

**Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur Records
Boston Academy of Notre Dame**

Finding Aid

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Collection Summary

Title: Boston Academy of Notre Dame School Papers

Accession Numbers: 2013.55, 2015.06, 2015.17

Dates: 1863 to 1976

Bulk Dates: 1916 to 1954.

Location: Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur Boston/Ipswich/Connecticut [BIC] Archives.

Physical Description: 3 handwritten volumes, 1 yearbook, 2 boxes and one oversize folder.

Abstract: The Boston Academy of Notre Dame's School Papers includes the Annals and Journals kept by the Sisters, handwritten and typed histories of the school and convent, school records of events and renovations, business and legal documents, programs and brochures for anniversary events, as well as student papers and photographs.

Search Terms:

Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur

Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur - History

Religious life - History

Women's Religious Orders - History

Railroad Strike of 1877

Leahy, Margaret, fl. 1920-1935

Provenance: The records were transferred to the Archives sometime before 1990.

Accrual of 2015.06 added in April 2015 and 2015.17 in November of 2015.

Processing: The collection was processed in 2013. Accrual filed in 2015.

Conservation Work: Staples removed, some papers unfolded. News clippings were digitized and copies included with collection.

Restrictions: The collection is available for research only in the BIC Archives

Scope and Content Note

The Boston Academy of Notre Dame's School Papers include handwritten Annals and Journals of events in the convent and at the school. These volumes describe the sale of the Berkeley Street building and the move to Cardinal O'Connell's residence on Granby Street in 1931. The Journals contain accounts of many school events and graduations. A small handwritten volume, copied in the late 19th or early 20th century describes a July 1877 journey of five Sisters from Cincinnati to Boston during the 1877 Railroad Strike. It also details the founding of the Springfield and Milford convents. The only personnel records found with the papers are the Sisters' Vow Renewals made between 1920 and 1931.

Also found with the papers are the 1863 map of the original property, once owned by George Norwell; an 1870 map of Berkeley Street; a 1911 blueprint of the laundry built for the Sisters by Easter Laundry Machinery Company; and a 1909 Literary Institute Certificate awarded to Alice Donovan. Alumni records for the Academy between 1870 and 1959 are included with these records. The Margaret Leahy Papers include images, brochures and memorabilia for 1926 graduate Margaret Leahy. She went onto Emmanuel, where she majored in Latin and English. She graduated in 1931 and may have become a teacher. It does not seem that Leahy became a Sister of Notre Dame and it is unclear when the papers were donated to the archives. Box 2 contains 103 photographs of graduates from 1864 to 1949. There are many photos of the Centennial Celebration in 1953, as well as later pictures after the Academy had been demolished. In 1955, the Boston Academy merged with the Notre Dame Academy in Roxbury, MA.

Organization and Container List

Boston Academy Shelf	Sisters of Notre Dame History of Foundations in Massachusetts, c. 1882.
Boston Academy Shelf	Annals of the Boston Academy, 1931-1954.
Boston Academy Shelf	Journal of the Boston Academy, 1916-1954.
Boston Academy Shelf	Marilogue, Yearbook, 1947.

Box 1

Folder 1	History of the Foundation of Notre Dame, Boston, 1849-1925.
Folder 2	History of the Foundation of Notre Dame, Boston, 1849-1925.
Folder 3	50th Anniversary of Boston Academy, 1903
Folder 4	Correspondence, 1889-1930.
Folder 5	Financial Accounts, 1914-1922.
Folder 6	Financial Booklets, 1898-1928.
Folder 7	Proposal for Installation of laundry, 1911.
Folder 8	Receipts, 1915-1918.
Folder 9	Receipts, 1919-1930.
Folder 10	Berkeley Street Lawsuit Papers, 1930-1934.

Folder 11	Centennial Celebration Brochures, 1953.
Folder 12	Centennial Papers, 1953.
Folder 13	Centennial Celebration Homily, 1953.
Folder 14	Centennial Newsletters, 1953.
Folder 15	Centennial Newsclippings, 1953.
Folder 16	Student Papers, 1876-1976.
Folder 17	Margaret Leahy Papers: Autographs, 1924-1926.
Folder 18	Margaret Leahy Papers: Memorabilia, 1924-1926.
Folder 19	Margaret Leahy Papers: Graduation brochures, 1926.
Folder 20	Miscellaneous Papers, no date.
Folder 21	Sisters' Vow Renewals, 1920-1931.
Oversize Folder 1	Map, George Norwell's House and Land, 1863; Proposed Laundry for Notre Dame Academy, 1911; Berkeley Street Map, 1870; Literary Institute Certificate, 1909.
Box 2	Photographs, Notre Dame Academy, 1864-2002. (103 Photographs.)