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**John Archibald Wheeler  
Papers, (1930s-1999)**

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Manuscripts #405

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## **About this collection**

**Title:** John Archibald Wheeler Papers

**Creator:** John Archibald Wheeler, (1911-2008)

**Identifier/Call Number:** Center for Restoration Studies Manuscripts #405

**Physical Description:** 0.5 linear feet (1 box)

**Dates (Inclusive):** 1930s-1999

**Dates (Bulk):** 1930s-1999

**Location:** Center for Restoration Studies

**Language of Materials:** English

**Scope and Content Note:** This collection includes scanned copies of notes, annotations, and correspondence.

**Biographical Note:** Dr. John Archibald Wheeler, an American theoretical physicist, is best known for linking the term "black hole" to objects with gravitational collapse. During World War II, he worked with the Manhattan Project's Metallurgical Laboratory in Chicago, where he helped design nuclear reactors, and he also helped design and build the hydrogen bomb in the early 1950s. In 1976, after teaching at Princeton University for 38 years, Dr. Wheeler began teaching physics at University of Texas. At some point between 1976 and 1986, two Abilene Christian University physics professors, Dr. Michael Sadler and Dr. Donald Isenhower, became acquainted with Dr. Wheeler. They were instrumental in obtaining this collection.

### **Administrative Information**

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**Date of Acquisition:** unknown

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### **Subjects and Keywords**

Wheeler, John Archibald (1911-2008)  
Physics

## **Inventory**

### **Box 1**

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49 folders of scanned copies of annotations in books, handwritten notes, and some correspondence by Dr. Wheeler