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The O'Brien Family originally came from county Galway, Ireland, and members of this family immigrated from Ireland to the United States from 1848 to 1897. Philip O'Brien completed the family genealogy and traced his roots back to 1835. O'Brien's great grandparents, Dennis and Alice Calahan, were born in Ireland and immigrated during the Great Famine (1845-1850) first to England, and then to the United States in 1848. They settled in the Irish neighborhood known as The Angle, on West 25th Street and Washington Avenue, in Cleveland, Ohio. Three generations of his family fought in four different wars. Michael Eagan fought in the Spanish American War, William J. O'Brien fought in World War I, Eugene O'Brien fought in the Korean War, and Philip himself fought in World War II. Members of these families made Ohio and Pennsylvania their home.

The Philip O'Brien Family Papers, 1835-2003, consist of death records, genealogies, baptisms, cemetery records, necrology records, essays, pedigree chart and United States Federal Census records.

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

This collection is of value to those seeking information about the Irish community in northeast Ohio. This collection will be of special interest to those seeking information about early immigrants from Ireland who settled in the Western Reserve Region. Those interested in Irish participation in the United States Army will find this collection useful. Genealogists tracing the roots of the Eagan, Egan, O'Brien, Flannery, Sommerly, Finnigan, Furey, Callaghan, Joyce, Boyle families and ties to County Galway, Ireland will find this collection to be of value. Individuals seeking information regarding Irish history from pre famine times until the turn of the twentieth century, as it relates to Irish immigration to the United States will find this collection to be of use.

All photographs have been removed to PG. 529 Philip O'Brien Family Photographs.

Provenance: Philip O'Brien, 2003.

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Size: 0.20 linear feet / 0.06 linear meters

Restrictions: None.

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| 1 | <u>Folder</u> | <p>1: Death records, Michael Eagan, Pennsylvania, Philip O'Brien's great grandfather, photocopy, 1835. _____, Alice Calahan, Philip O'Brien's great grandmother, photocopy, 1890. _____, Mary Catherine Murray Eagan, mother of Michael Eagan, photocopy, 1893. _____, James O'Brien, Philip O'Brien's great grandfather, photocopy, 1893. _____, Mary Flannery, Philip O'Brien's wife's great grandmother, photocopy, 1897. _____, Anna Coyne Sommerly, Philip O'Brien's wife's grandmother, photocopy, 1903. _____, Mary O'Brien, Philip O'Brien's great grandmother, photocopy, 1904. _____, Philip Finnigan, Philip O'Brien's grandfather, photocopy, 1904. _____, James T. O'Brien, Philip O'Brien's great grandfather, photocopy, 1905. _____, Catherine Finnigan, photocopy, 1906. _____, Martin Sommerly, Philip O'Brien's wife's grandfather, photocopy, 1913.</p> |
| | <u>Folder</u> | <p>2: Death records, John Furey, Philip O'Brien's great grandfather, photocopy, 1914. _____, Martin Flannery, Sr., Philip O'Brien's wife's grandfather, photocopy, 1922. _____, Mary Banion Furey, Philip O'Brien's great grandmother, photocopy, 1922. _____, Alice O'Brien Praikshatis, Philip O'Brien's grandmother, photocopy, 1932. _____, William S. O'Brien, Philip O'Brien's father, photocopy, 1935. _____, Catherine O'Brien, Philip O'Brien's aunt, photocopy, 1935. _____, Michael Eagan, Philip O'Brien's grandfather, photocopy, 1951. _____, Patricia Flannery O'Brien, Philip O'Brien's mother, photocopy, 1965. _____, Margaret Eagan O'Brien, Philip O'Brien's grandmother, photocopy, 1967. _____, Grace Eagan O'Brien, Philip</p> |

O'Brien's mother, photocopy, 1975.
_____, Dennis Calahan, Philip O'Brien's
step great grandfather, photocopy, 1982.
_____, Martin Flannery, Philip O'Brien's
wife's father, photocopy, 1984.

- Folder 3: Genealogy, Michael Coyne and Mary Joyce,
photocopy, 2002.
- Folder 4: _____, Michael and Margaret Eagan,
photocopy, 2002.
- Folder 5: _____, Peter and Mary Eagan, photocopy,
2002.
- Folder 6: _____, Philip and Catherine Finnigan,
photocopy, 2002.
- Folder 7: _____, Simon and Alice Finnigan,
photocopy, 2002.
- Folder 8: _____, Patrick Flannery and Bridget Smith,
photocopy, 2002.
- Folder 9: _____, Paul and Betty Flannery, photocopy,
2002.
- Folder 10: _____, Martin and Anna Flannery,
photocopy, 2002.
- Folder 11: _____, Thomas Furey and Mary Boyle,
photocopy, 2002.
- Folder 12: _____, James O'Brien and Mary Harrington,
photocopy, 2002.
- Folder 13: _____, James T. and Alice O'Brien,
photocopy, 2002.
- Folder 14: _____, Philip and Pat O'Brien, photocopy,
2002.
- Folder 15: Lists, baptisms, St. John Cathedral, St. Patrick's on
Bridge, photocopy, undated.

- Folder 16: _____, cemetery plots, Calvary Cemetery, St. John Cemetery, Independence Cemetery, Calvary Cemetery, photocopies, Pittsburgh, 2002.
- Folder 17: _____, dates of immigration, photocopy, undated.
- Folder 18: Necrology records, photocopies, 2002.
- Folder 19: Pedigree chart, Philip O'Brien and Margaret Flannery, photocopy, 2002.
- Folder 20: Typescript, essay, "The O'Brien Immigrants" by John O'Brien, photocopy, 2002.
- Folder 21: _____, essay, "The prefix O'" by John O'Brien, photocopy, 2002.
- Folder 22: _____, note, John and Elizabeth Welsh family information, photocopy, 2002.
- Folder 23: United States Census records, 1850, Callaghan and Finnigan families, Cleveland, Ohio, photocopy. _____, 1860, Callaghan, Finnigan, O'Brien, Harrington, Welsh families, Cleveland, Ohio, photocopies. _____, 1870, Welsh, Callaghan, O'Leary, Finnigan families, Cleveland, Ohio, photocopies. _____, 1880, O'Brien, Finnigan, Welsh, Furey, Calahan families, Cleveland, Ohio, photocopies.
- Folder 24: _____, 1900, O'Brien, Summerly, Flannery, Finnigan, Eagan, Egan, Furey, Chambers, Ohio and Pennsylvania, photocopies.
- Folder 25: _____, 1910, Flannery, O'Brien, Furey, Eagan families, Ohio and Pennsylvania, photocopies.
- Folder 26: _____, 1920, Flannery, Eagan, O'Brien, Hanrahan, Furey, Flannery families, Ohio and Pennsylvania, photocopies.