**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
e. Marion Hall Holland, letter, Chevy Chase, Maryland, March 11, 1979.
g. Marion Hall Holland, letter, Chevy Chase, Maryland, March 22, 1980.

8. Wahl's Articles in Periodicals:


**Box 2 (10 folders, 1 book)**

**Series I Unpublished Manuscripts**


**Series II Teaching Materials**

   a. An Explanation
   b. History in Your Life Introduction
   c. The Nature of History

   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  
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  
f. Holmes, Jesse H. Philosophy Manuscript, August 1941.

Series IV Books

9. Book Reviews by Albert J. Wahl:  

10. Books Presented by Dr. Wahl to the IUP Libraries:  
   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.  
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.”