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Daniel O'Connell Papers

1933-1939

.5 lin. ft., 2 boxes

November 1998

Biographical Note

Daniel P. O'Connell (1885-1977) was a leader of the Albany County Democratic party from 1919 to his death. O'Connell controlled Albany's political and governmental affairs form more than 50 years. The legendary O'Connell political machine was the longest lasting in the United States.

Scope and Content Note

The Daniel O'Connell Papers spans the period from 1933-1939 and primarily contains documents relating to his personal and family life. The collection is arranged in three sections: a file of correspondence (containing a single letter); files of invoices and receipts; and a file of miscellaneous material. The collection was purchased in November 1998 from Dennis Holzman Antiques, who had acquired it from Frank S. Robinson, author of *Albany's O'Connell Machine: An American Political Relic* (Albany: The Washington Park Spirit, Inc., 1973).

The collection is not large enough to warrant a series arrangement, though non-invoice material was separated out and is held in folders 1 and 50. Folder 1 contains a letter from Frank Fischer, a Federal prisoner in Michigan. Folders 2 through 49 contain invoices and receipts arranged alphabetically by vendor. Folder 50 contains miscellaneous personal paper- items including a piece of O'Connell's letterhead, a renewal slip for *Fortune* magazine, assorted advertising blotters, a tire guarantee certificate, a warrantee for a General Electric air conditioner, a paper certifying O'Connell as a delegate to the New York State Democratic convention in 1934, and the ballot voted by E.R. Wormer in the 1899 Town of Guilderland elections.

Box Folder

CORRESPONDENCE

1	1	Letter from Frank Fischer	1938
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INVOICES AND RECEIPTS

2	A general	1934-38
3	Albany Iron and Hardware	1933-38, n.d.
4	American District Telegraph Company	1933-38
5	B general	1934-38
6	Albright Hardware	1933-36
7	Berkshire Family Laundry	1933-38
8	C general	1933-38
9	W.W. Crannell Lumber	1933-37
10	D general	1933-38
11	Jacob F. Decker, Engineers	1934-36
12	E general	1934-5
13	F general	1935-38
14	Figel and Hofmeister, Fuel	1935-39
15	G general	1935-36
16	Gorman, Edward J. (chauffeur)	1933-38
17	H general	1933-37

Box Folder

INVOICES AND RECEIPTS, con't.

1	18	Hart Coal and Ice	1933-38
	19	E. J. Hazelton (spring waters)	1933-38
	20	J general	1933-36
	21	K general	1933-38
	22	W. A. Kellermann (florist)	1934-38
	23	William C. Komfort (pharmacy)	1934-37
	24	Krank Insurance Agency	1933-38
	25	L general	1933-37
	26	M general	1934-38
	27	Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance	1933-38
	28	McManus and Riley (clothing)	1933-38
	29	Muhlfelder's (women's clothing)	1933-38
	30	John G. Myers (dept. store)	1934-38
	31	N general	1933-34
	32	O general	1936-38
2	33	P general	1933-39
	34	R general	1935
	35	Rosary Flower Shop	1933-37
	36	S general	1933-38
	37	Saratoga Vichy Springs	1933-38

Box Folder

INVOICES AND RECEIPTS, con't.

2	38	Standard Oil	1933-39
	39	T general	1936-39
	40	Tax Notices	1934-36
	41	The Ten Eyck Co. (hotel)	1933-38
	42	John T. Travison (florist)	1934-39
	43	U-V general	1931-39
	44	Van Heusen Charles (home furnishings and gifts)	1934-38
	45	W general	1933-39
	46	Welsh and Grey Lumber	1933-38
	47	Peter M. Welter (plumbing and roofing)	1933-38
	48	Wolferts Roost (country club)	1933-38
	49	Y general	1933-34
	50	MISCELLANY	1899, n.d.