

Collection: Frederick Vincent Watson Papers

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## Finding Aid

**Date Range:** 1928-1960**Bulk Date:** 1940-1950**Creator:** Kelly Graham, donor**Containers:** 1 Letter size, flip-top document box**Storage Location:** PCHS Library and Archives**Aid Created By:** Ursula Romero, Intern**Biographical Information:**

Frederick Vincent Watson was born in Paterson, New Jersey on November 27, 1928. He graduated from Villanova University in Villanova, Pennsylvania, in 1950 with a Bachelor of Science in marketing and economics. In 1950 Watson joined the United States Air Force, in which he received the rank of First Lieutenant. He served in that rank until 1953, at which point he became the Assistant Director of Air Force Services in Wiesbaden, Germany. He remained in this role until 1955.

Following his return to the United States, Watson graduated from Columbia University in 1956 with a Masters of Science in management and economics. He then earned 14 hours of Ph.D credits in management and economics from New York University.

From 1957-1962, Watson was employed at Riegel Paper Corporation in New York, New York. He worked as an economist and market analyst, as well as a product supervisor. In 1962, he became a self-employed market analyst. In the 1970s, he retired and moved from Fair Lawn, New Jersey to Phoenix, Arizona and began working at an airport parking booth.

Watson was interested in performance magic, and specialized in "mentalism." After his retirement, he spent much of his time studying magic. Watson died on July 7, 2010 at age 81. He never married and had no children.

**Scope and Content:**

This collection includes a few documents, including Watson's resume, as well as a couple dozen photographs of Watson and his friends and family. There are photos of Watson as a young child as well as several of him which were taken while he served in the military. Two of these photos are framed.

**Series:**

The folders in this series are categorized as:

1. Deed of Gift.
2. Documents.
3. Photographs.

There are four documents in folder 2, including two copies of Watson's resume. Folder 3 contains 21 photos. There are two framed photos which are not in a folder.