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**PETER AND OWEN BALL REAL ESTATE LEDGER  
1852-1881**

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## **COLLECTION INFORMATION**

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COLLECTION  
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## **HISTORICAL SKETCH**

Peter and Owen Ball were born in the county of Meath, Ireland. They immigrated to the United States in 1835, first settling in Hartford, Connecticut and then moving to Lafayette, Indiana in 1841. Once in Lafayette, the brothers formed a partnership that lasted until Peter's death in 1860. The firm of P. & O. Ball was a contractor in the building of the Wabash & Erie canal and the Indianapolis and LaFayette railroad. In 1852 the firm embarked in the wholesale grocery business, which was continued by Owen until his death in 1887.

Peter Ball was remembered as one of the leading wholesale merchants in the city of Lafayette. Owen Ball was the Second Vice President of the Lafayette Savings Bank. He was one of at least 15 Catholic families in the Lafayette area and was a huge part of getting visiting priests to come to Lafayette and hold service. In the early 1870's, he donated 51 acres of land for the purpose of building a Manual Labor School for orphan boys. He is remembered as one of Lafayette's most esteemed citizens.

Sources:

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AncestryLibrary

Find-A-Grave Website

Biographical Record and Portrait Album of Tippecanoe County, Indiana (1888)

## **SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

The collection includes one ledger of real estate leasing agreements spanning from May 1, 1852 to December 30, 1881. There are also loose papers of agreements between those two dates that are handwritten.

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