

Collection #
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SCANLON FAMILY MATERIALS, CA. 1900–1992

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

VOLUME OF COLLECTION: 1 half size manuscript box, 1 box photographs, 1 folder color photographs, 1oversize folder, 1 panoramic photograph, 8 artifacts

COLLECTION DATES: ca. 1900–92

PROVENANCE: Linda Garner, Greenfield, Indiana, 2008

RESTRICTIONS: None

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ALTERNATE FORMATS:

RELATED HOLDINGS:

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NOTES:

HISTORICAL SKETCH

Joseph Herman Scanlon was born January 3, 1897 in Cincinnati to John Scanlon and Katie Paff Scanlon, both Irish immigrants. He attended school through eighth grade. In 1921 he enlisted in the U.S. Army, serving four years and rising to the rank of corporal. Blanche Fitch was born August 26, 1905 in Scottsburg, Indiana to Nelson Fitch and Zettie Amick Fitch. She attended Scottsburg High School, graduating in 1924

Joseph and Blanche were married July 1924 in Indiana, six months after his honorable discharge. His enlistment records list his occupation as “laborer,” and it is possible that he returned to that line of work after his discharge. Though she’d had ambitions to be a nurse, Blanche stayed home with the couple’s three children: Catherine, Josephine (“Joey”), and Edward. Federal Census records show the family living in Scottsburg in 1930 and Indianapolis in 1940.

The family suffered several losses in the 1970s. Joseph Scanlon died in 1970, Edward Scanlon and Nelson Fitch died in 1971, and Josephine Scanlon died in 1973.

Blanche Scanlon died in 1998. Catherine Scanlon married William Ennis and had three children; she died in 2008. William Ennis (1925–2008) from Indianapolis, Marion County, Indiana, served on the USS *Gunston Hall* during World War II.

Sources:

Collection Materials

U.S. Census Records

U.S. Social Security Death Index

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection is divided into three series. The first series comprises miscellaneous family papers, including birth and death records, military service documents, report cards, and news clippings. Josephine Scanlon's report cards are nearly continuous from first through twelfth grade and reveal both the subjects Indiana children studied and, to some extent, the behavior that was expected of children in the 1930s and 1940s.

Series two consists of numerous family photographs, including three albums. Some images are labeled, but many are not. Most are snapshots. The photographs range in date from circa 1900 to the 1960s (though most are from before the Second World War), and provide many examples of typical dress for a working-class Indiana family in the first half of the twentieth century.

The third series includes military-related items not encompassed by the two previous series. Most prominent is Ennis' U.S. Navy dress blues uniform from World War II, which is in good condition. Also included is a panoramic military group portrait taken in 1922.

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Series 1: Family Papers

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Zetta Amick and Blanche Fitch Report Cards, 1900–24	Box 1, Folder 1
Sunday School and Baptism Certificates, 1913–65	Box 1, Folder 2
Marriage Certificate for Joseph Scanlon and Blanche Fitch, 1924	OM 0554 Folder 1 of 1
Joseph Scanlon Military Documents, 1924–25	Box 1, Folder 3
Josephine Scanlon Report Cards, 1933–45	Box 1, Folder 4
Funeral Receipts, 1940–74	Box 1, Folder 5
Blanche Scanlon Blood Donor Cards, 1942–50	Box 1, Folder 6
Family Birth Certificates and Copies, 1941–67	Box 1, Folder 7
News Clippings, 1969–74	Box 1, Folder 8
Family Death Certificates, 1970–73	Box 1, Folder 9
Memorial Cards, 1971–92	Box 1, Folder 10

Series 2: Family Photographs

CONTENTS	CONTAINER
Family Photographs, ca. 1900–1964	Photographs Box 1, Folder 1
Loose Album Page, ca. 1920s	Photographs Box 1, Folder 2
Joseph Scanlon, ca. 1921–24	Photographs Box 1, Folder 3
Family Photo Album, ca. 1910s–20s	Photographs Box 1, Folder 4

Family Photo Album, ca. 1920s–40s

Photographs
Box 1, Folder 5

Family Photo Album (pages), ca. 1940s

Photographs
Box 1, Folder 6

2 Family Photographs, 1960s

Color Photographs
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Series 3: Military Materials

CONTENTS

White Cotton U.S. Navy Hat, ca. 1941–45

2 Dark Blue Wool U.S. Navy Hats, ca. 1941–45

2 Dark Blue Wool U.S. Navy Jumpers (Dress Blues),
ca. 1941–45

2 Pair Dark Blue Wool U.S. Navy Pants (Dress
Blues), ca. 1941–45

*Colonel W.D. Newbill's Farewell, 3rd Field Artillery,
Camp Knox, KY, 1922, 1922*

Army Horse Show Ribbon, 1924

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