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OVERVIEW OF COLLECTION

Title: Joseph T. Lawless family papers

Date: 1863-1963, bulk 1918-1924

Extent: 1 Box (.42 linear feet) and 1 tube

Creator: Lawless, Joseph T., 1866-1941

Language: English

Repository: Zach S. Henderson Library Special Collections, Georgia Southern University, Statesboro, GA. specolle@georgiasouthern.edu, 912-478-7819, library.georgiasouthern.edu.

Processing Note: Collection processed by Caitlynn Hudson, Student Assistant, under the supervision of Autumn M. Johnson, Special Collections Librarian. Collection was re-processed with accruals added to the collection in 2022 by Erin Patterson, Special Collections Archivist. Additional correspondence was chronologically filed into existing folders, other materials were added to the end of the collection beginning with Box 1, Folder 13.

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Separated Materials: These volumes have been cataloged separately from the collection: [Personal Recollections of the Life and Times: With Extracts from the Correspondence of Valentine Lord Cloncurry, by Valentine Lawless, 2nd Baron Cloncurry](#); [A Compendium of the History of Ireland : From the earliest period to the reign of George I by John Lawless](#); [The Belfast Politics, Enlarged: Being a Compendium of the Political History of Ireland, for the Last Forty Years by John Lawless](#); [The Story of Ireland by Emily Lawless](#); [With the Wild Geese by Emily Lawless](#); [Thomas Addis Emmet, M.D., A Personal Tribute., by Reverend John Cavanaugh](#).

Related Collections: [National Library of Ireland](#), [Joseph McGarrity Papers, 1789-1971](#)

ABOUT THE COLLECTION

Biographical History: Joseph Thomas Lawless was born May 2, 1866 in Portsmouth, Virginia to Irish immigrants, Thomas Joseph (1835-1914) and Ellen Nolan Lawless (1839-1899). Lawless attended the Webster Military Institute, graduated from St. Mary's College with a Master's of Arts degree in 1882, and graduated from Richmond College with a Bachelor of Law degree in 1895. On April 15, 1890, he married Marie Catherine Antilotti (1870-1923) and they had seven children together. He was elected to the Senate of Virginia in 1889 serving four terms before voluntarily retiring in 1901. During his tenure in the Senate, he was also elected Secretary of the Commonwealth from 1894-1900. Lawless was a member of the military staff of Virginia Governor Claude A. Swanson with the rank of Colonel until his appointment as a Judge. Between 1909-1914, Lawless sat as a Judge of Virginia's 1st Circuit Court. Lawless was a member of several clubs, including several Irish-American organizations including the American Irish Historical Society and the Friends of Irish Freedom. Therefore, in the early 1900s Lawless maintained communications with leadership in Ireland, including the Irish leader, Eamon de Valera. Additionally, he kept communication with leaders of Friends of Irish Freedom and other individuals working toward finding support for a free Irish Republic. Joseph Thomas Lawless died in 1941.

Scope and Content: This collection consists of the papers of Joseph T. Lawless. Materials span 1863-1963 with the bulk of materials dating between 1918-1924. These include personal and professional correspondence, newspaper clippings, newsletter bulletins, and photographs. Materials mostly pertain to Irish nationalism and Irish Americans affiliated with the Friends of Irish Freedom organization. Correspondence to and from Joseph T. Lawless

span 1918-1924 and discuss the push for an Independent Irish Republic and support from within the United States.

System of Arrangement: Materials are sorted into folders and arranged chronologically.

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Tube 1: 0200107523215

Acquisitions Info: Donated by Gregory Lawless, 2020, 2021.

Access Points:

Ireland

Friends of Irish Freedom

Irish Republic

Joseph T. Lawless

CONTAINER LISTING

Box 1:

<u>Items</u>	<u>Box Number</u>	<u>Folder Number</u>
Correspondence, 1918 -Letter from Joseph T. Lawless to W. Robert Ford (copy), April 14 -Letter from Joseph T. Lawless to Diarmuid Lynch, December 7 -Letter from Edward McSweeney to Joseph T. Lawless, December 22 -Letter Notes	1	1
Correspondence, 1919 -Telegram from James K. McGuire to Joseph T. Lawless, January 27 -Letter from Joseph T. Lawless to James K. McGuire (copy), January 27 -Letter from Joseph T. Lawless to Diarmuid Lynch, March 19th -Letter from John A. Flood to Joseph T. Lawless, March 22 -Letter from Joseph T. Lawless to Robert E. Golden, March 25 -Letter from Joseph T. Lawless to Robert E. Golden, March 26 -Letter from Joseph T. Lawless to Robert E. Golden, April 8 -Letter from Robert E. Golden to Joseph T. Lawless, April 8 -Letter from Robert E. Golden to Joseph T. Lawless, April 20 -Telegram from Eugene F. Kinkead to Joseph T. Lawless, May 7, -Joseph T. Lawless subscription to "The Irish World", May 9	1	2

- Letter from Joseph T. Lawless to Professor James G. Mehegan, May 13
- Letter from Diarmuid Lynch to Joseph T. Lawless, May 14
- Letter from Eugene F. Kinkead to Joseph T. Lawless, May 16
- Letter from Robert E. Golden to Joseph T. Lawless, May 17
- Letter from Mc. C. G. Finnigan to Joseph T. Lawless, May 28
- Letter from Joseph T. Lawless to Mc. C. G. Finnigan, May 31
- Letter from Joseph T. Lawless to Robert E. Golden, June 5
- Telegram from Diarmuid Lynch to Joseph T. Lawless, July 2
- Telegram to Premier Clemanceau, July 4
- Friends of Irish Freedom Chairman Letter to Senator, July 15
- Letter from Daniel C. O'Flaherty to Joseph T. Lawless, August 6
- Telegram from Daniel C. O'Flaherty to Joseph T. Lawless, August 9
- Letter from Robert E. Golden to Joseph T. Lawless, August 10
- Telegram from Robert E. Golden to Joseph T. Lawless, August 10
- Note from Joseph T. Lawless to Daniel C. O'Flaherty, August 13
- Note from Joseph T. Lawless to Murphys Hotel, August 13
- Telegram from Joseph T. Lawless to Lee Meriwether, August 16
- Telegram from Joseph T. Lawless to Lee Meriwether, August 17
- Telegram from Joseph T. Lawless to Daniel C. O'Flaherty, August 17
- Telegram from W. Bourke Cockran to Joseph T. Lawless, August 18
- Letter from Joseph T. Lawless to Daniel T. O'Connell, August 18
- Letter from Joseph T. Lawless to Daniel C. O'Flaherty (copy), August 18
- Letter from George Bryan to Lee Meriwether, August 18
- Telegram from W. [B]ourke Cockran to Joseph T. Lawless, August 19
- Letter from Joseph T. Lawless to W. Bourke Cochran, August 19
- Letter from Joseph T. Lawless to W. Bourke Cochran, August 20
- Telegram from Daniel F. Cohalan to Joseph T. Lawless, August 20
- Letter from Joseph T. Lawless to Daniel C. O'Flaherty, August 22
- Telegram from Daniel T. O'Connell to Joseph T. Lawless, August 22
- Telegram from Daniel F. Cohalan to Joseph T. Lawless, August 23
- Telegram from Thomas A Williams to Joseph T. Lawless, August 23
- Telegram from Ambassador Hotel to Joseph T. Lawless, August 23
- Telegram from Diarmuid Lynch to Joseph T. Lawless, August 23
- Telegram from Joseph T. Lawless to Diarmuid Lynch, August 24
- Telegram from Diarmuid Lynch to Joseph T. Lawless, August 26
- Telegram from David T. O'Connell to Joseph T. Lawless, August 26
- Newspaper Clipping from August 19
- Note, Roland E. Chase, August 26
- Letter from John J. Splain to Joseph T. Lawless, August 27

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Telegram from Diarmuid Lynch to Joseph T. Lawless, August 31 -Note, August 1919 -Letter from Daniel T. O'Connell to Joseph T. Lawless, September 2 -Telegram from Daniel T. O'Connell to Joseph T. Lawless, September 3 -Letter from Allan D. Jones to Joseph T. Lawless, September 3 -Telegram from Joseph T. Lawless to Daniel T. O'Connell, September 4 -Telegram from Joseph T. Lawless to Daniel T. O'Connell, September 5 -Letter from Daniel T. O'Connell to Joseph T. Lawless, September 8 -Letter from James K McGuire to Joseph T. Lawless, September 30 -Republic of Ireland Prospectus of the First Issue of Bond Certificates -Letter from Daniel C. O'Flaherty to Joseph T. Lawless, October 24 -Letter from Daniel C. O'Flaherty to Joseph T. Lawless, November 17 -Letter from Joseph T. Lawless to Daniel C. O'Flaherty (copy), November 19 -5 Letters between Daniel O'Connell and James Sexton, November 1919 -Telegram from Diarmuid Lynch to Joseph T. Lawless, December 1 -Letter from Diarmuid Lynch to Joseph T. Lawless, December 2 -Letter from Frank P. Walsh to Daniel C. O'Flaherty, December 4 -Letter from Katherine Hughes to Joseph T. Lawless, December 22 -Letter by Joseph T. Lawless, December 22 -Friends of Irish Freedom Newsletter, December 27 		
<p>Correspondence, 1920</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Letter written by James C. Gordon. 1920 -Letter from James L. O'Keefe to Daniel C. O'Flaherty, January 1 -Letter from Daniel C. O'Flaherty to Joseph T. Lawless, January 3 -Letter to W. Bourke Cockran from Rt. Rev. Patrick J. Hayes (copy), January 17 -Letter from Diarmuid Lynch to to members of the Friends of Irish Freedom, January 24 -Telegram from Diarmuid Lynch to Joseph T. Lawless, January 24 -Telegram from Frank P. Walsh to Joseph T. Lawless, January 26 -Letter from Daniel C. O'Flaherty to Joseph T. Lawless, January 30 -Letter from Eugene F. Kinkead to Joseph T. Lawless, February 2 -Letter from Joseph T. Lawless to Frank P. Walsh (copy), February 3 -Letter from Daniel C. O'Flaherty to Joseph T. Lawless, February 4 -Letter from Sean Nunan to Joseph T. Lawless, February 4 -Letter from Thomas Hogan to Joseph T. Lawless, February 5 -Letter from Willard De Lue to Joseph T. Lawless, February 5 -Letter from Daniel C. O'Flaherty to Joseph T. Lawless, February 10 -Letter from Joseph T. Lawless to Daniel C. O'Flaherty (copy), 	1	3

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- Telegram from Diarmuid Lynch to Joseph T. Lawless, February 14
- Letter from Joseph T. Lawless to Daniel C. O'Flaherty, February 17
- Letter from Daniel C. O'Flaherty to Joseph T. Lawless, February 23
- Letter from Frank P. Walsh to Joseph T. Lawless, February 26
- Letter from Joseph T. Lawless to Frank P. Walsh, March 1
- Telegram from Frank P. Walsh to Joseph T. Lawless, March 13
- Letter from Joseph T. Lawless to H.J. Boland, March 19
- Telegram from Diarmuid Lynch to Joseph T. Lawless, March 20
- Telegram from Frank P. Walsh to Joseph T. Lawless, March 22
- Letter from Joseph T. Lawless/ Secretary P. J. Riley, Jr. to Committee members , April 5
- Letter from Joseph T. Lawless/Secretary P. J. Riley, Jr. to invited guests , April 5
- Letter from Joseph T. Lawless to Chas. E. Ashburner, April 5
- Letter from Joseph T. Lawless to Dr. Thos. V. Williamson, April 6
- Letter from Chas. E. Ashburner to Joseph T. Lawless, April 7
- Letter from I. Walke Truxtun to Joseph T. Lawless, April 8
- Letter from Goodrich Hatton to Joseph T. Lawless, April 10
- Telegram from Diarmuid Lynch to Joseph T. Lawless, April 14
- Letter from Katherine Hughes to Joseph T. Lawless, June 1
- Statement of Eamon de Valera, June 19
- "Justice Cohalan in the work as an American" statement, June 21
- Letter from Frank P. Walsh to Joseph T. Lawless, June 26
- Chicago Convention, June 1920
- Excerpt from New York Herald, July 3
- Letter from Diarmuid Lynch to Secretaries of Friends of Irish Freedom, August 3
- Letter from Rossa F. Downing to Daniel C. O'Flaherty (copy), August 3
- Letter from Diarmuid Lynch to Secretaries of Friends of Irish Freedom, August 7
- Letter from Daniel T. O'Connell to Joseph T. Lawless, August 23
- Telegram from Diarmuid Lynch to Joseph T. Lawless, August 31
- Letter from James Grattan Mythen to Joseph T. Lawless, September 7
- Letter from Daniel C. O'Flaherty to Thomas A. Flood, September 20
- Letter from Daniel C. O'Flaherty to Thomas A. Flood, September 20 (3 Copies)
- Letter from Daniel C. O'Flaherty to Thomas A. Flood, September 27
- Letter from Diarmuid Lynch to members of F.O.I.F. National Council, October 4
- Letter from James O'Mara to Joseph T. Lawless, October 4
- Letter from Diarmuid Lynch to Thomas A. Flood, October 5
- Friends of Irish Freedom Branch Meeting Letter, October 7

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Letter from Joseph T. Lawless to S.U. Ghose (copy), October 8 -Letter from Diarmuid Lynch to members of the Friends of Irish Freedom, October 22 -Letter from Diarmuid Lynch to members of Irish Freedom, October 22 (Marked Confidential) -Letter from Diarmuid Lynch to Daniel C. O'Flaherty, October 22 -Letter from Joseph T. Lawless to Diarmuid Lynch, October 25 -Letter from Diarmuid Lynch to Joseph T. Lawless, October 27 -Letter from S.N. Ghose to Joseph T. Lawless, October 31 -Document regarding Certificate of Incorporation for F.O.I.F., November 7 -Letter from John T. Flood to Joseph T. Lawless, November 15 -Letter from Gen. And Lewis Branch/ Secretary Annie J. Dore to Thomas A. Flood, November 23 -Letter from Diarmuid Lynch to President and Secretary of each Regular Branch F.O.I.F., December 9 -Friends of Irish Freedom Resolution of Motions, 1920 		
<p>Correspondence, 1921</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Letter from Richard Campbell to Joseph T. Lawless, February 25 -Letter from Thomas H. Synon] to Francis T[PI]. Duffy, March 23 -Telegram from Francis P. Duffy to Joseph T. Lawless, March 24 -Letter from Joseph T. Lawless to Francis P. Duffy, March 25 -Letter from Joseph T. Lawless to Harry J. Boland (copy), March 29 -Letter from Harry J. Boland to Joseph T. Lawless, March 31 -Letter from Joseph T. Lawless to Francis P. Duffy (copy), April 6 -Letter from Diarmuid Lynch to Joseph T. Lawless, May 16 -Letter from Joseph T. Lawless to Diarmuid Lynch (copy), May 17 -Letter from John T. Flood to Joseph T. Lawless, May 21 -Letter from John T. Goolrick to Joseph T. Lawless, September 17 -Letter from Joseph T. Lawless to John T. Goolrick, September 21 -Letter from John P. Grace to Joseph T. Lawless, September 24 -Letter from John P. Grace to Joseph T. Lawless (copy), September 24 (4) -Letter from Joseph T. Lawless to Mayor John P. Grace (copy) September 26 (2) -Letter from Joseph T. Lawless to Daniel F. Cohalan (copy), September 28 -Letter from Daniel F. Cohalan to Joseph T. Lawless, October 6 -Letter from Joseph T. Lawless to Daniel F. Cohalan (copy), October 7 -Letter from Daniel F. Cohalan to Joseph T. Lawless, October 11 -Letter from Joseph T. Lawless to John P. Grace (copy) marked personal, October 24 	1	4
<p>Correspondence, 1922</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Letter from [Duncan Lawrence Groner] to Joseph T. Lawless, 	1	5

<p>February 11</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Letter from John T. Goolrick to Joseph T. Lawless, February 14 -Empty envelope from Dublin County Council with notes, March 22 -Letter from Jim to Joseph T. Lawless, marked private, December 15 -Letter from Joseph T. Lawless to Jim, December 16 -Letter from Diarmuid Lynch to F.O.I.F members, December 22 		
<p>Correspondence, 1923</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Letter from Diarmuid Lynch to Joseph T. Lawless, January 4 -Letter from Joseph T. Lawless to Diarmuid Lynch (copy), January 6 -Letter from Diarmuid Lynch to Joseph T. Lawless, January 8 -Telegram from M. A. O'Sullivan to Joseph T. Lawless, June 8 -Letter from Joseph T. Lawless to Professor T. A. Smiddy (copy), June 19 -Letter to "The Irish World" from Joseph T. Lawless (copy), June 22 -Two Subscriptions to The Irish World, June 21, June 27 -Letter between Diarmuid Lynch and Joseph T. Lawless (copy), October 17 -Letter from Diarmuid Lynch to Joseph T. Lawless, October 23 -Booklet from Diarmuid Lynch to members of F.O.I.F, December 31 -Diarmuid Lynch "Tells of Trip to Ireland" 	1	6
<p>Correspondence, 1924, 1928</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Photograph John W. Goff with notes on back -Letter from Joseph T. Lawless to Diarmuid Lynch (copy), January 2, 1924 -Letter from Diarmuid Lynch to Joseph T. Lawless, January 3, 1924 -Letter from John J. Sheahan to Joseph T. Lawless, March 29, 1924 -Letter from Joseph T. Lawless from John J. Sheahan (copy), March 31, 1924 -Telegram from Diarmuid Lynch to Joseph T. Lawless September 29, 1928 	1	7
<p>Undated Notes and Correspondence, circa 1918-1924</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Outline of President de Valera's Instructions on Organization for Irish Bond Certificate Campaign -Financial Notes -Letter from John Flood to Joseph T. Lawless -Letter from Gold[en?] to Joseph T. Lawless -Note -"In memory of" card -Empty Envelope from O'Flaherty and O'Flaherty with Note -A Foreword -"American Letter" from General Editor 	1	8

Newspapers Clippings, 1919-1921, undated	1	9
Newspapers, 1958-1963 - Covington Virginian, Saturday Afternoon August 30, 1958 - Covington Virginian, Monday Afternoon June 3, 1963 - Covington Virginia, Friday Afternoon November 22, 1963	1	10
Newspapers, November 1963 - Covington Virginian, Monday Afternoon November 25, 1963 - The Roanoke Times, Tuesday Morning November 26, 1963 - Richmond Times-Dispatch, November 26, 1963	1	11
Original Envelope, undated	1	12
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Photographs, circa 1880-1919 -Photograph of Webster Military Institute class with notes on back written by Joseph T. Lawless, circa 1880 -Photograph of President Taft in Fort Mahone, Petersburg, VA, May 1909 with captions written by Joseph T. Lawless -Photograph of Committee of the 'Friends of Irish Freedom' with captions and notes written by Joseph T. Lawless, February 13, 1917	1	13
Documents, 1863-1922, undated -Letter from 2nd Duke of Wellington to Sir Michael Costa, May 27, 1863, bought at the Anderson Auction Company in 1915 -Patrick Pearse, "Foreign Hero of Easter Week 1916 card, undated -Map of the Irish Republic showing result of General Election, December 1918 imprint, undated -Reporter's Transcript, " Statement of Judge Joseph T. Lawless of Norfolk, Delegate from Yorktown Branch Friends of Irish Freedom before The Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate of the United States", August 30, 1919 --Notes on cardboard, 1921 -Reprint of Statement by Rt. Rev. Michael J. Gallagher D.D, circa 1922 -National Committee roster note, undated	1	14

Tube 1: Family Tree

Family Tree "Some of the Family Connections of the Lawless-Nolan Families united April 10, 1856" created by D.B. Lawless, oversized photocopy, August 4, 1930	Item	1
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