



## Gerald L. Cohen Papers (C4494)

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### **Biographical Note:**

Gerald L. Cohen was born in New York City in 1941. He received a Bachelor of Arts from Dartmouth College in 1962, a diploma in Slavonic Studies from Oxford University in 1963, and a Ph.D. in Slavic Linguistics from Columbia University in 1971. He became a professor of foreign languages at the Missouri University of Science & Technology (Missouri S&T), formerly known as the University of Missouri-Rolla, in Rolla, Missouri. He started self-publishing a journal called *Comments on Etymology* in 1971, featuring articles from linguistics scholars around the world, which is still being published as of 2021. He published several books and articles regarding language and place names. Cohen remains an active professor in the Arts, Languages and Philosophy department at Missouri S&T.

### **Arrangement:**

The collection has been arranged into the following two series:

Correspondence  
Professional writings

### **Scope and Content Note:**

#### **Correspondence**

This series includes letters to and from professional colleagues and scholars. Letters include inquiries and article submissions to *Comments on Etymology*; edits on article submissions; shared news clippings and articles about language; updates on personal and professional matters; nominations for fellowships; and purchase requests and receipts from schools, libraries, and various people for Cohen's published works. While most of the correspondence is in English, some German, French, Yiddish, Hebrew, Latin, Polish, Russian, and Greek is used throughout the series. Correspondence spans 1971-1992, with the bulk of the materials from 1977-1990. Correspondence is arranged alphabetically then chronologically.

#### **Professional Writings**

This series contains the professional works of Cohen, including: three copies of *Comments on Etymology* from 1992, 1994, and 2002-2003; a printed manuscript for Cohen's *Studies in Slang: Part I*, dated 1985; and a bound copy of *Studies in Slang: Part II*, published in 1985.

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