

**Title:** Whitnall, Charles B. Papers

**Reference Code:** Mss-1861

**Inclusive Dates:** 1899 – 1954

**Bulk:** 1.317 cu. ft. total

**Location:** GV, Sh. 61 (1.3 cu. ft.)  
OS SM “W” (12 items)  
OS LG “W” (4 items)  
OS XLG (2 items)

WHS (2 books)

**Abstract:** Charles B. Whitnall contributed to the early development and planning in the Milwaukee area. He is considered the father of the parks system, and Whitnall Park is named for him. He also made important contributions in the areas of road and highway development and early automobile regulations. He was a member of the Socialist Party, and several items he wrote about solving post-war debt and taxation problems are included. He died on January 21, 1949, but the collection dates to 1954 due to contributions made by his son Gordon.

**Scope and Content:** The collection is a mix of his professional and political work as well as personal items and correspondence. His many awards and certificates of elected positions are included, as are personal letters to his friends and wife, Marie. The bulk of the collection includes his miscellaneous publications, letters, newspaper clippings, reports and plans which focus on development, conservation and city planning. Several maps are included in the oversize collection.

**Administrative Note:** The collection was processed on June 23, 2003 by Anne Stachewicz. Material was added to the collection on Feb.18, 2005, and processed by K. Abing.

<b>Contents</b>	<b>Box #</b>	<b>Folder #</b>
Awards and certificates of appointments (1908-1943)	1	1
Personal correspondence (c.1908-1944)	1	2
Miscellaneous papers from Gordon Whitnall (c.1933-1954)	1	3
Miscellaneous personal items	1	4
Collected poetry	1	5
Report to park commission, c.1920	1	6
Miscellaneous planning publications	1	7
Miscellaneous collected publications	1	8
Undated highway and road development material	1	9
Undated housing and re-development material	1	10
Undated parking and transportation material	1	11
Undated river zoning material	1	12

Miscellaneous reports, letters and news clippings (undated material)	1	13
Planning and development (1899-1920)	1	14
Planning and development (1921-1925)	1	15
Planning and development (1926)	1	16
Planning and development (1927)	1	17
Planning and development (1928)	1	18
Planning and development (1929)	1	19
Superintendents reports and financial report of Milwaukee Parks commission (1929)	1	20
Planning and development (1930-1931)	1	21
Planning and development (1932)	1	22
Planning and development (1933-1934)	1	23
Planning and development (1935)	1	24
Planning and development (1936)	1	25
Planning and development (1937)	1	26
Lectures for the planning course at the University of Southern California, June 14-18, 1937	1	27
Planning and development (1938)	1	28
Planning and development (1939-1947)	1	29
City of Milwaukee Budget, 1911	1	Loose on shelf
<b>Oversize Items</b>	<b>Location</b>	
Certificate appointing Whitnall to State Planning Board, 1937	OS SM "W"	
Town of Milwaukee Zoning Map	OS SM "W"	
Town of Greenfield Zoning Map	OS SM "W"	
Town of Lake Zoning Map	OS SM "W"	
Map of State of Wisconsin Trunk Highways and County Trunk Highways	OS SM "W"	
Map of Milwaukee and surrounding territory	OS SM "W"	
Map of Milwaukee and surrounding territory	OS SM "W"	
Map of Wisconsin State Parks	OS SM "W"	
Map of Milwaukee and Rock River Valleys	OS SM "W"	
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Map of Milwaukee and Rock River Valleys	OS SM "W"	
Map of Fond du Lac County	OS SM "W"	
Map of Major thoroughfare system	OS LG "W"	
Suggested plat of C.B. Whitnall property	OS LG "W"	
9 maps (attached) of Milwaukee city population distribution	OS LG "W"	
Map of Kettle Moraine Park area	OS LG "W"	
Map of Milwaukee River Drainage Basin	OS XLG	
Map of Districts with its envelope	OS XLG	
<b>Photos: See M-118 and Glass Plate Negative Collection</b>		

<b>Books</b>	
Bellamy, Edward. <i>Looking Backward 2000-1887</i> . 1926. Boston, MA: Houghton Mifflin Co.	WHS
Stewart, Charles D. <i>Essays on the Spot</i> . 1910. Boston, MA: Houghton Mifflin Co.	WHS