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Bartley J. Kilkenny (1901-1993) was very involved in the Irish American community in Cleveland, Ohio, and was an active member of several Irish American Clubs. He was involved in the founding of the East Side Irish American Club and served as president for a term. He was born in Ballina, County Mayo, Ireland. He met his wife, Winnifred L. Kilkenny, nee Padden (1899-1995) during his days at Bofield school in Ballina, County Mayo. He immigrated to the United States on June 3, 1920 and lived with his aunt, Mrs. Quigley, until he married Winnifred on June 23, 1926. They settled originally in East Cleveland, Ohio and later in Euclid, Ohio. He met the Irish president Eamon De Valera during his visit to the United States, and also during his own visit to Ireland in 1960. Bartley J. Kilkenny was the father of five children, grandfather of eighteen children, and great grandfather of twenty six children. Winnifred L. Kilkenny worked with the Firestone Family as their nanny and friend until her wedding day. During World War II, she joined the work force and continued working until she reached retirement age.

The Bartley J. Kilkenny Papers, (1935-2000), consist of memorial books, death notices and obituaries for both Bartley and Winnifred; newspaper clippings pertaining to St. Patrick's Day Parades and the Kilkenny family; identified photographs; and, a brief history of the East Side Irish American Club, Cleveland, Ohio, originally known as the Euclid Irish American Club.

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

This collection is of value to researchers studying the history of the Irish in Cleveland, Ohio, particularly that of the suburb of East Cleveland. It is also of interest to those seeking information about the history of the East Side Irish American Club and the St. Patrick's Day Parade in Cleveland, Ohio. It will be of value to family historians and genealogists researching the Bartley family and Bartley Kilkenny family ancestry.

Photographs of Irish dancing in Cleveland have been removed to the photograph and print collection.

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| 1 | <u>Folder</u> | 1: Memorial book, photocopy, Bartley J. Kilkenny, June 1, 1993; biographical notes, photocopy, undated; a remembrance by Bartley J. Kilkenny's grandson, Bart, and niece, Kathleen McGuinness, photocopy, May 31, 1993; Memorial book, photocopy, Winifred L. Kilkenny, September 4, 1995; biographical notes, photocopy, by Winnifred L. Kilkenny and daughter, undated; poem by John Francis Casey, photocopy, November 25, 1979 with a sketch reminiscing Christmas in Ireland. |
|   | <u>Folder</u> | 2: Newspaper clippings, photocopies, 1935-1941.  |
|   | <u>Folder</u> | 3: Obituary and death notice, Bartley J. Kilkenny Sr., June 2, 1993.   |
|   | <u>Folder</u> | 4. Reminiscences of the East Side Irish American Club by Bartley Kilkenny II, November 2000.   |