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REGISTER: John C. Sullivan Family Papers

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John C. Sullivan (b. 1942) was born in Cleveland, Ohio, and is of Irish descent. Sullivan traced his genealogy back several generations, originating in Ireland, particularly in the southern counties of Cork, Kerry, and Tipperary, and county Mayo. Sullivan family members served in the United States military in every conflict since the Civil War. Following in their footsteps, Sullivan is an army veteran. He served in the Vietnam War and in 2003 is the Commander of the American Legion Post #196 Brecksville, Ohio. Sullivan has worked as a journalist, and has published in a variety of newspapers in Ireland and the United States. He gained media expertise as a Reagan Democrat in Ohio's 14th Congressional District as a Public Policy Spokesperson for the Administration. Sullivan is an active member of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, and is a member of the Irish American Archives Society.

The John C. Sullivan Family Papers, 1810 - 2001, consist of a career outline of John J. Sullivan, certificates of birth, marriage and naturalization, correspondence, two essays, family charts, maternal and paternal family histories, military service data, newspaper articles, a postcard, four short stories by John C. Sullivan, and information regarding entertainers in the Sullivan family.

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

This collection is of value to individuals studying the history of Irish Americans in Cleveland, Ohio. It is also of interest to genealogists seeking information on the Sullivan family with ties to the Cronin, Cassidy, Kilfoyle, Adams, Rogers, (Rodgers), Foley, Murphy and O'Brien families with Irish connections in counties Cork, Kerry, Tipperary and Mayo in Ireland, and American connections in Connecticut, New York, and Texas, and further afield again, in Canada. Those interested in the Irish presence in the Cleveland Police Department, will find John J. Sullivan's career history to be of value. Persons seeking information regarding the Irish influence in American politics will find pertinent information in this collection. The short stories penned by John C. Sullivan will be of interest to those looking for example of Irish American writing skills.

A compact disk version of this collection has been removed to the audiovisual collections.

Provenance: John C. Sullivan, January 2003.

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: Biographical sketch, John J. Sullivan, 1929-1997. |
| | <u>Folder</u> | 2: Certificate of birth, Daniel Sullivan, photocopy, 1874. |
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| | <u>Folder</u> | 5: Correspondence, Mallow Parish Center to Edward Sullivan, photocopy, 1997. |
| | <u>Folder</u> | 6: Essay, "History of the Ancient Order of Hibernians in Ohio", John C. Sullivan, photocopy, 1999-2000. |
| | <u>Folder</u> | 7: Essay, "An Irishman in the American Civil War", John C. Sullivan, photocopy, 1995. |
| | <u>Folder</u> | 8: Family charts, Sullivan and Rogers (Rodgers) families, photocopies, 1810-1878. |
| | <u>Folder</u> | 9: Genealogy, maternal family history, Murphy and Rogers (Rodgers) families, photocopy, 1840-1995. |
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| | <u>Folder</u> | 12: History, military service, Sullivan family, photocopy, 1864-1966. |
| | <u>Folder</u> | 13: History, Sullivan name, photocopy, 2002. |
| | <u>Folder</u> | 14: Newspaper articles, photocopies, 1915, <i>The Plain Dealer</i> , 2001. |
| | <u>Folder</u> | 15: Postcard, to Mrs. M. Sullivan, photocopy, 1919. |

- Folder 16: Stories, *The Copper Mine*; *School Days*, *School Days*, *Good Old Fashioned Rule Days*; *How I became a Playground Lackey*; *The Motorcycle That Wouldn't Start*; John C. Sullivan, photocopies, undated.
- Folder 17: Sullivan history, *Emigration to North America* 1818-1873.
- Folder 18: Sullivan history, entertainers, photocopy, undated.