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## ARCHIVES

David F. O'Connell  
Letters

1997.76

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### Collection Information

Abstract : Letters relating to donation by James S. O'Connell of portrait of David O'Connell, Mayor of Worcester 1912, to Worcester City Hall, from Mayor Paul V. Mullaney, 1964.

Finding Aid : Finding Aid in print form is available in the Repository.

Preferred Citation : Worcester Historical Museum, Worcester, Massachusetts.

Provenance : Gift of Elizabeth DeWolfe, Worcester, Mass., June 1997.

MARC Access : Collection is cataloged in MARC under the following subject headings (lcs, aat, tgm, gmgcp)

O'Connell, David F., Mayor of Worcester, b. 1858 – Portraits.

Mayors – Massachusetts – Worcester – Portraits.

Portraits. (aat)

Letters (Correspondence). (aat)

### **Historical/Biographical Notes**

David F. O'Connell was born in Ireland in 1858, and emigrated to Worcester with his family at age six. He became a lawyer, and served in the state legislature, on the Worcester Common Council, and the Board of Aldermen. He was elected Mayor of the city and served one term in 1912.

An oil painting of Mayor O'Connell was done by Emily Waite. This portrait was offered to the city by Mayor O'Connell's son, James S. O'Connell, in 1964, for display with portraits of the mayors of Worcester, and restored at his expense.

### **Scope and Content**

The collection consists of three letters to James S. O'Connell from Mayor Paul V. Mullaney, written in early 1964, relating to the painting of O'Connell's father, Mayor David F. O'Connell, displayed in Worcester City Hall. Photographs of Mayor O'Connell and of the painting were removed from the collection and shelved by genre.

### **Series Description**

The collection is organized into a single series: Letters.

David F. O'Connell Letters  
1997.76  
Series 1, Letters

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Accession #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1		1997.76.1.1	Letter from Paul V. Mullaney, Mayor, to James Shannon O'Connell, relating to acceptance of offer of oil painting of Mayor David F. O'Connell, February 6, 1964.
		.1a	Aqp
1		1997.76.1.2	Letter from Paul V. Mullaney, Mayor, to James S. O'Connell, relating to expenses of repairing and refitting framed portrait, March 11, 1964.
		.2a	Aqp
1		1997.76.1.3	Letter from Paul V. Mullaney, Mayor, to James Shannon O'Connell, relating to oil painting restoration and hanging, March 25, 1964.
		.3a	Aqp
1		1997.76.1.4	Envelope, postmarked March 11, 1964.