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John M. Gallagher (1883-1965) was born in Currane, Achill Island, County Mayo. He emigrated from Ireland to the United States in the late eighteen hundreds and resided for a period in Cleveland, Ohio. He married, and raised a family of three children in Cleveland. He was a tailor by trade, but he was also a political activist and a believer in a united Ireland. He was a fervent believer in Irish freedom and was a member of the Irish Volunteers, Clann na nGael, and the Irish Republican Brotherhood. He was appointed Recruiting Staff Commander of the Irish American Republican Volunteers in 1921. Gallagher signed and approved the Irish American Republic Volunteers Philadelphia Division constitution. He provided funds for a memorial to be built in memory of Lt. Michael Moran, in Achill Island County Mayo.

Serving his newly adopted country, he joined the United States Military for more than four years as a private. Gallagher was a member of the Ohio National Guard from 1903 serving five years, and received an honorable discharge. He was named sergeant major of the Hibernian Rifles of Ohio in 1906. Additionally, he was appointed as delegate for all Industrial Unions of the Industrial Workers of the World in 1928.

The John M. Gallagher Family Papers, 1902-1944, consist of account books, cards, certificates, constitutions, correspondence, estimates, an image, letterhead, minutes, newspaper clippings, program, notes, a notice, a postcard, a program, receipts, a report, a requisition form and ribbons.

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

This collection is of value to researchers studying the history of first generation Irish Americans in northeast Ohio. It will be of particular interest to those seeking information regarding Irish American organizations, specifically Clann na nGael and The Irish American Republic Volunteers, that were established to help support and secure Irish freedom from Great Britain. Individuals researching Lieutenant Michael Moran, who died for Irish freedom will find this collection useful.

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Size: 0.20 linear feet / 0.06 linear meters

Restrictions: None.

Container

- 1 Folder 1: Account books, McNevin Club, Cleveland, Ohio, 1909-1916, 1917-1920.
- Folder 2: Bank account, Engineer's National Bank of Cleveland, 1929-1944.
- Folder 3: Card, appreciation card from the Luke Dillon family, undated.
- Folder 4: Card, business card, The Dublin Café, undated.
- Folder 5: Card, information card, John M. Gallagher, 1921.
- Folder 6: Card, membership cards, John M. Gallagher, Terence MacSwiney Club, Cleveland, Ohio, 1926-1930; Industrial Workers of the World, 1928-1930.
- Folder 7: Certificate, Irish American Republican Volunteers appointing John M. Gallagher as recruiting staff commander, 1921.
- Folder 8: Certificate, Irish Volunteer Rifle Club, undated.
- Folder 9: Certificate, John M. Gallagher appointed private of Company T of the Fifth Regiment, 1903.
- Folder 10: Certificate, John M. Gallagher appointed as sergeant major in Second Battalion of the First Regiment of Hibernian Rifles, 1906.
- Folder 11: Certificates, Terrence MacSwiney, contributions to the Irish Republican Election Fund, February, 1925, June, 1925.
- Folder 12: Certification, John M. Gallagher authorized to solicit on behalf of *The Irish People*, Cleveland, 1921.
- Folder 13: Constitution, Clan na nGael, 1929.
- Folder 14: Constitution, The Irish American Republic Volunteers, Philadelphia Division, 1920.

- Folder 15: Constitution, The James Connolly Literary Society of New York, undated.
- Folder 16: Constitution, Oglaiigh na hEireann (Irish Republican Army), 1933.
- Folder 17: Correspondence, McNevin Club, Irish Worker's Republican Alliance, Clann na nGael Headquarters, Irish Volunteer Headquarters, Tonragee Sinn Fein Club, Achill Island, County Mayo, I.R.A. Headquarters, friends, family, well wishers in Cleveland, Chicago, Philadelphia, United States; counties Mayo and Kildare, Ireland, 1902-1933.
- Folder 18: Estimates, Wm. Coffey and Son, Westport, County Mayo, Ireland, regarding a headstone for Lt. Michael Moran, March 1927, December, 1927.
- Folder 19: Image, gravestone of Lt. Michael Moran, Dooagh, Achill, County Mayo, R.I.P. 1922.
- Folder 20: Letterhead, *The Irish Worker – Irish Worker's Alliance, James Connolly Branch No. 3*, Cleveland, Ohio, undated.
- Folder 21: Minutes, Camp E, 7th Infantry, Irish Volunteers, 1906; Ritual adopted by the Irish Republican Brotherhood, 1906.
- Folder 22: Newspaper clippings, *The Mayo News*, Ireland, 1922, *The Cleveland Press*, 1934, 1946, *The Irish Independent*, Ireland, 1937, 1938, *The Plain Dealer*, 1940, others unidentified, undated.
- Folder 23: Program, Clann na nGael publicity, undated.
- Folder 24: Notes, handwritten notes, ledgers, names and addresses, and miscellaneous notes, 1913, 1930 and undated.
- Folder 25: Notice, Dail Eireann (Irish Government) Loans and Funds (Amendment) Act, 1933.

- Folder 26: Postcard, Irish American Republican Volunteers, John M. Gallagher.
- Folder 27: Program, Annual Irish Reunion and Field Day, Clann na nGael, Cleveland, 1929.
- Folder 28: Receipts, Ireland and United States of America, including receipts from the Irish Volunteers, Irish Woolen Enterprises, registered mail receipts, printing company receipts, remitters receipts and others, 1917-1933.
- Folder 29: Report, financial report of memorial fund for Lt. Michael Moran, 1927.
- Folder 30: Requisition form, Irish Republican Army, Cleveland, Ohio, undated.
- Folder 31: Ribbons, A.C.W. of A. and others.
- Folder 32: Roster, 1914.
- Folder 33: Subscription to the first loan of the Republic of Ireland, undated.