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General Information
on
Ancient Order of Hibernians (AOH)
Historical Resources

- AOH in America National Committee Reports, 1888-1990
- Hibernian Journal, 1907-69
- National Hibernian, 1905-32
- National Hibernian Digest, 1947-97

Ancient Order of Hibernians - New Jersey State Board & Divisions Collection (Includes Various Statewide Divisions)
Inclusive Dates: c. 1872-2016, Collection Size: (5.0 lf appox.)

Donor Information: Donated through gifts by Mr. Jere Cole, Mr. Michael Glass, Mr. Sean Hughes, Mr. Patrick McGuire, Mr. Sean Pender, Mr. George Stampolous and other current and past members of the New Jersey Board of the Ancient Order of Hibernians and others associated with various Divisions statewide.

Overview: The Ancient Order of Hibernians, New Jersey Board functions as a benevolent society to promote Irish cultural and humanitarian identity. With our collecting focus in this area, the organization has started donating materials on a regular and continual basis. Included at present are proclamations from Bergen County Executive Dennis McNerney (5/21/2010) and Governor Chris Christie (3/2012) along with commemorative Mass programs from the 2010s and transcripts of State and National AOH Bylaws dating from 1950 to the present. Other special items include a copy of original Morris County Division 1 Incorporation Document from 1872; a mounted photograph of an AOH outdoor event from the 1890s; and a scrapbook that once belonged to Mr. Patrick Magurie, Rt. Rev. C.J. Kane Division #3 Rahway, NJ which includes letters, booklets, clippings, and other items related to the Division and AOH in general from 1875-1980s. Other recent donations from a New Jersey and National perspective by resource type include Proclamations, Native Woodland Trust Certificates, Prayer Service event programs, financial reports, banners, convention meeting notes, Bylaws, Constitutional documentation, Charters, Minute Books, Register Books, and other resources that include, but are not limited to digital photographs, letters, and the latest acquisition being materials related to the 2016 National Conference held in Atlantic City. Additional items are acquired on a regular basis. Specific contents of this
Collection include the following resources . . .

- McKay, Jim, National Vice President of the Ancient Order of Hibernians in America. Letter to Brothers regarding Commemoration of the 1916 Easter Rising, 2015.
- National Convention Committee Meeting (Monmouth County AOH) Hall Minutes, 6 August 2015.
- Native Woodland Trust Certificate – A Tree Planting in Laragh, County Wicklow Ireland in Memory of Deceased Brothers by the New Jersey State Board of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, 2014. [Signed – Jim Lawlor, Chairman & Chief Executive of The Native Woodland Trust]

Division 3, Rahway

- Ancient Order of Hibernians in America – Memorial Card Document, undated [Full-color, blank, remembrance form]
- Ancient Order of Hibernians Proclamation – Approval of Application for the Rahway Division, 15 May 1889. [Large framed document]
- AOH Rt. Rev. C.J. Kane, Division No. 3 Coming Events Flyer, 9-10/1982
- AOH Applications, Blank, undated
- Banner, Display (Green Filed w/ AOH Logo and Rahway No. 3 Script in Yellow), c. 1960s
- Capuchin Annual, 1960. [Missing cover page and pages 1-2]
- Constitution of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, August 1964
- Division No. 3 Rahway NJ – Green Jacket, undated
- 1879 Folder. Contents – Names of Founding Brother Officers Nov. 1879; Extracts as Taken From Division No. 3 Minutes; Memoranda 1916-1917 (3 diff. pages)
- Financial Book No. F-2, June 1890-1897
- Financial Secretaries Cash Register – Ancient Order of Hibernians in America, 1967-71
- John Tracy Folder, c. 1981-1983
- Ledger – Ancient Order of Hibernians in America, c. 1959-70
Maguire, Pat, Past Division President – Original Charter Officers List as of 21 June 1890
Mass Cards – Blank, undated
National AOH Folder, c. 1972-1994
New Jersey Board Folder, c. 1981-1982
“Original Charter – Ancient Order of Hibernians in America,” undated. [Framed copy of this oversized charter/document]
Patrick W. Costello (1866-1935) Master Engraver, Illuminator and Penman – Copy of Article, undated
Rahway Folder, Various Contents, c. 1947-2000
Roll Book – Ancient Order of Hibernians in America, undated. [Blank Register, 2 diff.]
Stamp Ink Blocks – Admission and Reminder [2 diff.]
Treasurer’s Cash – Ancient Order of Hibernians in America, undated [Blank Register, 2 diff.]
Wood Block w/ AOH Logo, undated [2 diff. sizes]

Record – Ancient Order of Hibernians in America, c. 1919-1923. [Register Book]
Record – Ancient Order of Hibernians in America, 8 November 1956-11 January 1979. [Register Book]
Record – Ancient Order of Hibernians in America, 18 January 1979-11 January 2007. [Register Book]


Mr. Michael Glass Files (AOH Specific)

AOH in America/Grand Orange Lodge of Ireland (Orange Order)
• Aisling Awards Program Brochure, 2003
• Sons & Daughters of Erin Annual Scholarship Dinner Dance Program, 2007
• Irish History & Culture Program, 2006
• National President’s Dinner, 2005, 2007, 2009
• Irish Festival at the Jersey Shore Program, 2007, 2009
• AOH in America – Church of St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception
• AOH Francis Jordan Division #3 Ocean County – First Annual Samhain Irish Dinner Dance, 2003
• Salute to the Irish American Community of New Jersey, 2003
• AOH in America – Sean McBride Testimonial, 2002
• Irish Hunger Strike 25th Anniversary Program, 2006
• Mid-Atlantic Celtic Directory, 2008
• AOH Annual Northern Ireland Christmas Appeal, 2011
• Mass of Celebration – Seamus Boyle, 2011
• Irish Echo Breakfast at Harbor Lights Program, 2008
• AOH State Board of New Jersey Annual Memorial Mass, 2012
• Welcoming Mass – AOH/LAOH Biennial Convention, 2008
• New Jersey State Board of the AOH – Remembrance of the Great Hunger and Memorial Mass, 2011
• St. Patrick’s Day Parade – Hamilton AOH, 2012-14
• New Jersey Irish Northern Aid – Delaware Valley Chapter, 2001, 2003
• Sons & Daughters of Erin – 25th Anniversary, 1978-2008

James McFarland Collection – AOH and Irish Resources


Donor Information: Obtained through a gift by Mr. James McFarland, Msgr. Crean Division 1 - Trenton in 2007
Overview: Set of materials related to the leadership activities of Mr. James McFarland. The focus includes files, correspondence, publications, etc. related to the Ancient Order of Hibernians in New Jersey (Msgr. Crean Division 1 - Trenton), Irish involvement in Northern Ireland, and various projects including the Jeanie Johnston Famine Ship, New Jersey Famine Curriculum, An Gorta Mor (Great Hunger), Veteran's Monument Data, and various political measures involving Ireland and the United States for example. Additional topic areas include educational tours, genealogy, charities, politics, and religious advocacy.

Michael A. Corrigan, Bishop Collection
Inclusive Dates: 1870-1902, Collection Size: (4.5 lf – 10 document boxes)

- Ancient Order of Hibernians, 1873-1877 [Series I: Episcopal Documents]

John J. Concannon Collection
Inclusive Dates: 1840-2009, Collection Size: (150 lf - 120 banker boxes)


Overview: Irish and Irish-American related materials collected by John J. Concannon in his capacity as a writer on these topics. Former National Historian for the Ancient Order of Hibernians; member of the New York City St. Patrick’s Day Parade Committee; and other Irish-oriented organizations for many years. This body of papers is in the process of being processed and organized. Contents include information on various aspects of Irish and American Irish History and AOH activities from across the nation.

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