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Peggy Patton (nee Calvey) (b. 1937) is from Cleveland, Ohio and is of Irish descent. Her parents Martin Calvey (1901-1980) and Bridget Moran (1894-1987) were both born in Achill Island, County Mayo, Ireland, in different villages, located approximately six miles from each other. The Moran family came from the Deserted Village, in Dooagh, and the Calvey family came from Dookinella. They came from large families, ten siblings each. Both parents chose Cleveland as a place to settle, as both had relatives in this area, and because employment was ample. Martin Calvey worked at the Jones and Laughlin steel mill, while Bridget worked as a housemaid at The Union Club, located on East 12th and Euclid Avenue. It was in Cleveland that Martin and Bridget met and were married on December 10, 1929, in St. Malachi's Church.

One of Patton's uncles, Michael Moran (1896-1921) was a Lieutenant in the Irish Republican Army. After participating in the Easter Rising of 1916 in Ireland, Michael was arrested and imprisoned in Darmunt in England. His last meal in the prison was a bowl of porridge (oatmeal) loaded with arsenic, provided by one of the guards. He died subsequently. Patton is the last living child of the Calveys.

The Peggy Patton Family Papers, 1872 -2001, consist of photocopies of the Moran family genealogy, a map of Achill Island outlining historic events, a Memorial at Dooagh in honor of Michael Moran, necrology files, newspaper clippings, obituary, passenger records, passport, pedigree chart, photographs, a postcard, and ship manifests.

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. These papers will be of special interest to Irish Americans who claim ancestry from Achill Island, County Mayo. Those interested in the genealogy of the Moran, Corrigan, English, Calvey, McFadden, Gallagher, McNanamon, Lavelle, and O'Malley families should find this collection useful. Those seeking information regarding Clann na Gael (a secret society of Irish Fenians) and Cleveland, will find the information pertaining to the monument erected in Achill Island, in honor of Michael Moran and financed by Cleveland Clann na Gael and friends to be of interest. Researchers looking for information regarding first generation Irish immigrants and their adaptation to life in the United States will find this collection valuable.

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

Size: 0.20 linear feet / 0.06 linear meters

Restrictions: None.

Container

- 1 Folder 1: Genealogy, Moran family of Dooagh, Achill Island, photocopy, 1872-1991.
- Folder 2: Map, Achill Island, outlining townlands and historical information, 1999.
- Folder 3: Memorial at Dooagh, *To a soldier of Ireland*, erected in honor of Michael Moran, funded by Cleveland Clann na Gael and friends, photocopy, 1922.
- Folder 4: Necrology files; John E. English, 1930, Joseph J. English, 1952, John T. English, 1972, photocopies.
- Folder 5: Newspaper clippings; *The Plain Dealer*, March 17, 1986; 1997; March 13, 1998. *Irish America*, June/July 2001; unidentified, undated.
- Folder 6: Obituary, John T. English, 1972; wedding photograph of John T. English and Mary Mangan English attached, photocopy, ca. 1910.
- Folder 7: Passenger Records, Ellis Island, John English, 1905; Catherine Moran, 1910; Joseph Moran, 1923, photocopies.
- Folder 8: Passport, Irish Free State, Martin Calvey, issued 1927.
- Folder 9: Pedigree Chart, Peggy Patton's family, photocopy, undated.
- Folder 10: Photographs, photocopies; Dooagh, Achill Island, County Mayo, in the mid nineteenth century; Deserted Village on Slievemore Mountain, Achill Island, County Mayo; exterior view of the Moran home, Deserted Village, Achill Island, County Mayo; interior view of the Moran home, Deserted Village, Achill Island, County Mayo, undated.
- Folder 11: _____, Moran family photograph, ca. 1935; Kate McHugh McIllwee (John English's niece), photocopy; home of the John T. English

family, Cleveland, Ohio, with photographs of John Thomas English and his wife Joseph English, and cousins, Owen Haney and Tom Toolis, photocopies, undated. Joseph Moran, Ann Moran Kilbane, Peggy Moran, undated.

- Folder 12: _____, St. Patrick's Day, with Helen Malloy, Dan Chambers and Eddie Campbell, photocopies, 1991.
- Folder 13: Postcard, photocopy, 1935, with related information, including a photograph of the Calvey family, photocopy, ca. 1935. .
- Folder 14: _____, Lucania, John English, photocopy, undated.
- Folder 15: _____, Caronia, Catherine Moran, photocopy, 1910.
- Folder 16: _____, immigration documents, Carmania, Joseph Moran, photocopies, 1923.