

THOMAS TAGGART SCRAPBOOK, 1929

Collection #
OMB 31

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USER INFORMATION

VOLUME OF COLLECTION: 1 oversize manuscript box

COLLECTION DATE: 1929

PROVENANCE: Mrs. Thomas Taggart Sinclair, Hyannis Port MA, 30 September 1992

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OTHER FINDING AIDS: None

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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Thomas Taggart (1856-1929) was born in County Monaghan, Ireland, and emigrated with his family to the United States at the age of six, settling in Xenia, Ohio. He came to Indianapolis in 1877 to run the restaurant at the Union

Station. He immediately became involved in Democratic politics, and worked his way up through the party ranks.

Taggart was Democratic state chairman from 1892 to 1894. He then served three terms (1895-1901) as mayor of Indianapolis. In this position he worked for street paving and railroad track elevation, and especially for city parks, buying the land for several parks, including Riverside Park which was later renamed for him.

In 1900 Taggart lost control of the city Democratic organization to southside "Potato King" James Keach. Instead he moved to the party's national level, serving on the Democratic National Committee from 1900 to 1916, and as national chairman during the 1904 presidential campaign between Theodore Roosevelt and Judge Alton B. Parker. He was given credit for getting Indiana's Thomas R. Marshall second place on the 1912 national Democratic ticket with Woodrow Wilson. In 1916 Taggart was appointed U. S. Senator to fill an unexpired term, but he was defeated for reelection.

Taggart was successful in many business ventures, the most ambitious of which was the resort hotel at French Lick Springs in southern Indiana.

Sources: *Who Was Who in America*, Vol. I
Indiana Biographical Series, vol. 4 pp. 251-270

SCOPE AND CONTENT

This collection, filling one oversize manuscript box, consists of pages from a scrapbook of newspaper obituaries of Taggart after his death in 1929. Apparently from a clipping service, the obituaries come from papers all over the United States.

CATALOGUING INFORMATION

MAIN ENTRY: Taggart, Thomas, 1856-1929

SUBJECT ENTRIES: Taggart, Thomas, 1856-1929

Obituaries--Indiana--Indianapolis

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