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A Guide to the Michael Nicholas Nolan Papers, 1879-1966

Summary Information

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Creator

Michael Nicholas Nolan

Title

Michael Nicholas Nolan Papers, 1879-1966

Identifier

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Date

1879-1966

Physical Description

2 boxes

Physical Location

The materials are located onsite in the Museum.

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English

Abstract

Michael Nicholas Nolan was born in County Carlow, Ireland in 1833. He immigrated to the United States at age ten. Nolan served as mayor of Albany, New York from 1878-1883, and as a U.S. Representative from New York from 1881-1883. Nolan died in Albany in 1905.

This collection contains correspondence, memorabilia, and business records.

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Biographical/Historical

Michael Nicholas Nolan was born in County Carlow, Ireland on May 4, 1833. He immigrated to the United States at age ten. He attended school in Albany, New York, and studied with a local attorney, but left for California during the Gold Rush before gaining admission to the bar. He eventually became a manager on the street railway system in San Francisco.

After returning to Albany, Nolan became a partner in a brewery and became director of the National Savings Bank. He served as fire commissioner of Albany from 1869-1878.

Nolan also served as mayor of Albany from 1878-1883, and as a U.S. Congressman from 1881-1883.

Nolan died in Albany on May 31, 1905 and was buried in St. Agnes Cemetery, in Menands, New York.

Scope and Contents

This collection spans 1879-1966; however, the bulk of the collection dates from 1879-1905. It contains correspondence, memorabilia, and business records from both the brewery and Nolan's time as mayor of Albany.

Contents List

The following section contains a listing of the materials in the collection.

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