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Patricia (Fitzgibbons) Codney (b. 1933) was born in Cleveland, Ohio, of Irish descent. Codney has traced her family genealogy back to five generations, originating in the towns of Thurles and Nenagh, County Tipperary, Ireland. Her maternal grandfather, John Fitzgibbons (1881-1939) was born in County Tipperary, Ireland, in the parish of Ballyporeen in the diocese of Waterford and Lismore. He immigrated to the United States in 1904 from Queenstown on the *Teutonic*, arriving at Ellis Island, New York. He married Mary Carroll (1877-1940) in 1906 in New Haven, Connecticut. She came from Thurles, County Tipperary, immigrated to the United States in 1897, on the S.S. Germanic, White Line and arrived at Ellis Island. Fitzgibbons worked on the railroads in Cleveland, and also worked as a car inspector for New York Central in Cleveland. He was a member of the Big Four Athletic Association, a sports organization organized by the railroads. They settled in The Angle, a renowned Irish neighborhood at that time which was located north of Detroit Road and east of West 28th Street in Cleveland. Codney's mother, Mary Alice Fitzgibbons (1909-1974) was also born in Thurles.

Like many other Irish Americans on Cleveland's west side, she attended St. Colman's Catholic Church Primary School and St. Stephen's High School. She joined a number of Irish American organizations, including the Irish American Club, East Side, Inc., and became a member of St. Colman's parish. She was named Parishioner of the Year in 2001 by St. Colman's parish. She shares her genealogical information by teaching others interested in this hobby, particularly Irish Americans. Patricia is involved in the Immaculate Conception 50+ Club Tour of Cleveland's Historic west side Catholic churches. She is a member of the Lake Genealogical Society, the Western Reserve Historical Society and volunteers in the library of the East Side Irish American Club, Inc.

The Patricia Codney Family Papers, 1816-2002, consist of an application form, various certificates, death notices, genealogies, correspondence, memberships, rules for car inspectors, and a school record.

The collection is arranged by document type and then chronologically.

This collection is of value to researchers studying Irish American history in the United States. It is of particular interest to individuals interested in Irish history and the Irish American community in northeast Ohio. This collection will be of special interest to those seeking information about first generation Irish immigrants and their adaptation to life in the United States. Those researching the Fitzgibbons family from county Tipperary, Ireland, will find this collection useful. Individuals tracing the Carroll, Nolan, Fehilly, Sullivan, O'Brien and Whelan families from the midlands in Ireland will also find pertinent data in this collection. Those interested in railroad cars, railroads, and railroad workers during the 1920s, will find the rules for car inspectors to be valuable. Historians interested in Irish families who lived in the Angle in the nineteenth century will find a flavor of the lifestyle in this collection.

Photographs have been removed to the photograph and print collection.

Provenance: Patricia Codney, 2002.

Number of Containers: 1 Oversize Folders: 0 Oversize Volumes: 0

Size: 0.20 linear feet / 0.06 linear meters

Restrictions: None.

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- Folder 1: Application for work permit, John Fitzgibbons, photocopy, 1917.
- Folder 2: Certificates, Attending Physician regarding John Fitzgibbons, photocopy, 1938.
- Folder 3: _____, baptism, John Fitzgibbons, Waterford, Ireland, photocopy, 1881.
- Folder 4: _____, birth, Mary Alice Fitzgibbons Thurles, Tipperary, Ireland, photocopy, 1909.
- Folder 5: _____, citizenship, John Fitzgibbons, photocopy, 1937.
- Folder 6: _____, death, John Fitzgibbons, photocopy, 1939.
- Folder 7: _____, marriage, Edmond Gibbons and Mary O'Brien, photocopy, 1859.
- Folder 8: _____, marriage license, John Gibbons and Mary Carroll, photocopy, 1905.
- Folder 9: _____, naturalization, John Fitzgibbons, photocopy, 1917.
- Folder 10: Death notices, photocopies; John Fitzgibbons, 1939; Mary Fitzgibbons, 1940; Mass offering for John Fitzgibbons, 1939.
- Folder 11: Declaration of intention, John Fitzgibbons, photocopy, 1913.
- Folder 12: Funeral home record, McGorray Brothers Funeral Home, John Fitzgibbons, list of attendees, photocopy, 1939.
- Folder 13: Genealogy, John Fitzgibbons, Waterford Heritage Survey, Ireland, (1817-1894) photocopy, 1997.
- Folder 14: _____, Patrick Carroll and Catherine Nolan (1877-1897), Nenagh, Tipperary, Ireland,

photocopy 1997.

- Folder 15: _____, William Carroll and Catherine Fehilly (1816-1834) Nenagh, Tipperary, Ireland, photocopy, 1997.
- Folder 16: Letter, Mary Fitzgibbons to Mollie Lewis, with photograph, photocopy, 1940.
- Folder 17: List of alien passengers for the United States Immigration Officer at port of arrival, with John Fitzgibbons listed, photocopy, 1903.
- Folder 18: Membership, Big Four Athletic Association, John Fitzgibbons, photocopy, 1929.
- Folder 19: Membership card, Brotherhood Railway Carmen of America, John Fitzgibbons, mechanic of car inspections, undated, photocopy.
- Folder 20: Oath of allegiance, John Fitzgibbons, photocopy, 1916.
- Folder 21: Passenger record information, Mary Carroll, Patricia Codney's grandmother, photocopies, 1897. (Check with Pat)
- Folder 22: _____, Mary Carroll, photocopies, 1897.
- Folder 23: _____, John Fitzgibbons, photocopies, 1904.
- Folder 24: Pedigree chart, Fitzgibbons family (1839-1974), photocopy, 2002.
- Folder 25: Petition for naturalization, John Fitzgibbons, photocopy, 1916.
- Folder 26: Rules for Car Inspectors, New York Central, photocopy, 1928.
- Folder 27: School Record, Mary Fitzgibbons, Lourdes Academy, Cleveland, photocopy, 1928.