

The Hugo Mailey Papers, 1953-1989

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Acquisition: It is unknown when the University Archives received these materials. The first documentation of them in the collections is an inventory created in 2012 by Elizabeth Sullivan.

Access: Open for Research except for one restricted box with files that have been removed from different series across the collection.

Condition Note: This collection was affected by the 1972 Hurricane Agnes flood. A lot of the material is flood-damaged, ink is faded, and some pages have stuck together or are in frail condition.

Provenance: The provenance and the original order of the Hugo Mailey Papers is unknown. This is an artificial collection created off of the order of the inventory that Elizabeth Sullivan created in 2012.

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Biographical Sketch:

Dr. Hugo Mailey was an important public figure in the Wyoming Valley region of Northeastern Pennsylvania, and worked to fix a number of issues the area had been facing from the 1950s into the 1970s. Dr. Mailey arrived at Wilkes College in 1946 from Bridgeport High school in Pennsylvania, and eventually became the Head of the Political Science department. His own education included degrees from both West Chester State Teachers College in Chester County Pennsylvania, and the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia. He is known for being the founder of the Institute of Municipal Government (known later as the Institute for Regional Affairs) at Wilkes College, doing work for the Pennsylvania Economy League, and most famously for his contribution in creating the Wyoming Valley Sanitary Authority in 1962.

At the beginning of his role as Director of Institute for Regional affairs, he and his team tackled a variety of issues from the late 1950s into the early 1970s, such as implementing civil service rules and regulations for different towns, analyzing tax collections for Luzerne County,

comparing rural and urban school districts in Luzerne County, and collaborating with joint police services in areas such as Fairview, Wright Townships, and Back Mountain. This work led him to his eventual creation of the Wyoming Valley Sanitary Authority in 1962, where he brought 14 communities in the Wyoming Valley region together to create a solution to better manage the wastewater in the area. Up until its creation, the sewage from the valley communities was flowing directly into the Susquehanna River and oftentimes this included not just wastewater from cities but waste from old mines as well. The state then told communities that they would have to be responsible for treating this wastewater themselves, to which Dr. Mailey began organizing a way in which to convince the surrounding communities to embrace the idea of regionalization. He was successful, and after he created it on December 12th, 1962 he then served as the authority's first executive director part-time. Later, he went on to further help the Wyoming Valley Sanitary Authority build their sewage treatment plant in the Breslau section of Hanover township in 1969 where it still operates today.

In March of 1971, Dr. Mailey died at the age of 55 of a heart attack while at his desk. He was known for being intelligent, efficient, honest, and trusted. These attributes allowed him to not only accomplish great things for his community, but for the entire Wyoming Valley region.

References:

- https://www.citizensvoice.com/news/mailey-was-force-behind-early-regionalization-efforts/article_ebe6d19b-abac-5032-ab65-79a311357995.html

Scope and Content:

The Hugo Mailey Papers , 1953-1989, contain letters, reports, pamphlets, action proposals, newspaper clippings, photographs, and notes on his professional roles at Wilkes College as the Director of Institute of Regional Affairs and as a political science professor. This collection spans a wide range of years, 1953-1989, and consists of Dr. Mailey's work with multiple organizations and his associates who took over his roles after his death. Although Mailey died in 1971, many of these materials continue into the late 1980s, revealing the changes and impacts of these organizations and programs.

This collection is divided into six series, with some of them having smaller subseries to further organize the documents based on specific topics and content. As the Head of the Department of Political Science at Wilkes College, he coordinated many events on campus, within Wilkes-Barre, and the other areas in the Susquehanna Valley.

The first series, Community Programs and Involvement, 1959-1984, contains documents pertaining to different local government programs and projects in the Wyoming Valley. This series is broken up into four subseries regarding different aspects of Mailey's interaction with the community. It contains Hugo Mailey's speeches and correspondence with associates who partook in different conferences and annual dinners during his career. The series also contains notable letters and reports regarding potential projects for Concrete City in Nanticoke, which Wilkes College acquired on November 5, 1964 from the Glen Alden Coal Company. Concrete City had been abandoned for 40 years prior to Wilkes' land purchase. Dr. Mailey's vision was to

gain more regional support in converting the grounds into a modern training facility for fire, civil, and police officials.

The second series, Sewer and Sanitary Development, 1956-1968, contains the Wyoming Valley Sanitary Authority files. The different types of documents range from technical reports on the allocation of money and resources, to rules and regulations for employees and facilities maintenance.

The third series, "Newspaper Files, 1972-1976", contains clippings from newspaper articles following Mailey's passing in 1971. Ranging from local newspapers to the New York Times, these articles describe various stories of Wilkes events and the surrounding areas, revealing the impact of Mailey's involvement in local and regional organizations.

The fourth series, "Community Education Programs, 1966-1976" contains files related to K-12 grade school programs and information regarding the various school districts in the area. The series consists of correspondence regarding Wilkes' payments to partnered school districts for extra curricular school programs, and documents that explain Wilkes programs offered directly to interested students. The most notable of these programs is Upward Bound, a program still offered by Wilkes today to low-income families with high school students who wish to get an early start with their college career and have access to programs that help them succeed in a college academic environment.

The fifth series, "Wilkes College Administration Files, 1953-1989", contains various files from different departments and offices at Wilkes, including contemporary events for the staff and faculty, memos about faculty meetings and newsletters, letters related to the Office of Continuing Education's activities, and departmental budget reports for the fiscal year.

Series Description: The Hugo Mailey Papers are arranged into five series: Series I: Community Programs & Involvement, 1959-1984, Series II: The Sewer and Sanitary Development, 1956-1968, Series III: Newspaper Files, 1972-1976, Series IV: External Primary, Secondary & College Programs & Involvement, 1966-1976

Series I: Community Programs & Involvement, 1959-1984

The Community Programs & Involvement, 1959-1984 series contains documents pertaining to different local government programs and projects in the Wyoming Valley. It contains Hugo Mailey's speeches and correspondence with associates who partook in different conferences and annual dinners during his career. The series also contains notable letters and reports regarding potential projects for Concrete City in Nanticoke, which Wilkes College acquired on November 5, 1964 from the Glen Alden Coal Company. Concrete City had been abandoned for 40 years prior to Wilkes' land purchase. Dr. Mailey's vision was to gain more regional support in converting the grounds into a modern training facility for fire, civil, and police officials.

This series is arranged into four subseries: Subseries I: City Development Programs and Outside Organizations, 1959-1983, Subseries II: Budgets and Economic Developments, 1966-1972, Subseries III: Health, Wellness, and First Responders, 1966-1984, and Subseries IV: Townships and Boroughs, 1973.

Subseries I: City Development Programs and Outside Organizations, 1959-1983

This subseries is arranged chronologically and consists of Dr. Mailey's Institute of Regional Affairs and Institute of Municipal Government files from 1959 to 1983. Included in this subseries are correspondence and reports for various organizations such as The Flood Recovery Task Force, Inc., American Enterprise Institute for Public Policy Research, and Wyoming Borough Civil Service Commission.

Subseries II: Budgets and Economic Developments, 1966-1972

This subseries is arranged chronologically and consists of budgets and economic reports from different offices and departments that are involved with the community and local government.

Subseries III: Health, Wellness, and First Responders, 1966-1984

This subseries is arranged chronologically and consists of documentation regarding various different health services, as well as a directory for the the different ambulance services throughout Pennsylvania at the time.

Subseries IV: Townships and Boroughs, 1973

This subseries is arranged chronologically and consists of reports and newspaper clippings on the various townships and boroughs in the Wyoming Valley.

Series II: The Sewer and Sanitary Development, 1956-1968

This series is arranged chronologically and consists of correspondence, reports, memorandums, proposals concerning the sewer and sanitary authority.

Series III: The Newspaper Files, 1972-1976 contains clippings from newspaper articles, from local newspapers to the New York Times following Mailey's passing in 1971. These articles report on different stories of Wilkes events and the surrounding areas, revealing the impact of Mailey's involvement in local and regional organizations.

Series IV: Community Education Programs, 1966-1976 has two subseries: Subseries I: K-12 programs and Aid, 1971-1976, and Subseries II: School District Information, 1969-1972.

Subseries I: K-12 programs and Aid, 1971-1976 is arranged chronologically and contains files with forms and letters pertaining to Wilkes programs offered directly to interested students, such as the Wilkes Upward Bound program and the YWCA Tutorial Program.

Subseries II: School District Information, 1969-1972 is arranged chronologically and contains documents that consist of the correspondence regarding Wilkes' payments to partnered school districts for extra curricular school programs.

Series V: Wilkes Administrative Files, 1953-1989

This series contains various files from different departments and offices at Wilkes, including contemporary events for the staff and faculty, memos about faculty meetings and newsletters, letters related to the Office of Continuing Education's activities, and departmental budget reports for the fiscal year.

Folder List

Location

Box 1 (1959-1972)

Series I: Community Programs & Involvement, 1959-1984

Subseries I: City Development Programs and Outside Organizations, 1959-1983

- 1.0.-1.1.** Urban Renewal + Planning, 1959-1971 (**2 Folders**)
- 1.2.** Title I- Regional Approach to Local Government, 1960-1972
- 1.3.** Vitas, c. 1960 - 1979
- 1.4.** Flood Control [severe flood damage to paper], 1961
- 1.5** 1st Community Growth Conference, 1961- 1962
- 1.6.** 2nd Community Growth Conference, 1962
- 1.7.** Inservice Training for Public Officials, 1962-1967
- 1.8.** Wilkes-Barre, Parking Authority, 1962
- 1.9.** 11th annual dinner, 1963.
- 1.10.** 3rd Community Growth Conference- 1963
- 1.11.** Concrete City Photographs, 1964-1967
- 1.12.-1.13.** Concrete City, 1964-1967 (**2 Folders**)

Box 2 (1964-1970)

- 2.0.** 12nd Annual Dinner, 1964
- 2.1.** 8th Community Growth Conference, 1964-1968
- 2.2.** 4th Annual Community Growth Conference, 1964
- 2.3.** Concrete City Certificate of Insurance, Sept. 4th, 1965
- 2.4.** Concrete City, Acknowledgement Letters, 1965-1966
- 2.5.** 13th Annual Dinner, 1965
- 2.6.** 5th Annual Community Growth Conference, 1965
- 2.7.** Highway and Transportation, 1965-1970
- 2.8.** Community Leadership Seminar, 1966-1967
- 2.9.** 6th Community Growth Conference, 1966
- 2.10.** Editorials- WBRE TV- 1966-1967
- 2.11.** 14th Annual Dinner, 1966

- 2.12. 7th Community Growth Conference, 1967
- 2.13. 15th Annual Dinner, 1967
- 2.14. American Society for Public Administration, 1967-68 (**Restricted**)
- 2.15. 16th Annual Dinner, 1968
- 2.16. 9th Community Growth Conference, 1969
- 2.17. 17th Annual Dinner, 1969
- 2.18. Vitas, 1970-1979
- 2.19. 10th Community Growth Conference, 1970

Box 3 (1971-1983)

- 3.0. 11th Community Growth Conference, 1971
- 3.1. HUD, 1972
- 3.2. Wyoming Borough Civil Service Commission, 1972
- 3.3. 20th Annual Dinner, 1972
- 3.4. American Enterprise Institute for Public Policy Research, 1973
- 3.5. Government Study Commission, 1972
- 3.6-3.15. Dept. of Community Affairs Course Complete Certificate, 1973 (**10 Folders**)
- 3.16. 22nd Annual Dinner, 1974
- 3.17. Wilkes-Barre II, 1980-1981
- 3.18. Flood Recovery Task Force 10th Anniversary Dinner, 6/23/1982
- 3.19.-3.21. Neighborhood Assistance, 1982-1983 (**3 Folders**)

Box 4 (N.D.)

- 4.0. Section of Luzerne County Map, n.d.
- 4.1. Wilkes-Barre City, Building Permits, n.d.
- 4.2. County & Authority, n.d.

Box 5 (1966-1984)

Subseries II: Budgets & Economic Developments, 1966-1972

- 5.0. Education Department Reports, 1966-67
- 5.1. Commission on Economic Opportunity in Luzerne County, 1966-1971
- 5.2. Economic Development Council, Regional Overall Program Design, 1972
- 5.3. Economic Development Council of Northeastern Pennsylvania, 1972
- 5.4. Wilkes Malabar Program, 1973

Subseries III: Health, Wellness & First Responders, 1966-1984

- 5.5. Directory of Ambulance Services in Pennsylvania, 1966
- 5.6-5.7. Ambulance Association, 1970 (**2 Folders, 5.7 Restricted**)
- 5.8.-5.11. United Way of Wyoming, 1982-1984 (**4 folders, 5.9 Restricted**)

Subseries IV: Townships & Boroughs, 1972- 1973

- 5.12. Luzerne Borough, 1972 (Includes Newspaper clippings)
- 5.13. Duryea borough, 1973 (Includes Newspaper Clippings)
- 5.14. Edwardsville Borough 1973 (Includes Newspaper Clippings)
- 5.15. Exeter Borough, 1973 (Includes Newspaper Clippings)
- 5.16. Forty Fort Borough 1973 (Includes Newspaper Clippings)

- 5.17. Hanover Township, 1973 (Includes Newspaper Clippings)
- 5.18. Kingston Borough, 1973 (Includes Newspaper Clippings)
- 5.19. Pittston Township 1973 (Includes Newspaper Clippings)
- 5.20. Plains Township, 1973 (Includes Newspaper Clippings)
- 5.21. Plymouth Borough, 1973 (Includes Newspaper Clippings)
- 5.22. Shickshinny Borough 1973 (Includes Newspaper Clippings)
- 5.23. Swoyersville Borough 1973 (Includes Newspaper Clippings)
- 5.24. West Pittston Borough 1973 (Includes Newspaper Clippings)
- 5.25. West Wyoming Borough, 1973 (Includes Newspaper Clippings)
- 5.26. Wyoming Borough, 1973 (Includes Newspaper Clippings)

Box 6 (1956-1968)

Series II: Sewer & Sanitary Development, 1956-1969

- 6.0. Report on Feasibility of Joint Sewage Treatment Works, July 30, 1956 (**stuck page**)
- 6.1. Housing Authority of the County of Luzerne, 1959
- 6.2. Report to the Sanitary Water Board, North Branch of the Susquehanna River Mine Drainage Study, April 1963
- 6.3. Wyoming Valley Sanitary Authority Statement of Cash Balances, December 1965-December 1966 (**Restricted**)
- 6.4. Feasibility Report: A Comprehensive System of Sanitary System of Sanitary Sewer Facilities for the "Atherton Park" Section West Wyoming Borough, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, PA. 1967 & **Oversized Map** (located in Oversized Map Case Drawer **M-1-1**)
- 6.5. Wyoming Valley Sanitary Authority Resolution, 1967
- 6.6.-6.7. Wyoming Valley Sanitary Authority to Northeastern PA National Bank and Trust Company, July, 1967 (**2 Folders, 6.7. Restricted**)
- 6.8. Rules, Regulations, and Policies For Employees of the Wyoming Valley Sanitation Authority, 1968
- 6.9. Rules and Regulations of Wyoming Valley Sanitary Authority, March 31, 1969
- 6.10. Rules and Regulations of Wyoming Valley Sanitary Authority, n.d.
- 6.11. Wyoming Valley Sanitary Authority Board Rules and Regulations for Pollution Treatment Services, n.d.

Box 7 (1972-1976)

Series III: Newspaper Files, 1972-1976

- 7.0.-7.1. Wilkes PR Newspaper Articles, 1972 (**2 folders**)
- 7.2. Municipal, 1972-1973
- 7.3. Newspaper articles on Bridge, Dike, 1972- 1973
- 7.4. HUD, 1972-1976
- 7.5. Institute of Regional Affair, 1973
- 7.6. Newspaper Clippings- Dr. Eugene S. Farley death. 1973
- 7.7. Times Leader & Wyoming Observer, 1974-1976
- 7.8. Education, 1975-1976
- 7.9. New York Times 1975-76

Box 8 (1966-1976)

Series IV: Community Education Programs, 1966-1976

Subseries I: K-12 programs and Aid, 1971-1976

8.0.-8.1. Upward Bound 1971-1976 (2 folders)

8.2. YWCA, Tutorial Program Proposal n.d.

Subseries II: School District Information, 1969-1972

8.3. Wyoming Valley West School District, 1969-1970

8.4. Wyoming Area School District, 1971-72

8.5. Wilkes-Barre School District n.d.

Box 9 (1953-1984)

Series V: Wilkes College Administration Files, 1953-1989

9.0. Trust Agreement, 1953 (**Restricted**)

9.1. Committee on Coordination of Municipal Resources, 1957

9.2. Christmas Cards, 1960-1972

9.3. College Institute for Systems Development, Inc., 1967-68

9.4.-9.5. Budgets, Mr. Shaw, Institute for Regional Affairs, Political Science, 1967-1972 (9.5 **Restricted**)

9.6. Wilkes College Property, 1969-1970 (**Restricted**)

9.7. Dr. Mailey- Condolences, 1971

9.8. FM Radio Station, 1971

9.9. Commission on Non-traditional Study, 1972

9.10. Directories, 1972

9.11. Faculty Meeting Minutes, 1972

9.12. Youth Leadership Development Programs Summer, 1972

9.13. Wilkes College Report, 1973-74

9.14. Wilkes College Comparative Report of Student Financial Aid Programs, 1973-1975

9.15. Budgets, 1973-1978

Box 10 (1967-1982)

10.0. Computer Center, 1980-81

10.1. Wilkes College Office of Continuing Education, 1980-1982

10.2. Rotc- 1981(**Restricted**)

10.3. Budgets (Operating), 1981-82 (**Restricted**)

10.4. Wilkes College Intercom, 1981-1982

10.5. Wilkes College News 1981-1982

10.6.-10.8. Wilkes College News Wilkes College Office of Continuing Education, 1981-1984 (3 folders) (10.8. **Restricted**)

Box 11 (1957-1989)

11.0. President's Staff, 1982

11.1. President's Staff 1982-1983

11.2.-11.3. Wilkes College News, 1983 (2 Folder)

11.4. President's Staff, 1983-1984

11.5. Faculty, 1984

11.6. Faculty, Administration, Staff- 1984

11.7. Institute Of Regional Affairs Invoices, June 1, 1983-May 31, 1989 (**Restricted**)

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Restricted Access Files

- 2.14 American Society for Public Administration, 1967-68 (**Restricted**)
- 5.5. Ambulance Association, 1970 (**Restricted**)
- 5.7. United Way of Wyoming, 1982-1984 (**Restricted**)
- 6.3. Wyoming Valley Sanitary Authority to Northeastern PA National Bank and Trust Company (**Restricted**)
- 6.4. Wyoming Valley Sanitary Authority Statement of Cash Balances, December 1965-December 1966 (**Restricted**)
- 9.7. Budgets, Mr. Shaw, Institute for Regional Affairs, Political Science, 1967-1972 (**Restricted**)
- 9.9. Trust Agreement, 1953 (**Restricted**)
- 9.10. Rotc- 1981 (**Restricted**)
- 9.16. Wilkes College News Wilkes College Office of Continuing Education, 1981-1984 (**Restricted**)
- 9.17. Wilkes College Property, 1969-1970 (**Restricted**)
- 10.0. Budgets (Operating), 1981-82 (**Restricted**)
- 11.7. Institute of Regional Affairs Invoices, June 1, 1983- May 31, 1989 (**Restricted**)