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2 boxes; 2 linear feet

Biographical Note

Albert J. Wahl (1909-1996) taught high school (1933-1946) and history at West Chester Teachers College (1946-1951) before joining the History Department at Indiana State Teachers College (IUP). He attended Lafayette College for his BS and earned his MS in 1933. After completing his Ed.D. at Temple University in 1951, Dr. Wahl was hired to fill in for Dr. Cordier in 1951-1952. Because of the resignation of Dorcas Hall, and his willingness to pick up her sociology courses as well as teach history, Dr. Wahl was able to remain at Indiana after Cordier's return.

His greatest interest lay in American social and intellectual history, especially the subgroup of Quakers known as the Progressive Friends, which was the subject of his doctoral dissertation. It was Wahl's one-page proposal in 1966 that led to the creation of Indiana's distinguished faculty awards. After 20 years, he retired from Indiana University of Pennsylvania as Emeritus Professor of History in 1971. After he retired, Dr. Wahl completed *Jesse Hayes Holmes, 1864-1942: A Quaker's Affirmation for Man* (1979). For many years he served as the secretary of the Indiana Borough Police Commission.

Scope and Content

The Albert J. Wahl Papers are housed in two archival boxes. These papers include biographical manuscripts and publications, articles, text of speeches, and book reviews.

Provenance

Donated by Dr. Albert J. Wahl.

Restrictions

None.

Processor

Summer 2009; records rearranged and inventory rewritten by Special Collections.

Container List

Box 1 (9 folders)

1. Jesse Holmes Biography volume 1 (pp. 1-90)
2. Jesse Holmes Biography volume 1 (pp. 91-190)
3. Jesse Holmes Biography volume 1 (pp. 191-287)
4. Jesse Holmes Biography volume 2 (pp. 288-400)
5. Jesse Holmes Biography volume 2 (pp. 400-485)
6. Jesse Holmes Biography volume 2 (pp.486-579)
7. Reviews of the Holmes Biography 1979-1981:
 - a. Esther Reed, letter, September 7, 1979
 - b. Thomas B. McCabe, letter, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, October 24, 1979

- c. David H. Scull, letter, Annandale, Virginia, October 25, 1979.
- d. *Kutztown Patriot*, article, "Dr. Albert Wahl Writes Biography on Jesse Holmes," December 14, 1979.
- e. Marion Hall Holland, letter, Chevy Chase, Maryland, March 11, 1979.
- f. Mary R. Calhoun, article, "Jesse Herman Holmes, 1864-1942: A Quaker's Affirmation of Man," by Albert J. Wahl, *Friends Journal*, page 23, March 15, 1980.
- g. Marion Hall Holland, letter, Chevy Chase, Maryland, March 22, 1980.
- h. Amelia R. Fry, letter, Washington, D.C., July 17, 1980.
- i. Edwin C. Bronner, article, "Jesse Herman Holmes, 1864-1942: A Quaker's Affirmation of Man," by Albert J. Wahl, *Pennsylvania History* Vol. XLVII.3, pages 267-268, July 1980.
- j. Larry Gara, article, "Jesse Herman Holmes, 1864-1942: A Quaker's Affirmation of Man," by Albert J. Wahl, *Quaker History* Vol. 69.2, page 125-126, Autumn 1980.
- k. Brand Blanshard, letter, New Haven, Connecticut, May 22, 1981.
- 8. Wahl's Articles in Periodicals:
 - a. Wahl, Albert J. "The Progressive Friends of Longwood." *The Bulletin of Friends Historical Association* (Spring 1953): 13-32.
 - b. Wahl, Albert J. "The Pennsylvania Yearly Meeting of Progressive Friends." *Pennsylvania History*- Vol. XXV.2 (April 1958): 122-136.
 - c. Wahl, Albert, J. "Vignettes in the Crusade for Women's Rights 1865-1998." *Historical Musings* Vol. 1.1 (Spring 1971): 21-26.
 - d. Wahl, Albert J. "Longwood Meeting: Public Forum for the American Democratic Faith." *Pennsylvania History* Vol. XLII.1 (Jan. 1975): 43-69.
 - e. Wahl, Albert J. "Swarthmore's Renaissance Man 'Ducky' Holmes." *Swarthmore College Bulletin* (Feb. 1980): 5-7.
- 9. Wahl Speech at Longwood Gardens, 1979

Box 2 (10 folders, 1 book)

Series I Unpublished Manuscripts

- 1. Wahl, Albert, J. *The Congregational or Progressive Friends in the pre-Civil War Reform Movement*. Vol. I (Chapters 1-6), unpublished doctoral dissertation, Temple University, 1951.
- 2. Wahl, Albert, J. *The Congregational or Progressive Friends in the pre-Civil War Reform Movement*. Vol. II (Chapters 7-11), unpublished doctoral dissertation, Temple University, 1951.

Series II Teaching Materials

- 3. *History in Your Life*, volume I, materials collected by Albert J. Wahl.
 - a. An Explanation
 - b. History in Your Life Introduction
 - c. The Nature of History
- 4. *History in Your Life*, volume II, materials collected by Albert J. Wahl
 - a. Statistics in History
 - b. Inquiry – Critical Thinking
- 5. *History in Your Life*, volume III, materials collected by Albert J. Wahl

- a. Problems in Historical Criticism
 - b. Colonial Period to 1763
 - c. American Revolution, 1763-1789.
 - d. Early National Period, 1789-1828.
 - e. Jacksonian Democracy and the Pre-Civil-War Reform Movement 1828-1860.
 - f. Civil War and Reconstruction
 - g. National Development, 1877-1917
 - h. World War I and Twenties
6. *History in Your Life*, volume IV, materials collected by Albert J. Wahl
- a. Depression and the Continuing New Deal, 1929-1953
 - b. Age of Anxiety and the "Great Society," 1953-
 - c. Research Aids
7. *History in Your Life*, volume V, materials collected by Albert J. Wahl
- a. Western Civilization Historiography
 - b. Democracy on Trial in Old Athens – The Trial of Socrates

Series III Works of Jesse Herman Holmes (1864-1942)

8. Works of Jesse Holmes
- a. Holmes, Jesse H. *Appendix to the Scientifically Minded*, n.d.
 - b. Holmes, Jesse H. *What is Truth: A Message to Students*, Friends General Conference, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, n.d.
 - c. Holmes, Jesse H., "Carrying the Quaker Message Around the World: A Day in an Indian Mud Village." *Friends Intelligencer* Vol. 83 (May 15, 1926): 390-391.
 - d. Holmes, Jesse H., "Carrying the Quaker Message Around the World: Meetings at Colleges in India." *Friends Intelligencer* Vol. 83 (June 5, 1926): 454-455.
 - e. Holmes, Jesse H. *What is A Pacifist?* October 7, 1916.
 - f. Holmes, Jesse H. *Philosophy Manuscript*, August 1941.

Series IV Books

9. Book Reviews by Albert J. Wahl:
- a. Wahl, Albert J. *Mr. Peale's Museum: Charles Willson Peale and the First Popular Museum of Natural Science and Art* by Charles Colman Sellers. *Pennsylvania History* Vol. 48.1 (January 1981): 81-83. Charles Willson Peale (1741-1827)
 - b. Wahl, Albert J. *Pendle Hill: A Quaker Experiment in Education and Community* by Eleanor Price Mather. *Pennsylvania History* Vol. XLVIII.4 (October 1981): 377-379.
 - c. Wahl, Albert J. *The Liberty Line – The Legend of the Underground Railroad* by Larry Gara. *Pennsylvania History* XXIX.2 (January 1962): 115-117.
 - d. Wahl, Albert J. *Buying the Wind: Regional Folklore in the United States* by Richard M. Dorson. *Pennsylvania History* Vol. XXXII.2 (April 1965): 233-235.
10. Books Presented by Dr. Wahl to the IUP Libraries:
- a. *The Book of Discipline of the Religious Society of Friends: Christian Practice Business Procedure*, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 1943.
 - i. Includes page of Quaker Groups Family Tree photocopy tucked in between pages 66 and 67.
 - ii. Includes pages entitled "Queries" tucked into pocket of inside back cover.
 - a. Brown, Ria V. *Pennsylvania Reformers: from Penn to Pinchot*. Gettysburg: Times and News Publishing Company, 1966.

- i. Note included by Wahl which states that “excellent as this work is, the omission of any mention of Jesse Holmes and the Progressive Friends demonstrates the need for continuing research.”
11. Wahl, Albert J. *Jesse Herman Holmes, 1864-1942: A Quakers Affirmation for Man*. Richmond: Friends United Press, 1979. Call Number: BX7795 .H74 W33