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John V. Corrigan (b.1920) was born in Cleveland, Ohio, of Irish descent with ancestry in County Mayo. He is married to Eileen M. Corrigan (nee Hopkins). Corrigan attended St. Ignatius High School, John Carroll University, and Case Western University School of Law. While pursuing his degree at John Carroll University, he enlisted in the United States Army in July 1942. His military service included twenty-five months in the European Theater of Operations, earning him all five battle stars. Upon receipt of his law degree, Corrigan set up a law office in Cleveland with Martin F. Franey. In 1950 he was elected to the Ohio House of Representatives. Three years later he was elected to the Cleveland Municipal Court. He was elected to the Cuyahoga Court of Common Pleas in 1956. His last three years serving in the Court of Common Pleas was as chief justice. In 1973 he was elected to the Ohio Court of Appeals.

In recognition of significant contributions to the improvement of the administration of justice, Judge Corrigan was presented with several awards. He served as chairman of the Rules of Advisory Committee to the Supreme Court of Ohio. Judge Corrigan's avocations included membership on several boards, including the Children's Council. He served on many committees, including the Executive Committee of the Cleveland Cultural Gardens. His church activities included co-chairing the building campaigns for Mount Augustine in Richfield.

The John V. Corrigan Papers, 1938-1999, consist of articles of incorporation of the Irish Cultural Garden, a biographical sketch of John V. Corrigan, a book, a bulletin, conference papers, correspondence, historical data regarding the Irish Cultural Garden, newspaper clippings, pamphlets, programs, and speeches.

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 researchers seeking information on the history of the Irish Cultural Garden, and anniversary celebrations honoring selected Irish Americans. Those seeking data pertaining to the Partition of Ireland, the emergence of the Irish Free State, and American involvement in the troubles of Northern Ireland will find useful historic information. Included in this collection is valuable genealogical material on the Corrigan family.

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

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Container

- 1      Folder      1: Articles of incorporation, Irish Cultural Garden Inc., August 9, 1938.
- Folder      2: Biographical sketch, John V. Corrigan, 1999.
- Folder      3: Book, *Their Paths are Peace: The Story of Cleveland's Cultural Gardens*, Clara Lederer, 1954.
- Folder      4: Bulletin, *The Irish Bulletin*, special issue, undated.
- Folder      5: Conference, Ireland's Right to Unity, All-Party Anti-Partition Conference, Dublin, Ireland, undated.
- Folder      6: Correspondence, regarding the Irish Cultural Garden, 1954.
- Folder      7: Historical data, Irish Cultural Garden, undated.
- Folder      8: Newspaper clippings, 1941, 1956, 1962 and 1976.
- Folder      9: Pamphlets, American League for an Undivided Ireland, 1951.
- Folder      10: Pamphlet, Annual Irish Day, United Irish Societies of Cleveland, 1940.
- Folder      11: Program, Thirty Eighth One World Day, September 11, 1983.
- Folder:      12: Program, Victor Herbert Memorial, December 11, 1960.
- Folder:      13: Programs, John Barry Day, 1949-1951, 1953, 1957-1958, 1960, and 1982.
- Folder:      14: Speeches, John V. Corrigan, fiftieth anniversary of the Irish Cultural Garden, May 16, 1966; John V. Corrigan, Irish Cultural Garden, September 12, 1982; and John V. Corrigan, One World Day, Irish Cultural Garden, September 11, 1983.

Folder: 15: Speeches, House of Representatives, September  
27, 1951.