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Descriptive Summary

Unit ID

MS141

Unit Date

1850-1912

Language

English .

Creator

O'Sullivan, Daniel, 1828-1904

Extent

.23 Cubic Feet 1 Box

Repository

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Biographical / Historical

Daniel O'Sullivan and his son Michael R. Sullivan (b.1863-09-01 d.1952-04-06) owned and operated a boarding house, and wholesale grocery on 244 Duke St. and later 414 S. Lee st., and 628 S. Patrick.

Content Description

The Daniel O'Sullivan collection consists of business records and correspondence related to Daniel Sullivan and his son Michael R. Sullivan who owned and operated a rooming house, and wholesale grocery and liquor store in the 1850s-1940s. Items also include a letter from Jeremiah O'Brien who fought for the 26th Regiment of the New York Volunteer Infantry and writes concerning battles fought during 1861-1862.

Related Materials

[Timothy O'Sullivan Collection \(MS087\)](#)

Keywords

Business records

Business -- Virginia -- Alexandria

United States -- History -- Civil War, 1861-1865

United States. Army. New York Infantry Regiment, 26th (1861-1863)

O'Sullivan, T. J. (Timothy Joseph), 1855-1887

Description of Subordinate Components

Series I: Receipts

Unit Date 1837-1900

Language English.

Receipts

Unit Date 1837-1861

Text 1 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Folder consists of receipts from St. Mary's Catholic Church for pew rental, the Adams Express Company for shipments, Georg Wilhelm Gail for cigars, H. and H. W. Catherwood for whiskey, Smoot, Uhler and Co. for lumber, and Blacklock, Marshall and Co. for groceries, among others. There are also several handwritten receipts, all dating from 1837-1861.

Keywords

Receipts (Acknowledgments)

Basilica of St. Mary (Alexandria, Virginia)

St. Mary's Church (Alexandria, Virginia)

O'Sullivan, Daniel, 1828-1904

Receipts

Unit Date 1862-1900

Text 1 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Folder contains receipts from companies such as J. R. Tempest for cigars, P. McBride and Co. for groceries, Hand's Line for shipment of whiskey, H. and H. W. Catherwood for whiskey, B. Wheatley for funeral costs, Downham and Green for alcohol, Thomas Hoy for a stove, C. C. Smoot and Sons for rabbit fur, Tolman Steam Laundry, among others handwritten receipts. A small amount of receipts are undated and left in back of the dated receipts.

Keywords

Receipts (Acknowledgments)

City Tythe Receipts

Unit Date 1857-1863

Text 1 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Folder contains a small amount of city "tythe" or tax collection receipts, billed directly by agencies such as the Sheriff, city council, etc.

Keywords

Tax collection.

Receipts (Acknowledgments)

Series II: Business Accounts

Unit Date 1860-1892

Creator O'Sullivan, Daniel, 1828-1904

Keywords

Business -- Virginia -- Alexandria

Business records

Rental Account with George H. Smoot

Unit Date 1860-1861

Text 1 (box)

Container 4 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Folder contains a single record of receipts of rent money between George Smoot and Daniel O'Sullivan.

Keywords

Business records

Smoot, George H. (George Hendley), 1801-1870

O'Sullivan, Daniel, 1828-1904

Account and Note Book

Unit Date 1863-1892

Books 1 (box)

Container 5 (folder)

Language English.

Creator O'Sullivan, Daniel, 1828-1904

Scope and Contents

Contains a single ledger book with business transactions and personal notes of Daniel O'Sullivan. An interesting entry, is a page where he lists his children as the "Alexandria City Council" and lists why they're qualified.

Keywords

Business records

Series III: School

Language English.

Certificates and Grade Reports

Text 1 (box)

Container 6 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Folder contains a certificate for Michael O'Sullivan, 3 report cards for Maggie O'Sullivan, and various programs for St. Mary's Academy.

Keywords

St. Mary's Church (Alexandria, Virginia)

Schools -- Virginia -- Alexandria.

St. Mary's Academy (Alexandria, Virginia)

Public schools

O'Sullivan, Michael R., 1863-1952

O'Sullivan, M. Secunda, Sr. (Margaret)

St. Mary's Academy Journal, Vol. 17, No. 6

Unit Date March, 1886

Text 1 (box)

Container 7 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Folder contains a single copy of the Academy Journal from St. Mary's Academy, published March, 1886. Inside is a long obituary for T. J. O'Sullivan, written shortly after his death from consumption.

Keywords

St. Mary's Academy (Alexandria, Virginia)

The Academy Journal

Obituaries.

O'Sullivan, T. J. (Timothy Joseph), 1855-1887

Series IV: Letters

Unit Date 1856-1877

Scope and Contents

Series of letters and correspondences from and to Daniel O'Sullivan.

Correspondence

Unit Date 1856-1865

Text 1 (box)

Container 8 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Contains a handful of letters written to Daniel O'Sullivan by Thomas O'Leary, Jeremiah O'Brien, and J. McBroadus.

Keywords

Letters.

United States -- History -- Civil War, 1861-1865

O'Sullivan, Daniel, 1828-1904

Correspondence with T. J. O'Sullivan

Unit Date 1867-1877

Text 1 (box)

Container 9 (folder)

Language English.

Creator O'Sullivan, T. J. (Timothy Joseph), 1855-1887

Creator O'Sullivan, Daniel, 1828-1904

Scope and Contents

Folder contains several letters between Daniel O'Sullivan and his son T. J. O'Sullivan, most while Timothy was away at Georgetown College, now University, in Washington, D. C. There are a 2 or 3 notes between T. J. and others, including a friend who relied on him to hold him accountable for keeping his New Years' resolutions.

Keywords

Letters.

Series V: Miscellaneous

Language English.

Stray Documents

Unit Date 1865-1914

Text 1 (box)

Container 10 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

This folder contains miscellaneous documents that remain outside the scope of the other series in the collection. It includes an 1871 list of the Board of Supervisors of Oneida County, NY; a playbill for a performance of "The Two Bonnycastles" and "Handy Andy" by the Young Men's Catholic Association at Radford Hall in Yonkers (T. J. O'Sullivan is in the cast of both); a Washington-Virginia Railway Company 52-trip monthly ticket book belonging to one of Daniel's grandson's, J. H. Downey (likely a child of Ella O'Sullivan Downey); An opera program entitled "For the Benefit of the Alexandria Light Infantry, Jaunary 13-14, 1884, in which "The Gypsy Countess" and "Trial by Jury" were performed; 2 raffle tickets to win 10 tickets for the Washington Senators-Boston Red Sox game on April 23, 1914; the November 11, 1889 edition of the Lyceum Fair Journal (ad for Michael O'Sullivan's shop inside).

Keywords

Baseball.

Opera -- 19th century.

Railroads -- Virginia