

Collection #
SC 1961

T.D. CALLAHAN
PAPERS, 1852–1950

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

VOLUME OF COLLECTION: 2 folders

COLLECTION DATES: 1852–1950

PROVENANCE: T.D. Callahan, Lafayette, IN, 5 November 1985 (1986.73) and 14 November 1986 (1987.58)

RESTRICTIONS: None

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ALTERNATE FORMAT: None

OTHER FINDING AIDS: None

RELATED HOLDINGS: None

ACCESSION NUMBERS: 1986.73 (photographs of USS Alaska, C. Callahan Grocery 1880); 1987.58 (photograph of C. Callahan Grocery, 1950's, Book, Letter)

HISTORICAL SKETCH

The Lake Erie Wabash and St. Louis Railroad was founded in Logansport, Cass County, Indiana in 1852. It extended across Indiana from Vermillion County in the west to DeKalb County in the northeast.

The U.S.S. Alaska was the first of the 27,500 ton battle cruisers to join the United States fleet during World War II. She was stationed in the South Pacific where she performed air strikes on Okinawa and neighboring islands.

Cornelius Callahan, son of Timothy and Ann Hogan Callahan, was born in Lindow, Canada on August 15, 1841. After his arrival in Lafayette, Tippecanoe County, Indiana, Callahan was engaged as a clerk in a local grocery store. After a brief stint in the Civil War, he returned to the town and started a retail grocery business in 1865. The C. Callahan Grocery Company remained in operation until 1959. Callahan died in 1922.

Source:

Blanchard, Col. Charles, ed. *History of the Catholic Church in Indiana* vol. II Logansport, IN: A.W. Bowen, 1898.

Material found in the collection.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The collection contains the Lake Erie Wabash and St. Louis Railroad Book of Subscribers, dated June 24, 1852. Included in the book is a statement of incorporation and a list of subscribers including such information as name, number of shares, amount, and place of residence. A check for sixty dollars for trip expenses and a Robert Clarke & Co. Law Publishers card are also in the book. The collection also contains a form letter describing the activity of the USS Alaska. Three photographs are stored in Visual Collections, two of which are of the C. Callahan Grocery Company building in 1880 and in the 1950's. The remaining photograph is of the USS Alaska circa WWII.

FOLDER AND CONTENTS LISTING

FOLDER CONTENTS

1 Book of Subscribers, 1852

2 Letter, 1945

3 (VC) Three Photographs

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3. Select "Call Number" from the "Search In:" box.
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