



Paul N. Williams Papers (C4627)

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Collection Title: Paul N. Williams Papers

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Creator: Williams, Paul N., 1922-1976

Abstract: Papers of an Ohio State University professor of journalism. Includes materials about Investigative Reporters and Editors, Inc. and materials gathered for the writing of a book about investigative reporting.

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(77 folders)

Language: Collection materials are in English.

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Biographical Note:

Paul N. Williams was born on March 31, 1922, to Milton H. and Dorothy (Martin) Williams. Williams attended the University of Kansas, Washburn College, and the University of Nebraska.

Throughout his career he worked as an editor and journalist for multiple newspapers, including the *Topeka State Journal*, the *Topeka Daily Capital*, and the *Omaha World Herald*. In 1973 he and a group of reporters won the Pulitzer Prize for their investigative reporting of Boys Town, a youth center in Nebraska. In 1974 he began teaching journalism at the University of Ohio. Williams died on October 29, 1976.

Arrangement:

The collection has been arranged into the following four series:

Investigative Reporters and Editors, Inc.
Research Materials
Interview Transcripts
Miscellaneous

Scope and Content Note:

Investigative Reporters and Editors, Inc.

This series contains organizational records of the IRE. The materials in this series include the articles of incorporation, bylaws, correspondence, meeting minutes, membership lists and miscellaneous membership material, and IRE newsletters. Also included are newspaper clippings on the IRE and material from the Public Interest Satellite Associations conference in 1976. Lastly, this series contains a report written by Ralph Bernstein, a colleague of Williams', which discusses the late Williams' personal papers. This series has been arranged alphabetically.

Research Materials

This series contains material compiled by Williams while completing his research for his book, *Investigative Reporting and Editing*, a book that was published posthumously, in 1978. Items include correspondence, files on freedom of information in the corporate sector, the Freedom of Information Center in Columbia, Missouri, and the Project on Corporate Responsibility. This series has been arranged alphabetically by folder name. Material within the folders has been left in its original order.

Interview Transcripts

This series contains transcriptions of interviews performed by Williams. The interviewees are newspaper editors and reporters employed by various publications throughout the United States. The bulk of the material discusses stories covered by the interviewees and personal experiences working in the field of journalism. Also included in some of the folders are short biographies and newspaper clippings of articles written by the interviewees. Notes on the transcriptions indicate that these were used for material to help Williams write *Investigative Reporting and Editing*. This series has been arranged alphabetically.

Miscellaneous

This series contains student papers and an article written by Williams. The student papers contain material from journalism classes Williams taught at Ohio State University and miscellaneous papers on investigative journalism written by students at Indiana University and

the University of Illinois. Lastly, this series contains an article written by Williams about the power structure of Omaha, Nebraska. This series has been arranged by type of material.

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