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Collection Summary

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Access: Access to collection is open to the public. Please contact the archives for an appointment to view materials. Cite the collection number when making an appointment. Due to the fragility of the item, access to originals may be restricted.

Digital Note: Materials are not accessible online at this time.

Conservation Notes: Not applicable.

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Historical Note

The City of Manchester's Police Department has existed since 1846. According to an ordinance from the same year, the department exists to "preserve the public peace, and prevent all riots, disorders and unlawful practices within the City." Early responsibilities of the department included administering the City's ambulance services, observing defects in highways and streets, and reporting all causes of sickness and sources of filth. The department has worked throughout its history to serve the greater good by protecting life, property, and the liberties of Manchester's residents and the community at large.

Biographical Note

Michael Joseph Healy was the Chief of Police in Manchester from 1893-1937 (known as the marshal earlier in his career). He was a sergeant in the department from 1889-1892.

Collection Description

This scrapbook was kept by Police Chief Michael Joseph Healy. It contains clippings from newspapers relating to police affairs, including reports of raids, arrests, crimes, and police balls. A few pieces of memorabilia such as tickets to the police ball are included. There are some political cartoons and letters written to Healy also included. The dates on these items range from June 1899 to June 1901. Much of the material pertains to a controversy over the police commissioners and their lax and inconsistent enforcement of liquor laws. The contents of the scrapbook have been maintained in its original order, which is largely chronological.