

# Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur Records Cambridge School Papers

## Finding Aid

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## Collection Summary

**Title:** Cambridge School Papers

**Accession Numbers:** 2014.12

**Dates:** 1876-1999

**Bulk Dates:** 1876-1973

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

**Physical Description:** 2 boxes, 55 volumes, 166 photographs and 2 artifacts.

**Abstract:** The Cambridge School Papers contains the records for St. Mary's and Blessed Sacraments Schools. The schools were opened in 1876 by the Sisters of Notre Dame. Included in the collection are convent annals, journals, financial records, convent registers, school registers and records.

### Search Terms:

Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur

Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur - History

Religious life - History

Women's Religious Orders - History

Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur - Massachusetts - Cambridge

St. Mary's School (Cambridge, Massachusetts)

Blessed Sacrament School (Cambridge, Massachusetts)

**Provenance:** The records were transferred to the Archives sometime before 1990. The 1927 St. Mary's Yearbook was donated by Sr. Margaret St. Paul Cawley [Alice Gertrude Cawley], (1909-1999), one of the 1927 graduates from St. Mary's of Cambridge.

**Accruals:** The St. Mary's Yearbook from 1927 was added in 2015.

**Processing:** The collection was processed in 2014.

**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 Sisters of Notre Dame were invited by the pastor of St. Mary's to open two schools in Cambridge in 1876, St. Mary's and the Blessed Sacrament School. The collection contains only a few records for the Blessed Sacrament School and parish. Most of the papers were gathered from the St. Mary's School. Included in these records are convent annals and journals detailing events and lives of the Sisters; financial records for the convent; minutes of the convent's council meetings; commemorative volumes created in 1890 by the students at St. Mary's School for the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Sisters of Notre Dame in the United States; school registers; convent registers and vow renewal registers; school correspondence; convent necrology; anniversary programs for both the schools and parishes; graduation programs; school policy handbooks; school evaluations; community meeting records during the process of the school closing; alumni papers; parish papers; yearbooks; school newsletters; the few papers from the Blessed Sacrament parish include school surveys and photographs of the school and events.

## Organization and Container List

### Cambridge School Records Shelf

St. Mary's Convent Annals, 1876-1919.  
St. Mary's Convent Annals, 1920-1939.  
St. Mary's Convent Annals, 1940-1971.  
St. Mary's School. Golden Jubilee of the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur, Volumes 1-3.  
St. Mary's Convent Journal, 1913-1917.  
St. Mary's Convent Journal, 1917-1922.  
St. Mary's Convent Journal, 1924-1927.  
St. Mary's Convent Journal, 1947-1961.

### Box 1

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| <b>Folder 1</b>  | St. Mary's Convent Journal, 1922-1924.          |
| <b>Folder 2</b>  | St. Mary's Convent Journal, 1927-1932.          |
| <b>Folder 3</b>  | St. Mary's Convent Journal, 1933-1934.          |
| <b>Folder 4</b>  | St. Mary's Convent Journal, 1935-1937.          |
| <b>Folder 5</b>  | St. Mary's Convent Journal, 1938-1939.          |
| <b>Folder 6</b>  | St. Mary's Convent Journal, 1940-1941.          |
| <b>Folder 7</b>  | St. Mary's Convent Journal, 1942-1943, Dec. 29. |
| <b>Folder 8</b>  | St. Mary's Convent Journal, 1943, Dec. 30-1946. |
| <b>Folder 9</b>  | St. Mary's Convent Journal, 1961-1967.          |
| <b>Folder 10</b> | St. Mary's Correspondence, 1943-1978.           |
| <b>Folder 11</b> | St. Mary's Correspondence, 1979-1985.           |
| <b>Folder 12</b> | St. Mary's School Register, 1878-1880.          |
| <b>Folder 13</b> | St. Mary's Convent Necrology, no date.          |

- Folder 14** St. Mary's Vow Renewals, 1923-1963.
- Folder 15** St. Mary's Cambridge List of Sisters, 1879-1928.
- Folder 16** St. Mary's Anniversaries, 1890-1925.
- Folder 17** St. Mary's Anniversaries, 1926-1943.

## **Box 2**

- Folder 1** St. Mary's Anniversaries, 1950-1978.
- Folder 2** St. Mary's Anniversaries, 2007.
- Folder 3** St. Mary's Grammar School Plays, 1955-1958.
- Folder 4** St. Mary's High School Plays, 1942-2962.
- Folder 5** St. Mary's Commencements, 1917, 1933-1965.
- Folder 6** St. Mary's Donors, no date.
- Folder 7** St. Mary's Handbooks, no date.
- Folder 8** St. Mary's Evaluations, 1958-1979.
- Folder 9** St. Mary Grant Application, 1974.
- Folder 10** St. Mary's Expenses, 1953-1954, 1968-1969, 1972.
- Folder 11** St. Mary's Community Meetings, 1976-1981.
- Folder 12** St. Mary's School Retreats, 1949.
- Folder 13** St. Mary's Alumni Papers, 1976-1980.
- Folder 14** St. Mary's Parish Papers, 1941, 1969.
- Folder 15** St. Mary's Resource Papers, no date.
- Folder 16** St. Mary's Miscellaneous Papers, 1950-1978.
- Folder 17** St. Mary's Yearbook, 1981.
- Folder 18** St. Mary's Newsletters, 1945-1981.
- Folder 19** Blessed Sacrament Parish Papers, 1989, no date.
- Folder 20** Blessed Sacrament School Papers, 1982-1999.
- Folder 21** Blessed Sacrament School Surveys, 1979-1984.
- Folder 22** Blessed Sacrament Self Growth Study, 1983.
- Folder 23** Blessed Sacrament Community Listing, 1995.
- Folder 24** Cambridge Ministries, 1992-1993.
- Folder 25** St. Mary's Oversize Photographs, 1930-1938.

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- St. Mary's Convent Councillor's Meeting Minutes, 1923-1939.
- St. Mary's Convent Councillor's Meeting Minutes, 1939-1946.
- St. Mary's Convent Councillor's Meeting Minutes, 1947-1952.
- St. Mary's Convent Councillor's Meeting Minutes, 1952-1959.
- St. Mary's Convent Councillor's Meeting Minutes, 1959-1961.
- St. Mary's Convent House Accounts, 1896-1919.
- St. Mary's Convent House Accounts, 1920-1936.
- St. Mary's Convent House Accounts, 1936-1953.
- St. Mary's Convent House Accounts, Yearly Accounts, 1950-1960.
- St. Mary's Convent House Accounts, Monthly Accounts, 1959-1960.

St. Mary's Convent House Accounts, Monthly Accounts, 1960-1962.  
St. Mary's Convent House Accounts, Monthly Accounts, 1953-1968.  
St. Mary's Convent House Accounts, Monthly Summaries, 1955-1965.  
St. Mary's School Accounts, 1948-1954.  
St. Mary's School Accounts, 1952-1961.  
St. Mary's School Accounts, 1956-1957.  
St. Mary's School Accounts, 1957-1958.  
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St. Mary's School Accounts, 1961-1962.  
St. Mary's School Accounts, 1962-1963.  
St. Mary's School Register, 1909-1915.  
St. Mary's School Register, 1915-1922.  
St. Mary's School Register, 1918-1923.  
St. Mary's School Register, 1923-1925.  
St. Mary's Convent Register, 1979-1928.  
St. Mary's Parish Jubilee, 1867-1913.  
St. Mary's High School Yearbooks, 1963-1980. [16 volumes]  
St. Mary's High School Yearbook, 1927.  
Blessed Sacrament Church, 75th Anniversary, 1980.

### **Cambridge Photographs**

St. Mary's and Blessed Sacrament photographs, 1876-1989. [166 photographs]

### **Artifact Box**

1935 St. Mary's School Ring  
Blessed Sacrament Parish Medal, no date.