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Guide to the J.M. Nolan Photograph Collection, 1889-1902

Title

J.M. Nolan Photograph Collection (P 053)

Dates

1889-1902 (inclusive)

1902 (bulk)

Creator

Nolan, J. M. (Joseph M.), 1844-1917.

Summary

The J.M. Nolan Photograph Collection consists of images depicting the McGee Family and Corvallis, Oregon, school children. Nolan was a Corvallis business owner.

Quantity

0.01 cubic foot, including 4 photographs (1 box)

Restrictions on Access

Collection is open for research.

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Biographical Note

J.M. (Joseph M.) Nolan was a Corvallis, Oregon, business owner who operated a general merchandise store known as J.M. Nolan and Son. Nolan was born in Ireland in 1844 and immigrated to the United States (San Francisco) in 1872; in the 1870s he moved north to Oregon and established his first business in Albany. In 1884, he moved to Corvallis and established a new business. Two of his children, Gertrude and Victor Nolan, attended Oregon Agricultural College in the 1910s. J.M. Nolan died in 1917.

Content Description

The J.M. Nolan Photograph Collection consists of three mounted photographic prints and a duplicate print of one of the images. The images are individually numbered P053:1 thru P053:3. All three of the original images include a sticker on the front, "50th Year Nolan's Golden Anniversary 1884-1934". One of the images depicts several generations of the McGee Family at their home south of Corvallis. There are 37 individuals in this group portrait.

The other two images show groups of Corvallis school children. One of the images (P053:2) is dated 1902 and shows the children with teacher, Jennie Toble, on the school steps. Earl Heckart, Brian McFadden, Gertrude Nolan, and Lulu Wells are identified in the photo; most of the children are not identified. The second image (P053:3) is dated 1889 and shows a group of school children with their teacher outside the Evangelical Church on the southwest corner of Fourth and Monroe Streets (current site of the Benton Hotel). Before the Central School was completed in December 1889, school children attended classes in various churches. Laura Keiser, Helen Miller, and Victor Nolan are identified; most of the children are not identified.

Preferred Citation

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Acquisition Information

The photographs were acquired by the Archives in the 1960s.

Related Material

Other photographs of Corvallis are available in the [J. Kenneth Munford Collection](#), Harriet's Collection, the Corvallis, Oregon, Photograph Collection (P 051), and the Horticulture Department Photographs (P 090).

Subjects

This collection is indexed under the following headings in the OSU Libraries Catalog. Researchers desiring materials about related topics, persons, or places should search the catalog (<http://oasis.oregonstate.edu>) using these headings.

Topics

Schools--Oregon--Corvallis.

Geographical Names

Corvallis (Or.)

Forms of Materials in the Collection

Photographic prints.