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Family History and Genealogy

Box 1

"A Brief History of the Phalens in Central Illinois," 1990-1991, 1993 (includes letter from Jerry Phalen)

Hannon Family

Genealogy, 1965

Research, 1985, 1988

John Phalen

"Remembering John Phalen," circa 1969

Research, 1993

Photocopies, 1910s, 1938, 1942, 1950s, 1981. (Includes Bernard Hannon's estate information, newspaper clippings about Ivesdale, and photograph)

Box 4

Memories by Ellen Cecelia Phalen, 1997-1999 (3 volumes)

Personal Papers

Box 1 (cont.)

Elizabeth Murphy Hannon, 1905, 1936, 1950s. (Includes newspaper clippings, Baptismal certificate, and obituary)

Kathleen Phalen Hannon, 1930s-1980s. (Includes teaching and nursing certificates, photograph, and obituary)

Michael H. Hannon, 1880s, 1910s, 1930s, 1940, 1950s. (Includes notes, Baptismal certificate, poem, letter, newspaper clipping, and copy of his will)

Roy Hannon

Miscellaneous, 1918, 1925, 1930, 1942-1943, 1945, 1967, 1977. (Includes Baptismal certificate; Army registration, induction, classification, and honorable discharge forms; newspaper clippings; driver's license; University of Illinois employment application; and photograph)

School Exam and Certificates, 1913, 1915

Walter Hannon, 1910s-1920s, 1940s, 1950s-1987. (Includes financial ledgers, newspaper clippings, photographs, correspondence, licenses, bowling tournament scorecards, forms, obituaries, and teaching certificate)

Walter and Kathleen Phalen Hannon, circa 1938-1939. (Includes house blueprints, building contract, and related materials)

Correspondence

Roy Hannon (letters written to Roy from family members)

1909-1910, 1913-1916

1918, 1920s-1940s, 1955, undated

Elizabeth Murphy Hannon, 1939-1955

Governor William G. Stratton to Elizabeth Murphy Hannon, 1954-1955 (includes photographs)

Greeting Card Scrapbook, 1900s-1910s

Post Cards and Greetings Cards, 1900s-1940s

Photographs

Allerton Ranch and Surroundings, Phalen Family, 1900s-1920s

Additional Photos of Members of the Phalen Family, circa 1900s-1920s

Carleton Smith, 1955 (includes letter)

Elizabeth (Lillie or Lilly) Murphy Hannon, 1884, 1900s, circa 1940, 1952

Family and Ivesdale, 1880, 1900s-1910s, 1940

Grace Hannon, 1950-1952

Haiti, circa 1920s

Hannon-Phalen, 1910s, 1953, 1980s-1990s, 2003 (mostly Ellen Phalen)

Hannon Family

1880s-1910, 1940s, 1967-1968. (Includes pictures of Ivesdale, Illinois)

1880s, 1900s-1910s. (Includes pictures of Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Springfield, Illinois; Navy (Municipal) Pier, Chicago; Lincoln Park Zoo, Chicago; also includes photocopy of article on Lt. John J. McHale of Ivesdale)

Hannon Farm and Ivesdale Area, early to mid-20th century

Ivesdale, 1910s

Ivesdale Catholic Church, 1920

Michael and Elizabeth (Lillie or Lilly) Hannon

Marriage Picture, 1888

Portraits, 1880s, circa 1930s (includes marriage certificate)

Mountmellick, Ireland, 2003

Penn Yann, New York, 2000

Rockome Gardens, circa 1940s (located in Arthur, Illinois)

Roy Hannon

Loose photographs, 1906, 1910s, 1930s-1950s, 1970s

Photograph Album, undated

Saint Joseph's Catholic Church (located in Ivesdale, Illinois)

Circa 1890s, 1910, 1920s, 1940s, 1984, 1993 (includes newspaper clippings)

Circa 1910

Business Records

Henry Hannon Grain Company Railroad "Car Book" and Receipts, 1888-1901
 Ivesdale Co-op Grain Company, 1905, 1951, 1957, 1965, 1978 (Includes two short historical narratives, Auditor's Report, and photographs)
 Michael Hannon's Farm Record Book, 1910-1919
 Michael Phalen's Farm Fieldbook, 1901-1913 (for Allerton, Illinois)

Box 3

Henry Hannon's Elevator Book, 1896-1904
 Ivesdale Village Board of Trustees Corporate Minutes Book, 1874-1880

Publications and Ephemera

Box 1 (cont.)

Catholic Guidebooks and Mementos, 1900s-1910s, 1941, 1955 (Includes *The Little Altar Boy's Manual*, *The Children's New Mission Book*, remembrance cards, and prayer cards)
 Elizabeth Murphy Hannon's Autograph Album, 1887-1889
 Movie Star Photograph Album, [circa mid-20th century](#)

Box 2

Customized *Zenith Radio Log*, 1928
Stunt Book, 1926 edition (owned by Kathleen Phalen Hannon)
The Sinsinawa, 1928 (owned by Ellen Phalen)
The Sunshine News, 1929

Box 3 (cont.)

Clippings Scrapbook, 1894-1932

Box 4 (cont.)

The Bluejacket's Manual, United States Navy, 1917 (owned by John V. Hannon)

Appendix

Brief Guide to the Hannon-Phalen Family

Henry Hannon (1830-1914) immigrated to the United States from Ireland in 1848, living first in Peru, Illinois, and then moving to Ivesdale, Illinois, in 1860. He built the first grain elevator in Ivesdale in 1865. Over time he expanded his grain business, established a lumber yard, and also sold salt and coal. He served as Mayor and on the Ivesdale Town Board in the 1870s and 1880s.

Michael Hannon (1853-1936), the son of Henry Hannon, was born in Peru, Illinois. He moved to Ivesdale with his father in 1860, and lived in that vicinity for the rest of his life. He worked in his father's businesses, and he took over the grain elevator when Henry retired. Michael sold the grain business to the Ivesdale Co-op Grain Company in 1904, and he then became the grain business manager for the Co-op. Like his father, he served as Mayor and on the Ivesdale Town Board.

Michael Hannon married **Elizabeth ("Lilly" or "Lillie") Murphy Hannon (1857-1955)** in 1888. Elizabeth was born in Peru, Illinois, and moved to Ivesdale in 1862. She and Michael had six children -- five sons and one daughter. She lived to the age of 98.

Roy Joseph Hannon (1898-1979), the fourth son of Michael and Elizabeth Hannon, was born in Ivesdale. He attended Brown's Business College in Decatur, Illinois, and worked for Loose-Wiles Biscuit Company as a traveling auditor. He enlisted in the Air Force during World War I and in the Army during World War II, although he was never posted overseas in either war. He never married. He returned to Ivesdale and lived with his mother during her later years.

Walter Leo Hannon (1900-1987), the youngest son of Michael and Elizabeth Hannon, was born in Ivesdale. He taught at the Ray School and Ivesdale Elementary, and took over as manager for the Ivesdale Co-op Grain Company after his father retired in 1935. Walter was manager for 31 years, retiring in 1966.

Michael Phalen (1866-1927) was born in Penn Yan, New York, and was the son of an Irish immigrant. His family moved to Piatt County, Illinois, in 1867. He managed livestock for the Allerton family in Allerton, Illinois. He farmed and raised cattle for himself as well. He married Ellen Elizabeth ("Lil") Sherlock in 1888. His daughter, Kathleen Phalen, married Walter Hannon in 1932.

Kathleen Phalen Hannon (1907-1989), daughter of Michael and Ellen Elizabeth Phalen, graduated from Normal Teachers College in 1926, and taught grade school until her marriage to Walter Hannon in 1932. She returned to teaching later, working at several public and Catholic schools in Champaign and around the county.

Ellen Cecelia Phalen (1909-2002) was the youngest child of Michael and Ellen Elizabeth Phalen. She was the aunt of Bruce Hannon.

Bruce Hannon (1934-2024) was Professor Emeritus of Geography & Geographic Information Science at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. He initially donated this collection to the Library in 1992-1993 and had made additional donations to the collection since then.