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REGISTER: Kathleen Niehaus (nee O’Gorman) Family Papers  
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Kathleen Niehaus (nee O’Gorman) is of Irish descent, and resides in Westlake, Ohio, with her family. Her genealogical records trace her family back to the nineteenth century in Kilrush, County Clare, Ireland. Her mother, Ellen (Nellie) Reynolds immigrated to the United States in 1910 and stayed with Helen and Margarite Hickey in Cleveland, Ohio. Nellie worked as a nanny for the Wyler family, owners of the Wyler Pickler Company. She and her husband, Julius, later owned a trucking business. Kathleen is an avid volunteer, serving as a Girl Scout leader, founding member of the Cleveland Bar Auxiliary, and volunteer at Providence House. The Niehaus family continues to participate in the Irish American community in northeast Ohio. Kathleen’s daughter, Kathleen (Katie) Niehaus Gerba, takes Irish dancing lessons at Murphy Irish Dance School, while her husband Stephen is learning to play Irish bagpipes. Kathleen’s son, Bernard (Bernie) is an active member of the West Side Irish American Club.

The Kathleen Niehaus (nee O’Gorman) Family Papers, 1837-2002 consist of photocopies of death certificates, genealogies, marriage certificates, a photocopy of what is considered the first genuine American newspaper *Publick Occurrences Both Forreign and Domestick*, passenger information for Ellen Reynolds from Ireland to the United States, postcards, and topographical information regarding Kilrush, County Clare, Ireland.

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

This collection is of value to individuals interested in Irish history and Irish American history. It is also of value to those seeking information about the Irish community in northeast Ohio. This collection will be a resource for researchers studying the genealogy of the O’Gorman family, the Reynolds family in County Clare, and the Koch family. The latter was originally from France and married into the Reynolds family. Individuals seeking topographical information about County Clare, Ireland, will find pertinent information. Researchers looking for information about the Wyler Pickler Company will find this collection useful. Those interested in greeting cards will find postcards dating back to the early 1900s.

Provenance: Kathleen Niehaus, 2002.

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| 1 | <u>Folder</u> | 1: Death certificates, photocopies, O’Gorman family members in County Clare, Ireland, 1868-1914.                                                                                          |
|   | <u>Folder</u> | 2: Genealogy, photocopy, O’Gorman family, Clare Heritage Center, Ireland, 1998.                                                                                                           |
|   | <u>Folder</u> | 3: Genealogy, photocopy, Koch family, James B. Niehaus, 2002.                                                                                                                             |
|   | <u>Folder</u> | 4: Marriage certificates, photocopies, O’Gorman family members in County Clare, Ireland, 1884-1918.                                                                                       |
|   | <u>Folder</u> | 5: Newspaper, photocopy, <i>Publick Occurrences Both Forreign and Domestick</i> , number 1, Boston, September 25, 1690.                                                                   |
|   | <u>Folder</u> | 6: Photocopy, Kilrush County Clare, from <i>Topographical Dictionary of Ireland</i> , 1837.                                                                                               |
|   | <u>Folder</u> | 7: Postcards, St. Patrick’s Day, Nellie Reynolds to John Reynolds, 1912; Nellie Reynolds to William Reynolds, undated; Easter greetings from Nellie Reynolds, recipient unknown, undated. |
|   | <u>Folder</u> | 8: Transcript, passenger information, Nellie Reynolds, 1907.                                                                                                                              |