Finding Aid
Commissioner Richard Enright Collection

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Donated by: Chadek Family, Milwaukee, WI

Provenience: Found discarded in the trash, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Size: .5 linear feet (one oversized box)

Biography:

Richard Enright was a police officer who joined the NYPD in 1896, eventually rising to Commissioner, a position he held from 1918 – 1925. He also served as founding president of the International Police Conference. After retirement he was a crime writer, served as a colonel in the Army Reserves, worked for the Federal National Recovery Administration and was director of the United States Detective Bureau. See: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Richard_Enright

Subject heading: Richard E. (Edward) Enright (1871-1953),

Description:

20 oversized items, mostly photographs, documenting Richard Enright’s professional and social activities while police commissioner after his retirement, probably dating to the 1920s and 1930s. While most images feature Enright, there are also a few items featuring his wife, Jean Enright and others. Many photographs are undated and the events they document are unidentified. All items stable and in fine condition.

Digitization: See the Richard E. Enright Collection in the Library Digital Collections for selections that are digitally available.


Preferred citation: Commissioner Richard E. Enright Collection, Special Collections, Lloyd Sealy Library, John Jay College of Criminal Justice/CUNY

Availability: This collection is available to researchers without restrictions upon appointment in the Special Collections Room. Please email libspcoll@jjay.cuny.edu.
Item list

1. Commemorative program: Dinner in honor of Richard E. Enright...Given by John McE.Bowman
   April 2, 1918 (6 leaves)
2. Enright standing in [lieutenant?] uniform with flowers (photograph) [item is digitally available]
3. Enright head and shoulders, facing front portrait, December 15, 1924 (pencil drawing by M.
   Rafael)
4. Enright head and shoulders, facing right portrait, Budapest November 26, 1929 (pastel drawing)
5. Enright with Jean Enright, exchanging documents, 1922 (photographs by Charlotte Fairchild)
   a. outside by garden gate
   b. inside
6. Enright in evening dress (photographs by Lumiere, NY)
   a. seated with unidentified man on his left
   b. standing with two women seated, one man standing
7. Enright, at a group event (photographs by C. W. Weise)
   a. Standing and speaking to a group seated at table.
   b. Standing holding a medal around the neck of another man surrounded by group
   c. Standing in center of a group of men, two seated women holding flowers
8. Enright standing with 3 men, one in uniform (photo by RE Lee Hill)
9. Enright with group of men, some in uniform, no date (photograph)
   Accompanying news-clipping identifies event: “The headquarters division of the Police Reserves
   entertains the commissioner Richard E. Enright… at the Waldorf”
10. Enright, in evening dress, standing in group of 6 other men signed by Richard Vitola, another
    person, no date (Photograph by Hass)
11. Jean Enright portrait (photographic print on oval canvas.)
12. Portrait of Major William Ireland (photograph)
    Signed: “To Major and Mrs La Garde with the the warm personal appreciation of General
    William Ireland” on back “Gen. Ireland Friend R.D. LaGarde & his father”
13. Two men shaking hands (photograph)
    Signed: “To my good friend Comm Richard Enright. Benny Tosti”