

K Nigro, Dominic M. (1893-1975) Collection, 1953-1982
0693 .5 cubic feet

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INTRODUCTION

The collection of Dominic M. Nigro contains photographs of family, friends, and various activities created by or related to Dr. D. M. Nigro of Kansas City. In addition, the collection contains items related to Nigro's involvement with athletics and the Boys' Town of Italy.

DONOR INFORMATION

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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Dominic M. Nigro was born in Cosenza, Italy, in 1893, to Samuel and Anna Nigro. The family relocated to Missouri when Nigro was a child. He attended Kearney Military Academy in Nebraska and later the University of Notre Dame. Nigro continued his education and earned a medical degree at Creighton University, specializing in Industrial Medicine.

Early in his practice, Dr. Nigro coached local football teams. After the death of his dear friend, Knute Rockne, Dr. Nigro founded the Rockne Clubs of America to perpetuate his memory. He established an annual award, the Dr. D.M. Nigro Trophy for the "Outstanding High School Football Player of the Year" in Greater Kansas City.

Nigro was an active member of the Democratic Party as well as UNICO National, an Italian-American service organization for which he served as president and athletic director. Additionally, he was a member of the American Legion, Kansas City Chamber of Commerce, Knights of Columbus, Kansas City Athletic Club, Notre Dame Club, Phi Beta Pi Medical fraternity, Jackson County Medical Society, and the Missouri State and American Medical Associations. He was also a life member of the B.P.O Elks and Eagles, and held honorary positions with countless local and national institutions and organizations.

Nigro was a photography enthusiast who took and collected photographs of trips, events, and people he met. Nigro died on August 7, 1975, and is buried at Calvary Cemetery in Kansas City.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The collection primarily consists of photographs of unidentified family, friends and various activities of Dominic Nigro. Oversize photographs include President Truman's 81st Birthday Dinner, May 8, 1965, and a Rockne Dinner, March 4, 1961, at the Hotel Phillips in Kansas City. Also included are several mounted collections of photographs of activities in which Nigro was involved.

In addition to the photographs, the collection contains a sponsor award presented to Dr. D. M. Nigro as sponsor of the Rockne Club for the Woman's International Bowling Congress. The collection also holds an oversize certificate granted to Dr. Nigro from Boys' Town of Italy and a "Profile of Dr. D. M. Nigro" by Sam Molen.

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