

# John McGinty Papers

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## Descriptive Summary

<b>Provenance:</b>	Donation by Mr. Edward McGinty in 1980
<b>Title:</b>	John McGinty Papers
<b>Dates:</b>	1879-1895
<b>Abstract:</b>	This collection holds documentation of John McGinty's leases for St. Patrick's Hall and his personal estate.
<b>Extent:</b>	3 folders
<b>Accession:</b>	1980.21.1-2, 1980.47.8-9

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## Biographical / Historical Note

St. Patrick's Hall was first established by the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and was known as Odd Fellows Hall. Odd fellows Hall was erected in 1852 and operated on Camp St. in Lafayette Square until July 4, 1866 when it was destroyed by fire.

In 1871 the Odd Fellows Association sold the four parcels of land where the original Odd Fellows Hall was destroyed by fire to Patrick Irwin, a New Orleans' Irishman who was associated with the St. Patrick's Church. Irwin was one of the original members of the St. Patrick's Hall Association along with John McGinty. In 1873 the St. Patrick's Hall Association purchased the four parcels of land from Irwin to establish St. Patrick's Hall. While the Hall was managed by the St. Patrick's Hall Association many political and social gatherings were held there such as the swearing in of Lt. Governor and Governor Louis A Wiltz in 1877. However, in the 1870's the Association ran into financial trouble. The city of New Orleans seized the property and it was sold to James Prevost on May 2, 1879. In 1879 Prevost leased the property to the City of New Orleans for twelve years. In 1892 St. Patrick's Hall became an official property of the city.

### References:

Burns, Francis P. *St Patrick's Hall and its Predecessor, Odd Fellow's Hall*. Louisiana History: The Journal of the Louisiana Historical Association Vol. VI., No. 1 (Louisiana Historical Association and Louisiana State University: Winter 1963).

New Orleans Public Library. Beginnings, New Orleans Public Library Centennial Exhibit. <<http://nutrias.org/exhibits/qbegin.htm>>

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## **Scope and Content**

The John McGinty Papers consist of the documentation of the promissory lease of St. Patrick's Hall to McGinty by James Prevost as well as documentation of McGinty's estate. This documentation is in the form of correspondence between McGinty and the City of New Orleans, a bill of sale for a sugar plantation as well as the last will and testament of John McGinty.

On McGinty's last Will and Testament, Edward McGinty is named as one of his sons.

### **Subjects**

St. Patrick's Hall  
John McGinty  
Sugar plantation

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## **Access of Use Restrictions**

### **Access**

Collection is **open** for research

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## **Related of Separated Materials**

1980.047.1-.6. 6 photos of various areas in the McGinty home at 1322 Felicity.

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## **Administrative Information**

### **Preferred Citation**

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### **Acquisition Information**

Donated by Mr. Edward McGinty in 1980.

### **Notes**

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## **Contents List**

**Folder 1:** Lease with future promise to sell by Jamie Prevost to City of N.O. St. Patrick's Hall. July 9, 1879.  
Transfer of St. Patrick's Hall from James Prevost to John McGinty. April 9, 1884.

**Folder 2:** Copy Bill of Sale for Sugar Plantation by Patrick John Kennedy to John McGinty. January 28, 1880.

**Folder 3:** Partition of John McGinty Estate by Children and Widow. May 16, 1895.