



**FINDING AID TO  
THE WILLIAM WHALEN PAPERS, 1943-1991**

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## Descriptive Summary

<b>Creator Information</b>	Whalen, William, 1926-2008
<b>Title</b>	William Whalen papers
<b>Collection Identifier</b>	MSP 100
<b>Date Span</b>	1943-1991, bulk 1943-1947
<b>Abstract</b>	The William Whalen papers consist of a series of letters that document the military service and career of former Purdue University Press Director William Whalen. The papers contain personal correspondence from Whalen's young adulthood and a variety of documents related to the operations of the Purdue University Press.
<b>Extent</b>	1.5 cubic feet (1 mss. box, 1 0.5 c.f. box)
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<b>Languages</b>	English
<b>Repository</b>	Virginia Kelly Karnes Archives and Special Collections Research Center, Purdue University Libraries

## Administrative Information

<b>Location Information:</b>	ASC
<b>Access Restrictions:</b>	Collection is open for research. Some material has been restricted to protect confidentiality.
<b>Acquisition Information:</b>	Donated by Mary Beth Whalen, May 07, 2008; additional donations by Pat Whalen, May, 2008
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## **Subjects and Genres**

### **Persons**

Whalen, William Joseph, 1926-2008

### **Organizations**

Indiana Catholic Conference

Lafayette Housing Authority

Purdue University

United States Department of the Navy

### **Topics**

Family Life

World War II

Printing

### **Form and Genre Types**

Flower (Plant Material)

Letters

Memoranda

Newsletters

Newspaper clippings

Photographic prints

Postcards

### **Occupations**

Director—Purdue University Press

Officer—United States Department of the Navy

Instructor

Author

## Biography of William Whalen

William "Bill" Whalen (1926-2008) was born in Michigan City, Indiana. He earned a bachelor's degree from Marquette University and a master's degree in journalism from Northwestern University. He also attended the University of Notre Dame, where he joined United States Navy in 1943. He married Mary Beth Sell in 1954, with which he had five children. Whalen joined Purdue University in 1950, where he directed publications and taught journalism. In 1960, he helped to create the Purdue University Press, serving as its director until his retirement in 1992. Whalen was also authored or co-wrote a dozen books and several hundred articles during his career.

### Source(s):

Whalen, William J. *Lafayette Journal and Courier*. March 26, 2008. Retrieved online May 8, 2008.

## Collection Description

### Scope

The William Whalen papers (1943-1991; 1.5 cubic feet) includes many personal materials shared during Whalen's service during and after World War II, as well as a small number of assorted documents related to his time as director of the Purdue University Press.

### Arrangement

The William Whalen papers are organized into three series, all chronologically within each:

1. **Correspondence, 1943-1949, 1.3 cubic feet:** Series 1 is comprised entirely of personal correspondence, primarily between Whalen and his mother. He also writes to other family members, friends, and past acquaintances. The correspondence contains letters, newspaper clippings, photographs, postcards, and a still-intact rose petal.
2. **Naval Service, 1943-1946, 0.1 cubic feet:** Series 2 contains materials related to Whalen's time in the service, including hymns, reports, newsletters, and war crimes documents.
3. **Purdue University, 1955-1991, 0.1 cubic feet:** Series 3 includes items relating to Whalen's time as a faculty member and director of the Purdue University Press. Documents include memoranda, budget reports, staff reports, and publication information.

### Descriptive Rules

Anglo-American Cataloguing Rules, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition / Describing Archives: A Content Standard

### Processing Information

The original order of the materials has been retained whenever possible. Letters have been removed from envelopes and most envelopes have been discarded. All newsprint has been photocopied and original newspaper clippings have been discarded.

## DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE COLLECTION

### **Series 1. Correspondence, 1943-1949**

(1.3 cubic feet)

#### **Box 1**

##### Folder

1. July-August, 1943
2. September-October, 1943
3. November-December, 1943
4. January-February, 1944
5. March-April, 1944
6. May-June, 1944
7. July-August, 1944
8. September-October, 1944
9. November-December, 1944
10. January-February, 1945
11. March-April, 1945
12. May-June, 1945
13. July-August, 1945
14. September-October, 1945
15. November-December, 1945

#### **Box 2**

16. January-February, 1946
17. March-April, 1946
18. May-June, 1946
19. 1947, 1949

### **Series 2. Naval Service, 1943-1946**

(0.1 cubic feet)

#### **Box 2**

##### Folder

1. Naval Service, 1943-1946

Prayer program – “For the Catholic student at Notre Dame”, undated  
“Prayer at the Time of Invasion” by Bartholomew Eustace, Bishop of Camden New Jersey, undated

General Summary of Saipan Island, Marianas, with map, dated July 6, 1945

Program of *The Messiah* from Saipan University, dated December 23, 1945

Welfare and Recreation legend – Naval Operating Base, Saipan

*Saipan Beacon* newsletter, dated November 28, 1945

*Saipan Beacon* newsletter, dated December 25, 1945  
*Navy News* newspaper, dated February 2, 1946  
Record of Charges (war crimes) against members of Japanese Imperial Navy,  
dated April 16, 1946

### **Series 3. Purdue University, 1958-1991** (0.1 cubic feet)

#### **Box 2**

##### Folder

##### 1. Purdue University, 1958-1991

Purdue Executive Memorandum No. A-90, dated July 18, 1955 (marked copy)  
Letter to President Hovde – Technical Advice for Student Publications, dated May 15, 1958  
Letter from A. Schlegel in regards to Newman Club, dated July 16, 1958  
Memorandum – To Deans, Directors, and Department Heads, *Monday Memo*, dated September 8, 1967  
Maudlin Memo Newsletter, a W.J.W. Quarterly Issue (comic newsletter), dated June 27, 1975  
Memorandum – To VP Leonard W. Bucklin, Ten Proposals, dated September 9, 1976  
Purdue Press Organizational Hierarchy Chart, dated July 26, 1982  
Memorandum – To Mike Ferin, Re: Summer Session, dated March 12, 1984  
Memorandum & APSAC materials – To Joe Bennett, APSAC – September 14, 1989  
Committee Report – To Joe Bennett, Committee to Study Purdue Press – December 11, 1989  
Congratulations Note – From Charles J. Stewart, dated May 20, 1991  
Purdue University Press Financial Report for year ended June 30, 1991  
Memorandum – To Joe Bennett, Responsibilities of PUP Director, dated September 10, 1991  
Minutes of Special Meeting of the PUP Editorial Board with VPs Ringel and Bennett, dated November 26, 1991