

Includes correspondence, clippings, fact sheets, circulars, permits, briefs, newsletters, studies, court papers, and complaints filed with the West Virginia Public Service Commission regarding protests by MOVE [Monongalia Organization for a Viable Environment], CLEAR [Cheat Lake Environmental and Recreational Association], ISCMC [Involved Senior Citizens of Morgantown-Monongalia County], among other groups in which Cohen participated, against MEA [Morgantown Energy Association], Monongahela Power, Alleghany Power, Hope Gas, MUB [Morgantown Utility Board], West Virginia University, developers, and state officials.

Series 10. Audiovisual Materials, Box 10

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

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Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/182075

Unit Date ca. 1987-2000

Mixed Materials 10 (Box)

Scope and Contents

Includes 11 cassettes, 1 video, and 1 CD regarding CLOLA (Concerned Loved Ones and Lotowners Associations), Morgantown City Council meetings, and "The All-American City" presentation.

Series 11. Oversize, Box 11

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

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Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/182076

Unit Date ca. 1911-2003

Mixed Materials 11 (Box)

Scope and Contents

Includes broadsides, architectural plans, maps, publications, and certificates regarding Morgantown; also includes state proclamations pertaining to the centennial of the USS West Virginia, a large photograph of South Junior High, a large book entitled "Grandparents Day and Marian McQuade," and a study of Willey Street.