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Whelan Irish Correspondence Collection

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Brief History

Between 1985 and 2022, Bloomington resident, Michael (Mike) Whelan corresponded with his Irish relatives, residing mainly in Danville, County Kilkenny and Dungarvan, County Waterford, Ireland, via letters, photographs and greeting cards. Mike's grandfather, Joseph Francis Whelan, Sr. (O'Faolain in Gaelic), was born in 1884 in Dungarvan and emigrated to the U.S. to become a boilermaker helper/apprentice in Bloomington.

During the Spring of 1905, Joseph boarded the *Ivernia* and, while aboard ship, met Anne Mary Roughneen, who was also emigrating to Illinois to become a family maid. Arriving in Boston, they made their way to Bloomington and found work. They married and had three sons: Joseph, Jr., Owen Patrick (Mike's father), and Maurice (pronounce Morris) Michael. The family remained in Bloomington and never returned to Ireland. Anne Mary died in 1953 and Joseph, Sr. in 1967. Two generations of this Whelan family are buried at St. Mary's Cemetery on West Washington Street.

Scope

The collection includes Mike Whelan's grandfather's 1908 Declaration of Intention (Immigration and Naturalization Document), numerous hand-written letters, pictures, programs, newspaper articles, a news magazine, as well as greeting cards, postcards, and a 2002 Picturesque Yorkshire Salmon Calendar. The majority of correspondence is addressed to Mike and wife, Cheryl, who lived in Chicago and Bloomington. Three of the earliest correspondences are addressed to Joseph Whelan, Jr. (Mike's uncle). The collection also includes several Irish family research guides.

Box and Folder Inventory

Folder 1: Background

- 1.1.1 Gift Agreement
- 1.1.2 "The Baker's Apprentice"
- 1.1.3 Declaration of Intention, 1908 - Joseph Francis Whelan, Sr.
- 1.1.4 Death Certificate, Joseph F. Whelan, 1884 – 1967, 3 copies, 2 laminated
- 1.1.5 Obituary, Joseph Whelan, *Pantagraph*, undated.
- 1.1.6 Birth Certificate, Owen P. Whelan, 18 Nov 1913
- 1.1.7 Obituary, Anna Marie Whelan, 16 Mar 1953
- 1.1.8 Obituary, Owen P. Whelan, 28 Jun 1983
- 1.1.9 Obituary, Joseph Whelan, Jr., 8 Dec 1976
- 1.1.10 Obituary, Philip Gray, grandson of Ellen Whelan Gray, 27 Aug 1984
- 1.1.11 Visitor book, Anna Marie Whelan Funeral, 18 Mar 1953
- 1.1.12 Visitor book, Joseph F. Whelan Funeral, 4 May 1967
- 1.1.13 Unsigned Power of Attorney made by Anna Marie Whelan with regard to estate of her father, Owen Roughneen, 1910

Folder 2: Genealogy Correspondence

- 1.2.1 List of Whelans in America, composed by Mike Whelan, 1 Nov 1984 (2 copies)
- 1.2.2 List of Irish Relatives in Ireland and England by Mike Whelan, undated. (5 copies)
- 1.2.3 Chart of relatives by Mike Whelan, Nov 1984
- 1.2.4 Copies of 10 letters sent to Ireland seeking information about relatives, 2 Jul 1984
- 1.2.5 From Kathleen Whelan, Stratford on Avon, to Mike Whelan, giving immediate family history, dau of Sidney Whelan, 8 Jul 1984.
- 1.2.6 From Registry Office, Dublin, to Mike Whelan, re address of Ellen Lynch, 11 Jul 1984
- 1.2.7 From Helen (Whelan) Fennell, Dungarvan, to Mike Whelan, re immediate family and enclosing phone numbers and addresses for Ellen Lynch, Mary Whelan and Rory & Tess Gray, 11 Jul 1984
- 1.2.8 From District Postmaster, Dungarvan, to Mike Whelan, re inquiries regarding Aunts Nora and Mage deceased, 12 Jul 1984
- 1.2.9 From Ellen Whelan Lynch, Dublin, to Mike Whelan, re impending visit, 12 Jul 1984
- 1.2.10 Copies of letters from Mike Whelan to Ellen Lynch, Helen Finnell and Maurice Whelan regarding impending visit, 23 Jul 1984
- 1.2.11 From Maurice A. Whelan, Dublin, to Mike Whelan, recounting immediate family, he is son of Maurice Whelan, deceased, three brothers and one sister, 27 Jul 1984
- 1.2.12 From Edward Joseph Whelan, Kilkenny, to Mike Whelan, nephew of Joe Whelan, son of William/Liam Whelan, 27 Jul 1984
- 1.2.13 From Angela Whelan, Stratford -On-Avon, to Mike Whelan, adopted dau of Michael Joseph Whelan, son of Michael Joseph Whelan, bro of Mike Whelan's grandfather, with information of her immediate family, 6 Aug 1984
- 1.2.14 From Kathleen Whelan, Stratford on Avon, to Mike Whelan, regarding impending visit, date unclear.
- 1.2.15 From Mike Whelan to Catherine B. (Roughneen) Smith, (relative of his paternal grandmother), introducing himself, 13 Sep 1984

Folder 3: Family Correspondence: 1967 - 1987

- 1.3.1 Nora Whelan at Dungarvan Co., Ireland to Joseph Whelan, Jr. at Bloomington concerning death of his father, Joseph, Sr., and his father's sister, Margaret, postal envelope, 9 Jun 1967.
- 1.3.2 Nora Whelan at Dungarvan Co. to Joseph F. Whelan, [Jr.] at Bloomington concerning Vietnam War, visited sister, Margaret, in Dublin, hope you are well and not gone to war, Brother Liam would like to hear from your Joe, postal envelope, 1 Mar 1968.
- 1.3.3 Nora Whelan at Dungarvan Co. to Joseph Whelan, Jr. at Bloomington concerning aging, terrible winter in Ireland, postal envelope, 6 Apr 1970.
- 1.3.4 From Beatrice (Roughneen) Smith, Bradford, West Yorkshire, to Mike Whelan, regarding request for information about ancestors in Ireland – she did not know anything but gave names of children, brothers and sisters, 30 Oct 198
- 1.3.5 From Betty Browne, Kilkenny, Eire, to Mike Whelan, enclosing letters received from Joseph Whelan in 1946 and 1963 and her own letter regarding ancestors, 17 Dec 1984
- 1.3.6 From Beatrice Smith, Bradford, Wet Yorkshire, to Mike Whelan with addresses of brother and sister and ancestry chart, 5 Jan 1985
- 1.3.7 From Paddy and Kay, Dublin, Eire, to Mike Whelan, giving ancestral information of her brothers and sisters (Maurice, Betty, Peggy and Helen Patricia) 4 Feb 1985
- 1.3.8 From Joe and Daphne, Stratford, to Mike Whelan, only family news, 7 Feb 1985
- 1.3.9 From Ed Whelan, Kilkenny, to Mike and Cheryl Whelan, thanking for photos and giving genealogical information on the family, 11 Feb 1985
- 1.3.10 From Ellen Lynch, Dublin, Eire, to Mike Whelan, ancestry information, 22 Apr 1985
- 1.3.11 From Janet and Maurice Whelan, Worthing, England, to Mike Whelan, with drawing of Whelan heraldic device and genealogy information, (two airmailers) 13 May 1985
- 1.3.12 From Betty Browne, Kilkenny, Eire, to Mike Whelan, only family news, 19 May 1985
- 1.3.13 From Great Aunt Ellie, Dublin, to Mike and Cheryl Whalen, Chicago, weather, lack of jobs for sons, 31 Apr 1985
- 1.3.14 From Kate, Cousin, Stratford on Avon, to Michael and Cheryl Whalen, attending Warwick University, reminisce about Whelan visit in 1984, 11 Jul 1985.
- 1.3.15 From Ed Whelan, Kilkenny, Eire, to Mike Whelan, reminiscing about trip to U.S.A., sent photo and address for John Morrissey n Kearney, NE, 10 Aug 1985
- 1.3.16 From Ed Whalen, Kilkenny, Eire, to Mike Whalen, enclosed sweep tickets, 12 Sep 1985
- 1.3.17 From Nora Landers and Molly Brown Whelan, Dungarvan, Eire, to Mike Whelan, thanks for birthday card, 8 Oct 1985
- 1.3.18 From J. J. Morrissey, Kearney NE to Mike Whalen, Chicago, thank you for Whalen genealogy and enclosed photo of self, 4 Nov 1985
- 1.3.19 E.J. [aka Ed, Eamon O'Faolain, E.O.F., E.J.W. and Edward Joseph Whalen] at Danville, Kilkenny, Ireland to M.J. & C. [Mike and Cheryl Whelan at Chicago] concerning photos, song sang for B. was "Eileen," coin collection, walking sticks called "shillelagh," Harp Brewery and built-in bottle openers, airport at Knock Co., Mayo, M.J.'s Grandma came from Kiltimagh, Ted Kennedy nomination, postal envelope, 12 Nov 1985, 2 pp.

- 1.3.20 Ed and B.[ridget] at Danville, Kilkenny concerning arrival date for upcoming visit, new Party, Progressive Democrats, "Party Chiefs Hit The Dollar Trail," *Independent*, undated, postal envelope, 14 Jan 1986.
- 1.3.21 From Bea and Jack Smith, W. Yorkshire, to Mike and Cheryl Whalen, weather, will be in England when they visit, 28 Apr 1986
- 1.3.22 From Ed to M.J. and Cheryl, Christmas greetings, racing news, dog attacked by another dog, clippings re dog, 1 Sep 1987
- 1.3.23 From Margo and Hugh, Sittingbourne, Kent, to Mike and Cheryl Whalen, family news, 7 Sep 1986?
- 1.3.24 From Margo and Hugh, Sittingbourne, Kent, to Mike and Cheryl Whalen, family news, 5b Jan 1987
- 1.3.25 Telephone message, Ed Whelan called with news that Rory Gray died in Dublin, 14 Apr 1987
- 1.3.26 From Tess Gray, Dublin, Eire, to Mike and Cheryl Whalen, death of Rory, May 1987
- 1.3.27 From Ed Whelan, Kilkenny, to Mike and Cheryl Whalen, reminiscing about past trip to Bloomington and planning another working holiday, 12 Sep 1987
- 1.3.28 From Liam Sheeran, grandson of Ellen Lynch, Dublin, to Michael Whalen, regarding lack of employment and possibility of employment in USA, 15 Sep 1987
- 1.3.29 From Ellen Lynch, Dublin, Eire, to Mike Whelan, regarding grandson moving to Santiago to find work, because of lack of work in Ireland, 29 Sep 1987
- 1.3.30 From Mick and Maureen, Dungarvan, to Mike and Cheryl Whelan, family news, Christmas greeting card and two photos and postcard, Nov 1987

Folder 4: Correspondence 1988 - 2003

- 1.4.1 From E. Lynch, St. Patrick Day postcard to Mr. and Mrs. M.J. Whelan, 1 Apr 1988
- 1.4.2 From Ed, Kilkenny, reports of his racing dog, clipping from race, death of James Whelan, and reminisce of past visit to Bloomington, 3 Apr 1988
- 1.4.3 From Angela, to Mike and Cheryl Whelan, regarding death of Maurice, 18 Jan 1989
- 1.4.4 From Ellen Lynch, to Mike Whelan, St. Patrick's Day postcard, 1989
- 1.4.5 From Ed, to Mike Whelan, re Paul arriving on 16th of June 1989 at O'Hare, postcard, 3 Apr 1989
- 1.4.6 From Ed, Kilkenny, to Mike and Cheryl Whalen, re Richard Daley winning the mayoral election and arrival of Paul, 21 Apr 1989
- 1.4.7 From Ed, Kilkenny, to Mike and Cheryl whalen, saw Mayor Daley in Ireland, clippings regarding Daley visit, 18 Oct 1989
- 1.4.8 From Maureen and Mick, Dungarvan, Eire, to Mike and Cheryl Whalen, Christmas card and letter with 4 photos of Sinéad's wedding, holidays and daughter and sister,
- 1.4.9 The Whelans in Danville, Kilkenny concerning Bill Clinton, letter, photos (Alan resembles his Dad), greyhounds (2) won races, planning visit to Chicago when Irish soccer team plays World Cup, will stop by Kitty Maguires (managed by J. Brady), will visit Bloomington and have "a real Irish night," shillelaghs, Christmas card, photo, postal envelope, 2 Dec 1992.
- 1.4.10 John Morrissey at Kearney, Nebraska concerning image of John, who is State President of TPA, attends National Conventions in Grand Rapids, San Diego, Hollywood-LA, Denver, Louisville, Los Vegas and Winston-Salem, upcoming trips to Phoenix, Milwaukee, Memphis, St. Louis and Texas, John Morrissey of Wyoming

- is...“no relation to us;” Jerry Whelan passed, lawyer and almost Lt. Governor in ‘70’s, John was in magazine about Habitat for Humanity twice; “Ou [sp] The Big Picture,” unknown source, undated, photo, postal envelope, 19 Aug 1993.
- 1.4.11 From Tess Gray, Dublin, Eire, to Mike and Cheryl Whalen, Christmas card and letter, visit of son from Australia, death of Ellen Lynch, Dec 1994.
 - 1.4.12 From Ed, Kilkenny, to Mike and Cheryl Whalen, regarding death of Ellen Whelan/Lynch 23 Jan 1997
 - 1.4.13 From Ed, Kilkenny, to Mike and Cheryl Whalen, regarding death of Liam Collins, 17 Mar 1997
 - 1.4.14 Ed at Danville, Kilkenny concerning hospitalization (diabetic), birthday card, writing with “shake in hand,” four dogs gone due to condition, Bill C. got a great reception, Monica [l]ady should be “put down,” hopefully discharged tomorrow, will be “on my own” (re: injections, etc.), traced J.J. Morrissey’s people, hope O’Connor family is well, postcard, postal envelope, 4 Sep 1998.
 - 1.4.15 Eamon O’Faolain at Danville, Kilkenny concerning McHenry’s, meet with M.J. Connolly, birthday card, attending Sandra Spratts wedding in Dingle, Co. Kerry, visit to Blasket Islands, Betty Whelan-Collins (79) died 11 Jun, all O’Faolain clan attended, her son teaches at Harvard, Jim Boylan to visit, Eamon was hospitalized five days (prostate), diabetes, walking six miles/day, preparing three dogs for racing (seven dogs total); will call to “The Laurels” 1 Aug, postal envelope, 26 Jun 2001.
 - 1.4.16 K. Whelan at Dublin, Ireland concerning Betty Collins death, obituary, thank you card, postal envelope, 30 Jul 2001.
 - 1.4.17 John Morrissey at Kearney, Nebraska concerning newspaper article about barber named Mike Whelan, inquiring if he is a relative, untitled, *Wall Street Journal*, undated, postal envelope, 2 Oct 2001.
 - 1.4.18 Cousin Bea, Jack and Michael at Bradford, West Yorkshire, [England] concerning Jack, in long-term care, Michael visits his Dad and will visit for the holiday, sister, Josephine and husband live in the area, as do Stuart and Kath, so Bea is not alone, Christmas card, postal envelope, 2 Dec 2001.
 - 1.4.19 Eamon O’Faolain at Danville, Kilkenny concerning thanks for greeting card, terrible weather, concern for all crops, sold dog at 10 months old, World Cup Golf, Tiger Woods, Tom getting married in Maynooth, Co. Kildare, J. Boylan and election, envelope, 9 Jul 2002.
 - 1.4.20 E.O.F. at Danville, Kilkenny concerning letters and photos received, improved weather, preparing for Tom’s 6 Sep wedding to Ann O’Neill, received regular letters from J.J.M., “Post K,” not much help from The Clergy in Modeligo, Cappagh, Co. Waterford about whether J.J.M.’s grandmother was Coffey, Boylan was successful, two Murphys from Maine visited (looking for relatives in Co. Waterford, photo, postal envelope, 27 Aug 2002.
 - 1.4.21 Janet, Maurice and lads at England concerning Maurice, unable to walk or stand, to have brain scan, receiving full-time care, H. and P. want [Janet] to keep music up as therapy, terrace built at back of house, Patrick lives in the city, comes home weekends, phones twice daily, Janet gave concert (best ever), Christmas card, postal envelope, 3 Dec 2002.
 - 1.4.22 Cousin Bea, Jack and Michael at [Bradford, West Yorkshire] concerning Jack still using cane, having cataract “attention,” Christmas card, Dec 2002.

- 1.4.23 Eamon at Danville, Kilkenny concerning hope that countrymen will be [okay] vs. Saddam H., John Baldini's brochure, C. Williams possibly Baldini's son-in-law, gout in right foot, was walking eight miles per day with dogs which may have "broke down" [health], getting three dogs ready to race, Tom's address, postal envelope, 14 Jan 2003.
- 1.4.24 Janet, Howard and Patrick at Worthing, West Sussex [England] concerning gratitude and support during Maurice's homegoing, Janet's phone number, postal envelope, 6 Feb 2003.
- 1.4.25 Ed at Danville, Kilkenney concerning J.B.'s death, training three days for racing, hope to have them ready by Mar, Paul and wife may be going to U.S., regards to C.C. and all the Whelans, postal envelope, 22 Feb 2003.
- 1.4.26 Cousin Bea at Bradford, West Yorkshire concerning passing of Jack [Smith, 84], was in nursing home, was talking to Jack, he "gave one big sigh and left us!!," Jack's obituary, five photos, Sep 2003. Attached, correspondence from Linda of Ashcroft to Bea Smith concerning condolences for Jack's death, postal envelope, 12 Sep 2003.
- 1.4.27 Ed at Danville, Kilkenny concerning cards received, birthday wishes, celebrated 40th wedding anniversary 16 Nov with family, Night & Crack, Christmas card, postal envelope, 8 Dec 2003.

Folder 5: Correspondence: 2004-2007

- 1.5.1 Liz Whelan email concerning Mike's sister, Peggy Doyle, lost cancer battle, flew into Dublin, funeral on Tues., requiem mass in her local Dublin church, her body taken to Carlow for burial in family plot, postal envelope, 12 Mar 2004.
- 1.5.2 Eamon (Ed) at Danville, Kilkenny concerning thanks for birthday card and news, quiet birthday, went to Thurles, Co. Tipperary to sell dog, Liam has three children (last arrived six weeks ago, will be named Brian next Sat.), Tom will be a dad in Oct and is building a house, Paul has no family yet, postal envelope, 22 Jun 2004.
- 1.5.3 Cousin Bea and Michael at [Bradford, West Yorkshire, England] concerning recovering from "great loss," Michael is okay, waiting for cataract surgery, photo, Christmas card, postal envelope, 3 Dec 2004.
- 1.5.4 Eamon (Ed) at Danville, Kilkenny concerning card received, working with two dogs to get them ready for '05 Season, Caroline F. was in Boston, Tom has a daughter, Ella Louise Whalen, to be [b]aptised on 1 Jan 2005, Mary W. works in Health Board, Paul W. is in Kildare, near Naas, Liam is beside me, Christmas card, postal envelope, 9 Dec 2004.
- 1.5.5 Eamon at Danville, Kilkenny Fr. Cullerton was a native of Ballyhale area, buried in Lismakeigue, his brother is a farmer in Windgap (Callan area), his niece married a Moran and lives near Goresbridge--all in Co. Kilkenny, Moran man is 1st cousin of my neighbor, Ned Millea, postal envelope, 10 Mar 2005.
- 1.5.6 Eamon at Danville, Kilkenny concerning thanks for letter and photos, postal envelope, 23 Jul 2005.
- 1.5.7 Eamon at Danville, Kilkenny concerning no photos of 21 Aug ceremony, had to work at Gowran Race [M]eeting, nephew Howard Spratt, Mitchestown, Co. Cork got married on 16th in Dingle, Co. Kerry, postal envelope, 26 Sep 2005.
- 1.5.8 Eamon at Danville, Kilkenney concerning Rose[']'s death, Christmas and New Year's greetings, postal envelope, 29 Nov 2005.

- 1.5.9 E.J.W. [Edward Joseph Whelan] at Danville, Kilkenny concerning visit from R. Quinton and request that E.J.W. investigate church records to verify if his (R. Q.'s) grandparents were from Waterford City area, postal envelope, 26 Jun 2006.
- 1.5.10 Eamon at Danville, Kilkenny concerning Waterford play[ing] Cork in ¼ Final of Senior Hurling "C'Ship" at Croke Park, Dublin, enclosed son[s] films [pictures]: 1) view of the Comeraghs 2) Close up of part of Comeragh [Mts.] 3) O'Faolains Pub in Stradbally, East of Dungarvan and on the coast, man outside is second cousin, M.L. Wade whose mother and his father were 1st cousins 4) Helvick Head - you and C. were there, where Mayor Daly came from 5) Clonea Hotel, "The Day J.F.K. Stopped For Tea," *The Irish Times Weekend Review*, August 5, 2006, five photos, postal envelope, 6 Aug 2006.
- 1.5.11 Janet, Howard, Patrick and Tonika at England concerning Maurice's anniversary, [will be] 4 yrs. in Jan, all miss him, left large space in my [Janet's] life, fill time to capacity, Patrick married Tonika, a German architect, last May, expecting baby this May, [Janet] will be a Granny at last, Patrick lives in Surrey and is a Planner and Architect for Surry Co., Howard remains a bachelor, lives here, he trained to be a radiographer, but no jobs and hospitals are closing, he works hard at local hosp., spending Christmas in Germany, near Tonika's family, never been abroad for Christmas before, inquiry about Mike and Cheryl's next visit, Christmas card, two music programs, postal envelope, 10 Dec 2006.
- 1.5.12 Cousin Bea and Michael at [Bradford, West Yorkshire, England] concerning being shaky from vertigo, getting out and about, using walking stick, Easter card, postal envelope, 22 Mar 2007.
- 1.5.13 Eamon at Danville, Kilkenny concerning Paddy's Day, Lucca, the "G," Peggy Whelan--Mrs. Galvin died in Mar, only two of that family left--Paddy and Patricia, excuse writing, shake in hand, "for the want of Guinness," "Kilkenny Student Caught Up In US Shooting," unknown source, undated, postal envelope, 19 Apr 2007.
- 1.5.14 Janet and Howard at [England] concerning "reading" from Paddy's funeral Mass, no service sheet for Paddy, a forty-five minute Mass, a different priest for the graveside burial, *Parish News Immaculate Conception Clondalkin*, Vol. 12, No. 24, June 17, 2007, pp. 2, 1 Jul 2007.
- 1.5.15 Ed at Danville, Kilkenny concerning dry, warm weather, very successful harvest, two shots [photos] of me, drinking Guinness and in Paul's car, Patrick J. Whelan, ex Bandon and residing in Clondalkin, Dublin died suddenly 20 Jun--burst artery, only one of that Whelan family left, M[.]L. Wade admitted to hospital two weeks ago--bleeding liver, okay now, going home tomorrow, he is in the O'Faolain's Pub in Stradbally, Co. Waterford photo I sent you, excuse writing--hand shake[s], postal envelope, 19 Sep 2007.
- 1.5.16 Eamon at Danville, Kilkenny concerning letter received, photos, Mother's anniversary, Whelans, M.W., 77 yrs. [old], is in "great form," Whelan home in Kilnafrehan sold last month for = 200000, enclosing photos, the one to Daly is the main road Dungarvan to Youghal, regards to all, 5 photos, postal envelope, 8 Nov 2007.
- 1.5.17 Eamon at Danville, Kilkenny concerning mother's death, "she was a great age and what a lovely way to go, you will miss her as we all did when our mother[s] died," enclosed leaflet re[:] the apparitions [at] Mt. Melleray, visit frequently, the Buckley

Cliffs and O'Donnell are all well known, leaflet missing, Christmas card, postal envelope, 29 Nov 2007.

Folder 6: Correspondence: 2008-2009

- 1.6.1 B.N. at England concerning E.P. (Paddy) Whelan's obituary, 3 images, postal envelope, 18 Mar 2008.
- 1.6.2 Elizabeth Whelan email concerning Deb's beautiful baby girl born yesterday morning, named Jessica, mother and baby fine, 19 Mar 2008.
- 1.6.3 Eamon at Danville, Kilkenny concerning thanks for photos, birthday card, letter from John McEntyre [McIntyre], Lucca Grill, "a good man to drink Guinness," had a bottle of Mountain Dew for you, John was afraid of Customs, in Dungarvan last Fri., most of friends are gone, time ticking away, will ring [call] some Sunday p.m. 9 photos, postal envelope, 6 Apr 2008.
- 1.6.4 Eamon at Danville, Kilkenny concerning visit to Dungarvan, did tour of local areas with M. Wade, took pictures, will send next time, P. Minister, B. Ahern, will address U.S. Parliament, he is a "champion liar [liar] and was "on the take" for years, was caught, inquiry held, still ongoing, has announced his resignation, may see him on T.V., he is an embarrassment to us here, you mentioned a Rev. Msg. Hennessy, "plenty of them here and a good one in a bottle!," inquiring if the M.L. [sp] Whelan who died was Mike Whelan's son, requesting "a run down" on him, Melleray leaflet, postal envelope, 7 Apr 2008.
- 1.6.5 Elizabeth Whelan email concerning baby Jessica, will be eight weeks old Tuesday, celebrated 42nd wedding anniversary, very hard, took 46 ladies on pilgrimage to Aylesford Priory near Maidstone in Kent, lovely, peaceful, reminded me that "I will see my beloved Michael again..." going to Shena and Daryl's for dinner, Sinead will be 21 yrs. in Sep, lovely girl, enjoying University, 11 May 2008.
- 1.6.6 Eamon at Danville, Kilkenny concerning rain, harvest in real danger, over ripe, go to Dungarvan every Friday, call on M.L. Wade and go to "Pub Crawl," Wade has "C" of the liver, his time is short, he is the last of the Old Timers from Kilnafrehan, he has one son and four daughters, his mother and your G. Father were 1st cousins, was in Kilgobnet, cleaned the family grave and headstone, hope Obama wins, his G.G. Grandmother came from Moneygall, Co. Offaly, big recession, all businesses closing, unemployment sky high, corrupt government...caused it, enclosing [news]paper of J.F.K. and his family, shook his hand in New Ross, regards to the McIntyres and Whelans, "J.F.K.'s Hand of Friendship Now Immortalized In Hometown," *Irish Independent*, June 30, 2008, postal envelope, 20 Aug 2008.
- 1.6.7 Eamon at Danville, Kilkenny concerning "the world is in a mess and this Country is on its knees--thanks to the Cowboys who are i/c," Mary's wedding, they are in N.Y., then a cruise, photos will be forwarded, brief Summer, rain, hope Henrietta and Alan are fine and that Obama wins, Michael Wade is still hanging on, visit him every Friday, 8 photos, postal envelope, 15 Oct 2008.
- 1.6.8 Mary, Michael and all the family at Mitchelstown, Co. Cork concerning thanks for letter, best of luck to new President, best wishes, Christmas card, Dec 2008.
- 1.6.9 Jess, Margot, Shay, Ciara and Cathy at Kilpedder, Co. Wicklow concerning "getting on with our lives," had two operations (hip, knee), all worked out well, sister and her family are well, Margot, Shay and two girls are well, am looked after well thanks to

- Margot and Shay, will think of the dear departed over Christmas, all missed, especially as “we look back on Christmases past,” Christmas card, Dec 2008.
- 1.6.10 Eamon at [Danville, Kilkenny] concerning letter received, D.V.’s photos, “could recognize your voice and C.’s on A.V.,” very clear, all [okay], L. Dalton is the man Joe went to in 1905, Dalton willed a fortune to his nephew, his brother, John Dalton, was your G. Aunt B’s. f]riend, do not know the Carberrys and Powers, regards to McIntyres, Jessica is “very strong looking,” the “Rubber Ball,” will send photos next time, will ring on C. Night, M. Wade fading away, Christmas card, postal envelope, Dec 2008.
 - 1.6.11 Eamon at Danville, Kilkenny concerning card received, congrats on President, “he is something special,” a patient since 9 Jan (slipped on icy road, fractured ankle bone), four days in Ardkeen Hospital, Waterford, still using two crutches, making progress, M.L. Wade died 12 Feb, was 79 yrs. old, buried in Stradbally, his G. Mother was your G. Father Joe’s Aunt, attended funeral service with Liam, hope C. and Henrietta are well, drink plenty of Guinness, will send wedding photos, reading B. O’Bama’s book, “Dreams From My Father,” good health to all the W’s, St. Patrick’s Day card, postal envelope, 6 Mar 2009.
 - 1.6.12 E.J.W. at Danville, Kilkenny concerning thanks for birthday card, had a few pints, M.L. Wade, your father’s 2nd cousin died 12 Feb., interred in Stradbally, was in Kilgobinet and Kilnafrehan last Fri (an extension being built [onto] Old House), will send photo, you now have a great Pres., “B.O. - what a man!,” French plane crash--three Irish girls, all Dr[s]. were victims, leg not better, Mary’s wedding, 6 photos, postal envelope, 29 Jun 2009.
 - 1.6.13 Eamon at Danville, Kilkenny concerning letter received, photos enjoyed, leg is not [okay] since 9 Jan[, my] “In The Shadow Of Another Gunman,” *Weekend Review*, *Irish Independent*, July 25, 2009, 2 photos, postal envelope, 29 Jul 2009.
 - 1.6.14 Eamon at Danville, Kilkenny concerning bad weather, harvest suffering, 1911 Census, we were “under the Heel of The Brits,” was completed by William [No. 6], my Dad, and signed by your G.G. Father [No. 1], Patrick, Joseph and Michael are not included, Joe went to U.S. in 1905, Patrick was in Bandon and Michael was in England—that accounts for eight, two remaining, as Column 11 states, there were [ten] in family, there were nine alive in 1911, was never told about the other two, suspect they died, [Column 1 lists] seven names, you met one—No. 7, “our great friend,” 4 photos, postal envelope included, 9 Sep 2009.
 - 1.6.15 Liz at [unknown address] concerning baby Jessica, has “a real Whelan look, just like her mum, Gran[d] dad,” miss Mike more, Jesssica helps fill gap he left, Christmas card, Dec 2009.
 - 1.6.16 John and Sue Morrissey at [unknown address] concerning Christmas greeting and talks with Ed Whelan in Danville, Kilkenny, Christmas card, Dec 2009.
 - 1.6.17 Liz at [unknown address] concerning grandchild due 4 Jan, Christmas card, postal envelope, Dec 2009.
 - 1.6.18 Tess, Margot and Shay, Ciara and Cathy at [unknown address] concerning everyone in good health, years flown by, hip and knee replacement in last two years, will be 80 next year, sister Peg celebrated 80 this year, Ciara graduated from Bristol Univ. in Cork year before, happy with her first job, Cathy is hairdressing, first year they are both earning money, they look after me well, Margot and Shay are “so kind and

generous,” missed going to Dungarvan this year, Christmas card, postal envelope, Dec 2009.

Folder 7: Correspondence: 2010-2013

- 1.7.1 Eamon (Ed) at Danville, [Kilkenny] concerning received letter, all W’s [okay], article [concerning] R. Dev: born in N.Y., some say at sea, his natural father was an English landlord residing in Co. Limerick, his mother worked at landlord’s residence and became pregnant by landlord, she emigrated to U.S. and, on the way, mated up with a Spainard named DeValera, landlord’s name was Atkinson, he, Dev, was baptized in N.Y. and his mother gave him the name Dev. Valera (Spanish). As time went by, he went [back] to the U.S. in late ‘20’s, toured the country looking for cash to help the Irish people, but he kept the money and did not help the Irish, he caused three wars in Ireland—1. The Economic War, 2. The Civil War, 3. The IRA War, he was instrumental in shooting Mr. Collins, he was spared by the Brits and claimed U.S. citizenship, some say, now, that he was a spy for the Brits. He refused to go to England to negotiate Treaty and insisted on M. Collins going, when Treaty was presented to the Irish Parliament, it was ratified by a majority of [seven], Dev and his party walked out and he started the Civil War, he was the greatest tragedy we ever had and his party, F.F.[, is] the same, regards to all, excuse writing, getting worse, M. Collins sprung him from English jail and I have the .38 Revolver Collins used at the time, photo, postal envelope, 30 Mar 2010.
- 1.7.2 Eamon (Ed) at Danville, Kilkenny concerning C. [Cheryl] getting a job, all well, Liam’s [three] moving into new classes when school begins, Kilkenny in Hurling Final once again on 5 Sep, going for [five] in a row, Tom and family in France, home on the 30th, postal envelope, 17 Aug 2010.
- 1.7.3 Eamon at [Danville, Kilkenny] concerning photos found when cleaning out locker: 1) tombstone of The Great Famine, 2) Mother Mary Keasey’s (alias Whelan) tombstone, 3) the Ballinameela Team, all trained by my Dad, all his past pupils, “we were not good enough,” 4) Whelan Coat of Arms postcard concerning letters from Mory [sp] and Henrietta, S., “Maynooth Best Speakers: Wicklow and Ballinameela were very close up,” *Irish Farmer’s Journal*, May 28, 1955, “Obama’s Kilkenny Cousins,” unknown source, February 19, 1988, postal envelope, 6 Jan 2011.
- 1.7.4 Eamon at Danville, Kilkenny concerning preparation for upcoming General Election (25 Feb), enclosed cutting [newspaper article] of W. Daly, photos of plaques [not included], your G. “White House’s New Chief of Staff Has Strong Dungarvan Connections,” *Dungarvan Observer*, January 12, 2011, postal envelope, 4 Feb 2011. Eamon at [Danville, Kilkenny] newspaper clipping about visit from Barack Obama, *Irish Independent*, May 24, 2011, postal envelope, 25 May 2011.
- 1.7.5 Eamon at Danville, Kilkenny concerning welcome letter, met S[.] and Peg in K.K. at Langtons on 10 Sep, when they departed, they went to Waterford City, next day, [I] called Waterford City Hotel and was told they signed out and went to Kenmare, Co. Kerry, Irish TV showed 9/11, “very disturbing,” photo, postal envelope, 19 Sep 2011.
- 1.7.6 Unknown source at unknown address concerning newspaper articles “Students Hear How Visionary Changed The Life Of Fergal, 18,” *Kilkenny Reporter*, February 11, 2011, “George Clooney Is One Of Us,” *People*, November 4, 2011, postal envelope, Nov 2011.

- 1.7.7 Eamon at Danville, Kilkenny concerning Christmas card, Powers Pub and Crubeens, building is reconstructed, Christmas card, postal envelope, 8 Dec 2011.
- 1.7.8 Eamon (Ed) at Ireland concerning letter received, "the paper cuttings [newspaper articles] tell it all," expect Barack Obama. in '13, your G. Grandparents--Kenny, buried 30 MLS N. of B. -- "their headstone may tell you something," Kenny, very common name in Tipps, Kilkenny and Waterford, inform me as you gather more information, sending Get Well card to John McIntyre, regards to all, 2 photos, postal envelope, 28 Mar 2012.
- 1.7.9 Eamon (Ed) at [Danville], Kilkenny concerning thanks for card and photo, enclosed photos: 1) Edward and Ella Whelan, children of Tom and Ann, 2) three sisters and Brother--Delaneys, "Rugby Here Tommy Is A Shoe-In For More Success," *Irish Independent*, April 3, 2012, 2 photos, postal envelope, 7 Jun 2012.
- 1.7.10 From Ed (Eamon) Whalen, Kilkenny, to Mike and Cheryl Whalen very short, 50th anniversary of JFK visit preparations, 12 Jun 2013

Folder 8: Correspondence: 2015-2016

- 1.8.1 Eamon (Ed) at Danville, Kilkenny concerning very cold weather, photos: 1) Group photo of 50th wedding anniversary (Ella, Edward, Brian; Niamh, B. is holding Pat Hally, Eamon, and Bill), Pat is Mary Whelan's son, Mary has twin boys born Aug 2014, 2) Ella and Edward in the snow of 2014 (Tom's children), Niamh, Bill and Brian are Liam's children; 3) Eamon with Sid Whelan, taken at Westport [two] years ago, poem, "The Letter E," unknown author, undated, 3 photos, postal envelope, 29 Jan 2015.
- 1.8.2 Eamon at Danville, Kilkenny concerning very good letter and photos received, M. Miley's medicine, Caroline Fennell went to U.S. for [ten] days to lecture on Criminal Law, sold last two dogs on the 11th, they were no use, all okay, McFlatley's Dad was buried in St. Mullins [two] weeks ago, postal envelope, 14 Apr 2015.
- 1.8.3 Eamon at Danville, Kilkenny concerning the great Paddy's Day photos, sold dogs, awaiting [two] bitch pups, will christen one "Maggie Miley," "Mam's Dripping Reigns Supreme," *Sunday Independent*, September 13, 2015, "Prof Caroline Fennell Has Been Named New Registrar Of UCC," unknown source, undated, "Old Parish Mayors," *Dungarvan Observer*, April 24, 2015, postal envelope, 15 May 2015.
- 1.8.4 Eamon at Danville, Kilkenny concerning no sign of Molly and Mary, posted by lady from Chicago, here on holidays, Tom Fennell [is] not well, "on the way out," Dunford man on brochure is your cousin, Paddy Lynch--Elly Whelan Lynch's [s]on died in Australia, enjoy "Lacklands Own," Skype, "A Blast Of The Burren: The New Ideas Coming Out Of An Ancient Landscape," unknown author, *The Irish Times Magazine*, October 13, 2013, 8 Aug 2015.
- 1.8.5 Eamon at Danville, Kilkenny concerning photo of P. Whelan, similar to his Dad, James, that Whelan family lived and farmed behind "my and Nora's" house, they were known as the "James Whelans," we were known as the "Maurice Whelans," the third family of Whelans were the "Tom Whelans," Jphoto, "Prayer For A Safe Journey," Christmas Triduum Prayer, leaflet, (2 copies), postal envelope, 14 Sep 2015.
- 1.8.6 Eamon at Danville, Kilkenny concerning newspaper article about new Speaker of the House of Representatives, Graige is east of K.K. on Banks on the Barrow, going to

- Dungarvan, Helen is [okay], photo taken at Kilkenny in early 60's, includes my parents, sisters, Narella [sp] sitting, Mary with ribbons, Betty with her bag, Nora at rear of Betty (peeping), mgt. in black [on] right, John Dalton in center, your [Grandfather's] friend his brother went to Bloomington, and yours truly at rear of my mother, no doubt that P. Ryan will visit K.K., the K.K. No. 6 jersey was worn by first cousin['s] son, J.J. Delaney, regards to all, "Ryan From Graige New Speaker Of The House," *Kilkenny People*, undated, postal envelope, 6 Nov 2015.
- 1.8.7 Betty Browne at Kilkenny, Ireland concerning photos, Mage and Nora, 3 photos, postal envelope, 1 Dec 2015.
- 1.8.8 Eamon at Danville, Kilkenny concerning the Quarry in New Ross [p. 13], Eamon is one of ten policeman surrounding the barrier, shook J.F.K.'s hand [p. 12], V. Furness, good friend, came to K.K. selling electrical goods, drinking in local brewery, J.F.K. was the idol of all, he "woke us up [,] he could do no wrong...a real paddy," finished in N. Ross, a busload went to Cork City, will never forget it, it was hectic, his [J.F.K.'s] reception was not witnessed since, received card from John Morrissey's wife, he is 96 yrs. old, hope Henrietta is [okay], miss her poetic greeting, "A Grand Day In New Ross," *The Irish Times*, June 19, 2013, postal envelope, 5 Jan 2016.
- 1.8.9 Eamon at Danville, Kilkenny concerning "mighty" photo, grandson, Bill Whelan, is at Sheffield Univ., no dogs, "Seminar...", with Bea McGuire's phone number, unknown source, undated, postal envelope, 27 Oct 2016.
- 1.8.10 Sr. Marie Bertrand at St. Dominic Villa, WI concerning Holiday blessings, prayer card, Christmas card, postal envelope, 7 Dec 2016.
- 1.8.11 Eamon at [Danville, Kilkenny] concerning leg, grandson, Bill, at Sheffield Uni[v.], studying European Business, home on 5th Dec. for [a] month, Helen in Cork hospital, Croan's Disease, visit her every Sat., wishes for "good and peaceful" season, Trump, golf course, hotel in Co. Clare, Christmas card, "The Face of the Saviour" by John Reynolds, KCHS, postal envelope, 8 Dec 2016.
- 1.8.12 Michael and Cheryl Whelan to [C]ousin Liz and families at [unknown address] concerning Christmas, best in 2017, snow, 3" to 4", time to light hearth fire, please write, Christmas card, returned postal envelope, Dec 2016.

Folder 9: Correspondence: 2018-2019

- 1.9.1 Eamon at Danville, Kilkenny concerning birthday card, "only 4 pints—the 'Sean Dors' [sp] is in control = old age is in control," heat wave, no grain, livestock hand-fed, very expensive, visit Helen every Sat., difficulty walking, 86 [years old] in Oct., my sister, Mary's son-in-law, Ford, lives in Mitchelstown, Co. Cork, works in Silicone [Silicon] Valley, to launch new mobile phone, never met him, sent card to Henrietta, enclosed [news]paper article about plane door, remember well, G.-son, Bill, here on Holiday, working in shop for his Father, "Mystery Of The Aeroplane Door At Kilnafrehan," *Dungarvan Observer*, May 4, 2018, postal envelope, 29 Jun 2018.
- 1.9.2 Eamon at Danville, Kilkenny concerning your recent illness, immediate treatment, daily walks, [six] to [eight] miles per day with greyhounds, about [three miles] per day now, feeling good, eye trouble, your condition common here, rest of W's fine, Bill "got" all his exams, returns to G.B. in Sept. for [six] months, then Spain for [one] yr., the twins begin in Sep, "1st class Infants," Niamh finishes Sec. School next June,

- Edward and Brean begin Sec. School in Sept., B[.] and [I] going to Dungarvan for [three] days, Golf Course, Bar, Guinness, excuse handwriting, regards to all [at] Maggie Mays Pub, 1 Aug 2018.
- 1.9.3 Eamon at Danville, Kilkenny concerning walking, diabetes, cutting timber, short poem, new medication for Helen [at] Cork hospital, from herbs, similar to G. Father[s'] medicine, "in good form now," "Could Trump Be A Russian Spy?," *The Irish Times*, August 25, 2018, postal envelope, 29 Aug 2018.
- 1.9.4 Eamon at Danville, Kilkenny concerning minor injury, forgot to send Paddy's Day card, Helen Boylan died, very sad for Leah, remember Jim, must be Boylan namesake, had a shoe factory in Co. Monaghan, made great shoes, Helen is very feeble, visit her every Sat., she gets medical treatment twice a month at Cork Hospital, meds. come from U.S., Henrietta is great lady, miss her poetic Christmas cards, Trump is "a Terrible Disaster," Democratic candidate has many Irish relatives, received letter from Denes Ford from Hopedale, receiving enough information to complete Family Tree, visit from Maureen Curran and her son, Michael, from Ring, she is 88 [years old], very frail, old age is hitting me, tired after working a few hours, [four] pints is max, was my "foundation" a few years ago, grandson, Bill, is at North Spain Univ., will be home this month, regards to C., "keep in by the wall, give an odd look back and keep your hands in your pockets," postal envelope, 1 May 2019.
- 1.9.5 Eamon at Danville, Kilkenny concerning travel to Dungarvan, will visit Helen, enclosed picture is original that can be seen in Longford Cathedral and the one that [m]iraculous[ly] survived fire that gutted the building, say the prayer daily, I remember your parents and Charles, the crown of thorns placed on Jesus' head survived the fire in the Paris Cathedral, also, good weather, grain crops good, Trump must be "off the Head," his two sons joined locals at Co. Clare Pub, got a great reception, hope all Maggie May[']s customers are "well and consuming enough," going to Dungarvan the 19th for a few days, "keep in by the wall, give an odd look back and keep your hands in your pockets," photo missing, postal envelope, 12 Jul 2019.
- 1.9.6 Eamon at [Danville, Kilkenny] concerning [Helen], "it is killing me, she should not have died," got pneumonia in Old People's Home, removed to Kilgobnet Church Tues., 8 Oct, Mass celebrated Wed., 9 Oct because her Parish Church is under repairs, interred at Abbeyside with her husband[:] add Margo Whelan-Russell, England, she is blind, Mary's wedding photo, Front Row L to R[:] myself, Mrs. Spratt-Groom[']s Mum, Mr. Spratt, Mary Whelan, Molly Ban, my Mum, Pat Spratt-Groom[']s Dad[:] Second Row[:] Tom Fennell, Spratt, Spratt, Spratt, Fr. Eamonn Sweeney - 1st Cousin - Holy Ghost Order, Margo, dark hat, Nuala - white hat [.] between Margo and Priest, Spratt, Helen Whize [hat, eyes closed] [:] third row [:] Pat Dwan – right hand visible, Bre[e]da [dark hat], at rear [.] the [third] lady [with a] dark hat, Betty[,] my sister, "Who was Michael Collins?," poem by Eoin O. Maille, wedding photo, postal envelope, 15 Oct 2019.
- 1.9.7 Cousin Mary and Family at [Mitchelstown, Co. Cork] concerning thanks for letter, miss Helen, Ned[']s Breeda improved, going to daughter, Sandra's[,] for Christmas, Christmas card, 12 Dec 2019.
- 1.9.8 Betty and Paddy at [unknown address] concerning thanks for greetings, Helen passed suddenly, recently went to Cork to see her Dr., he hospitalized her for tests which she

did, went to Nursing Home, got pneumonia, returned to Hospital and passed, hard to believe she's gone, Christmas card, 17 Dec 2019.

Folder 10: Correspondence: 2020-2023

- 1.10.1 Eamon at Danville, Kilkenny concerning recovering from pneumonia, B. walking with an aid, "no hope of recovery, I am her mindar," 2020 calendar sent last Nov., sunny weather, magazine article about R T.F. Meagher, interned in Tasmania, escaped and went to U.S. and fought in C. [W]ar, Sanders nomination, friends here with same name, "The History Of Waterford," author unknown, *Ireland's Own*, February 21, 2020, p. 7, postal envelope, 8 Feb 2020.
- 1.10.2 Eamonn at Danville, Kilkenny concerning the Virus, "a tragedy from those dwarfs," confined indoors since 1 Apr [through] 5 May, Betty Whalen Collins['] son, Maurice, is a Judge – Court of Appeals in Dublin, his brother [is a] qualified solicitor, lives in London, helps his parents, Caroline F. is selling Dungarvan House, postal envelope, 21 Apr 2020.
- 1.10.3 Ed at Danville, Kilkenny concerning card received, [quiet] Paddy[']s Day with Bill, my G-son, fully employed caring for B., she is an invalid, confined to wheelchair, miss Helen, dream about her, believe she would be alive if she hadn't gone to Old Peoples [H]ome and contracted pneumonia, "cannot say that to[o] loud," postal envelope, 23 June 2020.
- 1.10.4 Betty and Paddy at [unknown address] concerning hope that all is well, surviving storms and virus, postcard, 27 Oct 2020.
- 1.10.5 Eamon at Danville, Kilkenny concerning nursing B. every day, walking aid & invalid chair, no Whelan's in Dungavan, not able to drive there, Caroline sold house, Ann W. is your G. Father's sister, born in 1890, Christmas card, postal envelope, 2 Dec 2020.
- 1.10.6 Ed at Danville, Kilkenny concerning nursing B. daily, cousin from G.B. had enjoyable visit, Biden to visit next year, Christmas Card, postal envelope, Dec 2020.
- 1.10.7 Janet, Howard, Patrick, Monika and lads at [England] concerning broken right elbow due to fall in kitchen, interesting newsletter received, housing market and government, all fine, Christmas card, Dec 2020.
- 1.10.8 E.J.O. Faolain at Danville, Kilkenny concerning late reply to letter [and] card, being "Head Nurse," [B.] will not improve, will be 85 in Jul, happy with new President, he is to visit Co. Mayo [and] Louth, a typical "Paddy," excuse writing, Lesley and her mother, E.J.O. is confined due to Covid 19, confinement ends on the 10th, eye appointment at hospital 7 May, blocked duct, postal envelope, 4 May 2021.
- 1.10.9 Eamon O'Faolain at Danville, Kilkenny concerning "nursing" covid since 29 May, B. hospitalized in K.K. since June, kidneys and bowels are improving, postal envelope, 10 Jun 2022.
- 1.10.10 Ed. J. Whelan at Danville, Kilkenny concerning Breda's death on 2nd Jul, buried in K.K., regards to all, postal envelope, 6 Jul 2022
- 1.10.11 Rita and Alan concerning all are well, Breda, Margot died this past week, Ned [is] the elder Whelan, Christmas card, 17 Dec 2022.
- 1.10.12 Eamon at Danville, Kilkenny concerning being alone in house, Joe Biden's "massive reception, I followed every part of it," his visit to Ballina, Co. Mays concluded at 10pm with over "20 Thousand" in attendance, watched it on TV, difficult to live alone, will get used to it, Biden's deceased son given "last rights" by priest in U.S.

- who is i/c of B. Virgins Church in Co. Mays, lady [second from right] is a cousin from England, taken at M. Collins ceremony, regard to all, photo, postal envelope, 2 May 2023.
- 1.10.13 E.J. Whelan at Danville, Kilkenny concerning “gone the wrong way...just hanging on,”
- a. sent newspaper photos of President Biden when he visited Co. Cavan, “wonderful reception,” hope he wins, Ireland won big over S. Africa, B.[‘s] Memory card, inquiring about best time to call Mike and Cheryl, visited Kilkenny about [three] weeks ago, two lad[ies] from Chicago asked “where is the Castle[?], proceeded to direct them, postal envelope, 26 Sep 2023.
- 1.10.14 Unknown at Cill Chainnigh concerning Bridget Whelan (nee Delaney) death, various newspaper articles about President Joe Biden, *Irish Examiner*, April 15, 2023, 4 pp, postal envelope, undated.

Folder 11: Christmas Cards: 1991-1992, 9 cards

Folder 12: Christmas Cards: 2000-2002, 23 cards

Folder 13: Christmas Cards: 2003-2004, 24 cards

Folder 12: Christmas Cards: 2005-2010, 14 cards

Folder 13: Christmas Cards: 2020-2022, 3 cards

Folder 14: New Year’s, Easter, St. Patrick’s Day Cards: 2006-2020, 6 cards

Folder 15: Postcards and programs

- 1.15.1 St. Patrick’s Day, 2004
- 1.15.2 Kilkenny, undated, 2
- 1.15.3 Ireland, undated, 1
- 1.15.4 Program, Michael Collins West Cork Memorial Committee, folder with history of Michael Collins, undated
- 1.15.5 Funeral Card of John Dillon Ring, 1913 – 1966
- 1.15.6 Postcard, Kilkenny Castle, sketch postcard, undated.

Folder 16: Miscellaneous

- 1.16.1 Yorkshire Salmon Calendar, 2002
- 1.16.2 Ireland Map, 1975

Folder 17: Irish Family Research Guides

- 1.17.1 “Ireland[:] Around the World,” booklet about Irish heritage and culture, published by Nelson Doubleday, Inc. of Garden City, NY, 1957, 63 pp.

- 1.17.2 "Irish Family Research Made Simple," booklet about Irish immigration, the history and the land, researching Irish ancestors in America and ancestor hunting in Ireland, published by Summit Publications of Munroe Falls, OH, 1974, 1980, 65 pp.
- 1.17.3 "The 8th Annual Summer Picnic," flyer about sharing Irish culture and heritage, presented by The Irish Heritage Society of Bloomington, IL, Jun 2013.
- 1.17.4 [Irish Genealogical Research] Guides, Maps, Nomenclature, Atlases & Gazetteers, Registry of Deeds, Census Substitutes, Directories, Gravestone Inscriptions, Addresses, unknown author, undated. "Irish Guide," by library staff and Brian Scott Donovan, Wilmette Illinois Branch Genealogical Library, undated, 2 pp. "Ireland-- Internal Divisions in the 19th Century," unknown author, undated. "Ireland[:]Tracing Your Ancestors," by the Irish Tourist Board, Information Sheet No. 8, undated, 2 pp.

Folder 18: Photos

- 1.18.1 Wedding photos in folders, no identification, circa 1970s
- 1.18.2 Mary Emma Whelan and Owen Patrick Whelan (in uniform), 1942
- 1.18.3 Rosie Whelan (Joe Whelan's wife) and Anne Marie Whelan
- 1.18.4 Joseph Francis and Anne Marie Whelan with grand children, Stephen and Mike Whelan, undated, 2 copies.
- 1.18.5 Joseph Francis Whelan, undated.
- 1.18.6 Capt. Owen Patrick Whelan, Anne Marie Whelan and Stephen Whelan, undated.
- 1.18.7 Rose Grimm, Stephan Whelan, Anne Marie Whelan and Mike Whelan, undated, 2 copies
- 1.18.8 Mike Whelan and Allen, 1984
- 1.18.9 Ed and Bridget Whelan with children, Paul Mary, Rom and Liam, undated
- 1.18.10 Large photo of Owen Patrick Whelan, Edward Clothier, Fred Gehrt and Edmend Kane at Highland Park Golf Course, 1956
- 1.18.11 Mounted photo of Eileen Whelan, mother of Maurice James Whelan, undated

Box 2

Loose Items:

Three photo albums

Graduation certificate (eighth grade) for Owen P. Whelan