Edward and Sheila Scanlan
Collection of Great Lakes Maps

Edward Scanlan, MD, and his wife, Sheila, established the Scanlan Collection of Great Lakes Maps in 2004 with the donation of a formidable collection of maps from North America. Edward, who studied medicine at the University of Illinois, the Mayo Clinic, and the Medical College of Virginia, is currently a cardiovascular specialist with a private practice in Neenah, Wisconsin. He and Sheila are active members of the Notre Dame Club of Green Bay and the Edward Frederick Sorin Society. They have seven children: Colleen ('90), Martin, Daniel, Molly, Sam, Eddie, and Kay ('03).

The Scanlan Maps, depicting the Great Lakes Region and the area that is now Wisconsin, range in date from 1613 to 1857. The collection also includes books, pamphlets, and periodicals pertaining to maps. Historians, scholars of American studies, and those who study the colonization of North America, western expansion, the history of printing, and the history of science — from the standpoint of astronomy, surveying, and its depiction of plant and animal life — have all benefited from this collection. Its depth has made it appropriate for undergraduate studies as well as graduate and faculty research, and ensures that it will continue to be used for numerous academic initiatives by future generations of students and scholars.