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REGISTER: Michael Corcoran Papers

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Michael Corcoran (1848-1919) was born in County Cork, Ireland, and immigrated to the United States with his family as a young boy. A soldier in the 8th United States Cavalry in the Indian Wars, Corcoran served in 1869 in the Mojave Desert, then part of the Arizona territory. Corcoran's unit was assigned to protect settlers on the western frontier. Corcoran was awarded the Medal of Honor for gallantry in an action that took place on August 25, 1869. After leaving the Army, Corcoran lived in Johnstown, Pennsylvania, and later settled in Cleveland, Ohio, where he worked on the railroad. He married Johanna Culliton, and together they raised four children. All three of his grandsons served in the military.

The Michael Corcoran Papers, 2001, consist of a 2001 Veterans Day Memorial Day Service, biographical information, newspaper clippings and a photograph (photocopy).

The collection is arranged alphabetically by document type, and then chronologically.

This collection is of value to researchers studying Irish American history in northeast Ohio. It will be of particular interest to those interested in Irish participation in the United States Army in the nineteenth century, the Medal of Honor and its history, and Veteran's Day Memorial Services in Ohio. Genealogists tracing the roots of the Corcoran family with County Cork connections will find this collection helpful.

A compact disk has been removed to the audio visual collection.

Provenance: John C. Sullivan, 2004

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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| 1 | <u>Folder</u> | 1: Memorial, 2001 Veterans Day Memorial Day Service, Calvary Cemetery, Cleveland. |
| | <u>Folder</u> | 2: Newspaper Clippings, <i>The Plain Dealer</i> , photocopies, 2001. |
| | <u>Folder</u> | 3: Photograph, Bob Corcoran, grandson of Michael Corcoran, Calvary Cemetery, Cleveland, photocopy, 2001. |
| | <u>Folder</u> | 4: Typescript, background history, Michael Corcoran, undated. |