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Summary Information

Creator: The Henry Family

Title: The Henry Family Collection

Date: 1910 - 1979

Extent: 3.25 linear feet (in 6 Hollinger boxes and 3 oversize boxes)

Language: English

Access Restrictions: Collection is open to researchers at the Archives of the Archdiocese of New York. Advance appointments are required for the use of archival materials.

Preferred Citation: Published citations should take the following form: Identification of item, date (if known); The Henry Family Collection, Collection Number 007.001; box number, folder number. Archives of the Archdiocese of New York, St. Joseph's Seminary, Dunwoodie.

Location of Related Materials: Additional materials can be found in Collection 007, Francis Cardinal Spellman Collection; Collection 016, Prints and Photographs Collection, and numerous articles about Cardinal Spellman and his life can be found in *The Catholic News*, particularly the issues of May 12, 1966 and May 19, 1966.

Historical Note

The material in this collection was gathered throughout the years by various generations of the Spellman family, and was donated to the Archives by Fr. Robert Henry, a priest of the Archdiocese of New York and the great-nephew of Cardinal Francis Spellman. His mother was Mary Pegnam Henry, the daughter of Cardinal Spellman's sister Marian.

William and Ellen (Conway) Spellman had five children, of whom Cardinal Spellman was the eldest. His siblings were Martin (Margaret), Marian (Arthur Pegnam), Helene (George Garrity), and John (Helen Shoughnow). Marian and Arthur Pegnam had seven children: Arthur, Louise (Edward McCarthy), Frances (William J. McCarthy), Eleanor (Thomas McGrath), Martin, John, and Mary (Robert Henry). Robert and Mary Henry had six children: Thomas, Jane, Marian, Mary, Frances, and (Fr.) Robert.

The material in this collection was gathered by Cardinal Spellman's mother, his sisters Helene and Marian after the death of their mother, and Mary Henry, finally being left to Fr. Robert Henry and his siblings, who donated the material to the Archives in July 2015.

Scope & Content Note

The collection dates back to Spellman's early days as a priest in the Archdiocese of Boston, through his appointment to Rome in the 1920s, and on to his appointment as archbishop of New York in 1938, through his death in 1967. The majority of the collection is correspondence, and includes many letters between various members of the Spellman family, as well as some more official correspondence from Spellman's position as Archbishop of New York, and Archbishop of the Military Vicariate. In addition to letters, there are also telegrams and postcards sent to and from Spellman, as well as notes about his travels during his days in Rome and through his position as Archbishop of the Military Vicariate. The collection also includes a number of newspaper clippings, some of which have been gathered in scrapbooks and others that were loose. The clippings cover events in Cardinal Spellman's life, as well as life events of his brothers, sisters, nieces, nephews, and their children. There are some photographs, mostly dating to later in Cardinal Spellman's life, as well as programs from events both attended by Cardinal Spellman and/or given in his honor.

Arrangement

The collection is arranged in six series: Series I: Correspondence; Series II: Family and Life; Series III: Events and Speeches; Series IV: Scrapbooks and Photo Albums; Series V: Newspaper Clippings; Series VI: Media.

When the material arrived at the Archives, it was in no discernible order. Chronological order was imposed on the collection, and the correspondence was sorted by type (letter/telegram/postcard/etc.) and further sorted between family correspondence and more general correspondence.

Access Points

Genre(s)

- Letters
- Photographs
- Scrapbooks
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Geographic Name(s)

- Rome, Italy
- New York, NY
- Boston, MA
- Vietnam

Administrative Information

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Processing Note: Original order for this collection was impossible to ascertain. Material was arranged by date and type. Collection material was placed in acid-free folders and boxes. Folder titles were assigned, as there were no pre-existing folder titles. Newspaper clippings were copied on to acid-free paper.

Related Materials: Additional materials can be found in Collection 007, Francis Cardinal Spellman Collection; Collection 016, Prints and Photographs Collection, and numerous articles about Cardinal Spellman and his life can be found in *The Catholic News*, particularly the issues of May 12, 1966 and May 19, 1966.

Separated Materials: None.

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Box Number	Folder Number	Description	Date Range
Series I: Correspondence			
1	1	Correspondence with Family	1910 - 1914
8	2	Photocopies: Correspondence	1918 - 1960
1	2	Correspondence with Family	1925
1	3	Correspondence with Family	1926
1	4	Correspondence with Family	1927
1	5	General Correspondence	1927
1	6	Correspondence with Family	1928
1	7	Correspondence with Family	1929
1	8	Correspondence with Family	1930
1	9	General Correspondence	1928 - 1930
1	10	Correspondence with Family	1931
2	1	Correspondence with Family	1931
2	2	General Correspondence	1931
2	3	Correspondence with Family	1932
2	4	Correspondence with Family	1932 - 1933
2	5	General Correspondence	1932
2	6	Correspondence	1934 - 1935
2	7	Correspondence	1939 - 1940
2	8	Correspondence	1941 - 1942
2	9	Correspondence	1943 - 1948
3	1	Correspondence	1951 - 1959
3	2	Correspondence	1960 - 1963
3	3	Correspondence	1964 - 1965
3	4	Correspondence	1966 - 1967
3	5	Overseas Military Visit Inineraries	1958 - 1966
3	6	Cardinal Spellman's Travel Letters	1958 - 1959
3	7	Cardinal Spellman's Travel Letters	1960 - 1961
3	8	Cardinal Spellman's Travel Letters	1962
3	9	Cardinal Spellman's Travel Letters	1963
4	1	Cardinal Spellman's Travel Letters	1964 - 1967
4	2	Correspondence with Family	no date
4	3	Correspondence with George H. Collins	1925 - 1946
4	4	General Correspondence	no date
8	1	Correspondence	

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8	4	Photocopies: Cardinal Spellman's Day Planners	
4	5	Postcards	1926 - 1932
4	6	Postcards	no date
4	7	Telegrams	1925 - 1928
4	8	Telegrams	1929 - 1932
4	9	Telegrams	1939 - 1967
4	10	Telegrams	no date
4	11	Greeting Cards	1920s - 1960s
4	12	Christmas Cards	1940s - 1960s
Series II: Family & Life			
5	1	Spellman Family	no date
5	2	Fordham University	1907 - 1908
5	3	Memoir of Vincent Harcourt Isaacs	1919
5	4	Travel Documents	1921 - 1938
5	5	Passport	1925
5	6	Photographs	1920s - 1960s
8	5	Photographs	
10		Oversize Photographs	
8	3	Military Trip to Sudan	1943
5	9	Prayer Cards	no date
7		Zucchetto	
7		Birettas	
7		Biretta belonging to Pope Pius	1957
Series III: Events & Speeches			
5	10	Event Programs	1930 - 1955
8	6	Event Programs	1959 - 1979
5	11	Event Programs	1961 - 1970
5	12	1964/65 World's Fair / Vatican Pavilion	1964
5	13	McMurdo Naval Air Facility Souvenir	1963
8	7	50th Anniversary of Ordination	1966
5	14	Speeches and Sermons	1922 - 1966
Series IV: Scrapbooks & Photo Albums			
6		Scrapbook: Kilbride, Co. Carlow, 1834 - 1852	1950s
6		Scrapbook: Achievements of Archbishop Spellman	1939 - 1949
6		Scrapbook: Newspaper Clippings of Spellman's Life	
9		Scrapbook: Assumption College, Golden Jubilee	1954
9		Photo Album: Pope Pius	

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9		Photo Album: Military Ordinariate	
9		Photo Album: Overseas Travel	
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9		Photo Album: New York City events	
9		Scrapbook: Spellman as Archbishop of New York	1946
10		Scrapbook: Life as Bishop of Boston, MA, and North American College, Rome	1930s
Series V: Newspaper Clippings			
5	7	Newspaper Clippings	1926 - 1970
5	8	Newspaper Clippings	no date
8	8	Newspaper Clippings	undated
8	9	Newspaper Clippings	1940s
8	10	Newspaper Clippings	1960s
8	11	Loose Clippings Removed from Newspaper Clippings Scrapbook	1946 - 1960
Series VI: Media			
10		Newspaper Commemorative Issues	
10		Stamp Collection (VHS)	1957
10		Elevation to Cardinal (VHS)	
10		Christmas Message (VHS)	1957
10		Cardinal Spellman: The Man (VHS)	