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Humphrey J. Desmond, 1858-1932
Correspondence, 1880-1920, undated
MC 241

Volume

0.2 cubic feet

Access

Unrestricted

Biographical Note

Humphrey Desmond was born on September 14, 1858, in Cedarburg, Wis. After graduating from the University of Wisconsin (B.L., 1880), he became a lawyer in Milwaukee in 1881. Desmond also became involved in the *Catholic Citizen*, the Archdiocese of Milwaukee’s newspaper which currently is known as the *Catholic Herald*, as an editor and, starting in 1891, as publisher. He was a leader for Catholic lay journalism in the United States, serving as founder of the Catholic Press Association and as owner of several newspapers throughout the country. Desmond was also a member of the Wisconsin State Assembly and Milwaukee School Board, among other lay and civil organizations. He died February 16, 1932, in Milwaukee, Wis..

Scope and Content *a brief description of the types of materials in the collection.*

Collection consists mostly of letters sent to Humphrey J. Desmond, editor of the *Catholic Herald*, including the original expanding file that summarizes the contents of the letters. There is also one folder containing a typed biography of Desmond.

Box and Folder List *This is a list of folders names within the collection. The folders have been arranged alphabetically. “B” is an abbreviation for box and “F” is an abbreviation for folder. This list will help the researcher narrow down exactly what folder they want to look at.*

Box	Folder	Folder Title
B 1	F 1	Original expanding-file that held the letters, with summary of contents included
B 1	F 2	Allen, Edwards, 1897
B 1	F 3	Anonymus Letter, undated
B 1	F 4	Bartlett, Edwin W., 1901
B 1	F 5	Biography of Humphrey J. Desmond, undated
B 1	F 6	Bowers, H.F., 1902
B 1	F 7	Breen, William P., 1909
B 1	F 8	Brisbane, A., 1918
B 1	F 9	Brownson, Harry F., 1899
B 1	F 10	Cahill, R., 1903
B 1	F 11	Carpenter, Paul D., 1919

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B 1	F 12	Cavanaugh, John, C.S.C., 1905
B 1	F 13	Chidwick, Rev. John P., 1911
B 1	F 14	Cleary, Thomas, undated
B 1	F 15	Conahan, Mrs. E. A., 1910
B 1	F 16	Croke, W.J.D., 1894, 1898
B 1	F 17	Cox, E.V., 1906
B 1	F 18	Donnelly, Joseph G., 1910
B 1	F 19	Dorward, W.T., 1918
B 1	F 20	Douglas, R.M., 1911
B 1	F 21	Egan, Maurice, 1910, 1911, 1914, 1919
B 1	F 22	Eschweiler, Franz C., 1910
B 1	F 23	Fagan, Thomas, 1903
B 1	F 24	Fairchild, Arthur W., 1910
B 1	F 25	Finerty, John, 1899
B 1	F 26	Fletcher, Rev. William R., 1913
B 1	F 27	Gallery, Daniel V., 1919
B 1	F 28	Jordan, Elizabeth, 1911
B 1	F 29	Katzer, Archbishop Francis X., 1893
B 1	F 30	Kelly, John T., 1909
B 1	F 31	Kennan, Thomas Lathrop, 1920
B 1	F 32	Keough, J. J., 1900
B 1	F 33	King, General Charles, 1906
B 1	F 34	Kittell, Ferdinand, 1896, 1901, 1906
B 1	F 35	Lally, Patrick E. C., 1902, 1904
B 1	F 36	Lambert, P.A., 1901
B 1	F 37	Lecky, Walter, 1898
B 1	F 38	McDermott, Thomas, 1919
B 1	F 39	McFaul, Bishop James, 1902
B 1	F 40	Messmer, Archbishop Sebastian Gebhard, 1895, 1896, 1910
B 1	F 41	Monteiro, A.S.A., 1903
B 1	F 42	Moroney, William J., 1911
B 1	F 43	Munro, David A., 1909
B 1	F 44	Murphy, D.I., 1909
B 1	F 45	Murphy, Mary G., 1904
B 1	F 46	Newman, Joseph, 1911
B 1	F 47	O’Gorman, Bishop Thomas, 1896
B 1	F 48	O’Malley, Charles J., 1904
B 1	F 49	Onahan, William, 1911, 1912
B 1	F 50	O’Reilly, Rev. Patrick, 1892
B 1	F 51	Otjen, Theobald, 1911
B 1	F 52	Papi, Hector, 1894
B 1	F 53	Phelan, D.S., 1907
B 1	F 54	Potter, Milton C., undated
B 1	F 55	Reid, Christian, 1908
B 1	F 56	Riordan, Archbishop Patrick W., 1898
B 1	F 57	Robinson, Nungent, 1897
B 1	F 58	Rubee, Horace, 1880
B 1	F 59	Schwebach, James, 1898
B 1	F 60	Scott, Joseph, 1912

Box	Folder	Folder Title
B 1	F 61	Selinger, Joseph, 1901
B 1	F 62	Sinclair, D.M.K., 1918
B 1	F 63	Subirana, Eugenio, 1919
B 1	F 64	Touhy, Rev. Joseph, 1905
B 1	F 65	Ward, William Hayes, 1912
B 1	F 66	Willard, Rev. G.L., 1886