

**Joseph Cohen Collection**  
**1957-1988**

**JOSEPH COHEN**

Collection: NAC 201-209  
Size: 9 cubic feet  
Accession number: 94-0122  
Location: NCCROW NAC 201-209

**SOURCE OF ACQUISITION:**

Donation by Joseph Cohen

**RESTRICTIONS:**

Newcomb Dean Search (1986-87) files

**PROCESSOR:**

Sarah J. Griffin, Newcomb '93

**ORGANIZATION AND ARRANGEMENT:**

The majority of the materials are file folders from Joseph Cohen's files. The files have been alphabetized according to the labels on the original file folders in order to approximate the original order of the materials. Also included in the collection are a few financial ledgers and three videotapes of an interview with Dr. Cohen in 1991.

**FINDING AIDS:**

Inventory attached lists the first and last file in each box as well as selected notable files.

**BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE:**

A professor of English at Tulane University from 1955 to 1991, Joseph Cohen divided his time between the English Department and the university as a whole. From 1961 to 1976, he served as Associate Dean of Newcomb College. Active in the development of new programs, Cohen worked towards the foundation of the Honors Program; the Newcomb Women's Center; and the Jewish Studies Program, where he was director from 1981 to 1987.

**SCOPE AND CONTENT:**

This collection contains records from Joseph Cohen's files from 1957 to 1988, primarily materials from the various committees on which he served, among them the Curriculum Committee, the Newcomb Dean Search Committee (1986-87), and the Advanced Standing Committee. Although the Honors Program houses Cohen's files on the honors program, this collection includes his files on the Southern Honors Symposium (1970) and the National Collegiate Honors Council (1969-75) as well as on the Woodrow Wilson Fellowship Competition.

The collection also includes three sessions of an interview with Dr. Cohen in 1991 on three videocassettes. In these interviews one finds worlds of rich personal material inaccessible in the professional files. These personal recollections, which linger a great deal on his childhood, illuminate various themes in his life--for instance, his grandparents, struggling Jewish immigrants in Tennessee and Kentucky; growing up Jewish in the South; his discovery and pursuit of literature study; participation in the military and its effect on his work. Dr. Cohen's story and comments would be useful from both an individual perspective as well as an historical one.

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**Box 1**

*from* A. C. E. Meeting - Miami  
*to* Curriculum Committee 1969-70

*Also includes:*

Academic Ceremonies, Committee on  
Admissions  
Advanced Standing Committee 1969-70  
Budget Statements 1970-71  
Center for Continuing Education of Women 1971-72  
Comprehensive Exams  
Curriculum Committee 1957-58; 1967-68;

**Box 2**

*from* Curriculum Committee 1969-70 Barnard College Report  
*to* Curriculum Committee 1980-81

*Also includes:*

Curriculum committee 1970-72; 1978-80

**Box 3**

*from* Curriculum Committee 1980-81  
*to* Development, Senate Committee on 1988-89

**Box 4**

*from* Dillard University Developing Institutions Grant 1969-70  
*to* N. C. H. C. - Education and Social Action Committee

*Also includes:*

Executive Committee 1973-76  
Ford Foundation Fellowship Application Material  
Georgia State College  
Higher Education for Women, Part I - Part III  
Louisiana College Conference 1971-72  
N. C. H. C. (National Council on Higher Education)

**Box 5**

*from* N. C. H. C. Executive Committee Meeting 1972  
*to* Newcomb College

*Also includes:*

N. C. H. C. Files 1969-1975

**Box 6**

*from* Newcomb College 1981-82  
*to* Paid Invoices #20232

*Also includes:*

Newcomb Dean Search Files  
Newcomb Survival

**Box 7**

*from* President's Office  
*to* Southern Honor's Symposium - Program

*Also includes:*

Southern Honor's Symposium  
General Correspondence - Program

**Box 8**

*from* Southern Honors Symposium - Questionnaires Returned  
*to* Women's Center Committee

*Also includes:*

Southern Honors Symposium  
Questionnaires - Registration  
Tiresian Literary Magazine

**Box 9**

*from* Women's Center Proposal  
*to* WYES Auction Think Committee

*Also includes:*

Woodrow Wilson Fellowship Foundation Files