

Louis J. Cahill Fonds, 1946-2010, n.d. (non-inclusive)

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- Creator:** Louis J. Cahill and Patricia Waters
- Extent:** 17 cm (1/2 box), 1 metal award plaque, 1 felt patch, 1 vinyl plaque, 2 b&w photos, 30 col. photos, 8 col. negatives
- Abstract:** This archive is part of the larger Ontario Editorial Bureau fonds (OEB) housed at Brock University. The bulk of the materials are clippings and correspondence.
- Materials:** Clippings, correspondence, photographs and awards
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- Processed by:** Anne Adams
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**Acquisition Info:**

Files were donated by Patricia Waters, daughter of Louis J. Cahill, January 4, 2016

**History:** Louis J. Cahill was born in July of 1914. He attended St. John's School in St. Catharines, Ontario before attending St. Catharines Collegiate. He left school at the age of 16. In 1937, Louis married Dorothea Hallenbeck. They had three children: Patricia, Nancy and Denis. Dorothea died in 1976.

Louis' great-grandfather was Captain Walter Cahill, 1828-1871 who served as a mariner's apprentice. He later became a captain of the "Andrew Stearns" which was owned by Patrick Larkin. Cahill became a co-owner of a ship with Larkin and ultimately bought his own ship. Walter married Elizabeth O'Brien and they had five children.

Walter Joseph Cahill was one of Captain Walter Cahill's sons. He was born in 1871 in St. Catharines, Ontario. He married Louisa DeYoung. They had three sons: Leo, Walter and the youngest, Louis.

Louis started the Niagara News Bureau in 1936. It was later named the Niagara Editorial Bureau and the Ontario Editorial Bureau. Lou was very active within the community. He promoted the Welland Canals and was secretary for the Mackenzie Heritage Printery and Newspaper Museum. He was honoured with numerous awards and accolades including a medallion from the Pope for his service to the Roman Catholic Church and an honorary degree from Brock University.

Louis J. Cahill died in 2008.

**Scope and Content:**

The fonds contains material relating to the life and career of Louis J. Cahill. The materials included are clippings, correspondence, photographs and awards. Original order was maintained where possible and where no order existed, like records were brought together.

**Organization:** The records are arranged into 4 series.

Series I – Cahill Family, 1946-2003, n.d. (non-inclusive)

Series II – Awards and Recognition for Louis J. Cahill, 1948-2010, n.d. (non-inclusive)

Series III – Ontario Editorial Bureau Papers and Writings by Lou Cahill, 1979-1993, n.d.

Series IV – General Items, 1976-2006 (non-inclusive)

**Series I – Cahill Family includes information on the Cahill Family in the form of clippings, correspondence, photographs and personal items, 1946-2003, n.d. (non-inclusive)**

- 1.1 Family items including *A Salute to 70* or "*Being There*" written by Nancy M. Cahill-Leger (Louis' daughter). This was written for Louis' 70th birthday. Also included are a program and coaster for the Cahill family reunion, clippings regarding Nancy Cahill-Leger and letters from Nancy, 2 b&w photos, 6 col. photos, 8 col. negatives, 1946, 1971, 1984-1985, 1988, 1990, 1993-1994, n.d.
- 1.2 Information regarding Captain Walter Cahill (Louis' grandfather), Walter F. and Leo Cahill (Louis' brothers) includes: A Lyceum Club minstrels program which lists Leo Cahill in the chorus, a copy of an article which mentions Captain W. Cahill, research notes from 1869 which mention Walter Cahill, a copy of Walter's (Louis' brother) birth notice from 1902, a letter to Leo Cahill from Walter Cahill, an In Memoriam booklet and funeral mass program for Walter F. Cahill and an Historical Society of St. Catharines Newsletter which contains an article on the Cahill Family, 1919, 1937, 1973, 1981, 1983, 2003
- 1.3 Pat Waters (Louis' daughter) includes: a clipping from her wedding, cards from students, correspondence including a felt patch from Camp Wa-sa-ah-bun and a clipping

regarding the Craft Guild Shop in St. Catharines, 1953, 1971, 1990-1992, 1994, 2003, 1 col. photo, n.d.

- 1.4 Denis Cahill (Louis' son) includes: A copy of the Morris Code school newspaper for which Denis Cahill is listed as the editor. There is also an exhibition announcement along with a poster and clippings regarding Mr. Cahill's career as the chief photographer of *The Standard*, 1964, 1986

**Series II – Awards and Recognition for Louis J. Cahill. Louis J. Cahill was renowned for his business acumen, his loyalty to the community and his integrity. He received a number of awards and accolades and was written about in various journals, 1948-2010, n.d. (non-inclusive)**

- 1.5 Awards and Recognition including: Correspondence from WBEN regarding the televising of Niagara Falls; correspondence and clippings regarding the American Association for State and Local History Award for work in promoting the Welland Canals; correspondence and program for the presentation of the Bicentennial Medal; a clipping regarding the Philip A. Novikoff Memorial Award; articles regarding Mr. Cahill's Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice awarded to him from the Pope; a clipping and program for the Entrepreneur of the Year Award; clippings and correspondence regarding the Marine Historical Society of Detroit award. Mr. Cahill also won the second annual George A. Seibel Award. He was the recipient of a distinguished service award at the Canadian Public Relations Society Pinnacle Awards. A room was dedicated to him at the Hotel Dieu Shaver Hospital. He posthumously received an Entrepreneur of the Year Award into the Historical Hall of Fame. Articles from *Niagara Business Report* and *Printaction* are also included in this file, 1948, 1980-1981, 1984, 1987, 1989, 1995-1996, 1998-1999, 2001-2004, 2006, 2010

- 1.6 150 Year Welland Canal Anniversary plaque – a metal plaque on a wooden backing, 1979

- 1.7 Honorary Doctor of Laws presented by Brock University includes: correspondence, clippings and program regarding the presentation made to Louis J. Cahill. A scholarship was established in Lou Cahill's name. The announcement of the 2010 winner is included, 23 col. photos, 1991, 2010

- 1.12 Brock University Doctor of Laws diploma conferred on Louis J. Cahill, 1991

- 1.8 Order of Canada Award correspondence regarding the nomination of Louis Cahill for the Order of Canada, 1998-2000, 2002

- 1.13 Vinyl plaque from the door of the Lou Cahill Meeting Room at the Hotel Dieu Shaver Hospital, n.d.

**Series III – Ontario Editorial Bureau Items and Articles by Louis J. Cahill, 1979-1993, n.d. (non-inclusive)**

- 1.9 Ontario Editorial Bureau shareholders' agreement papers, 1979

1.10 Articles written by Lou Cahill including: *The Day the Honeymoon Bridge Fell*, *The Last Picture Show* and *Did You Know* (from the *Vineyard* Lenten issue), 1987-1988, 1993, n.d.

**Series IV – General Items, 1976-2006 (non-inclusive)**

1.11 General programs, correspondence and Catholic mass bulletins, 1976, 1988, 1990-1991, 1994, 2000, 2003-2004, 2006

**Related Material:**

Ontario Editorial Bureau, *Public Relations in the Making: A review of significant events in Canadian communication* (Toronto: 1976?). SPCL FC 3140.7 P82056