

**Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur Records
Julie Country Day Convent and School Records
Leominster, Massachusetts
Finding Aid**

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Collection Summary

Title: Julie Country Day Convent and School Records

Accession Number: 2016.09

Dates: 1930-2006

Bulk Dates: 1930-1970

Location: East West Province Archives, Ipswich, MA

Physical Description: 26 manuscript boxes, 383 photographs, 107 volumes and 2 artifacts.

Abstract: The Julie Country Day Convent and School Records

Search Terms: The collection contains the papers detailing the foundation of the Leominster house in 1930. Known as the Villa Immaculata, the house originally served to assist with the rest and recreation of the Sisters of Notre Dame in Massachusetts. In 1941, work began to open a day school for local students. On September 10, 1941, the Julie Country Day School opened with thirteen students ranging in age from pre-primary to junior high school age. The school closed in 2006.

Provenance: The records were transferred to the archives in 2014.

Processing: The collection was organized and arranged in 2016.

Conservation Work: Papers were unfolded, enclosures created for fragile volumes and photographs protected in sleeves.

Restrictions: A portion of this collection is restricted until 2036. Container List provided for only those records available for public research.

Scope and Content Note:

In 1930, the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur purchased Grayling Hall in Leominster to be used as a rest home for ill and aging sisters. Grayling Hall had originally belonged to Harry Pierce, a Leominster businessman. The property included 17 acres of land, a mansion, greenhouse, barn and other buildings needed for farming. In 1914, Pierce sold the property to Frank Ewing who owned the Minute Tapioca Company. The property was owned by the Ewings until 1930 when Mr. Ewing's widow sold the property to the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur.

On September 10, 1941, the Sisters opened Julie Country Day School with thirteen students, using a house owned by their neighbor, Bernard Doyle, for the classes. He eventually donated the house and 13 acres of land to the sisters for their convent and school. Julie Country Day School remained open until 2006.

The Collection has been divided into three series:

Julie Country Day Convent Records

Julie Country Day Corporation Records

Julie Country Day School Records

The collection available for public research includes the convent register, annals and journals describing the work of the sisters, convent financial documents detailing expenditures and minutes of the convent councillors' meetings. Other convent papers include vow renewals and a 1949 papal indulgence granted to the convent. The digitized convent annals are available to be viewed [here](#).

Corporation papers include early meeting minutes and the 1954 incorporation document.

Julie Country Day School Papers include brochures, school handbooks, student publications and yearbooks, event brochures, school histories, correspondence and student registers.

Organization and Container List

Julie Country Day Convent Records

Julie Country Day Convent Register, 1930-1968.

Julie Country Day Convent Annals, 1930-1960.

Julie Country Day Convent Annals, 1960-1971.

Julie Country Day Convent Journal, 1956-1967.

Julie Country Day Convent Finances, 1954-1967.

Julie Country Day Convent Finances, 1966-1967.

Julie Country Day Convent Finances, 1968-1969.

Julie Country Day Convent Councillor's Meetings, 1934-1963.

Julie Country Day Convent Councillor's Meetings, 1963-1967.

Box 01

Folder 01 Vow Renewals, 1931-1971.

Folder 02 Papal Indulgence, 1949.

Folder 03 Convent Finances, 1967.

Folder 04 Convent Community Council Papers, 1968.

Julie Country Day Corporation Records

Julie Country Day Corporation Meeting Minutes, 1954-1968.
Julie Country Day Incorporation, 1954.

Box 01

- Folder 05** Corporation Papers, 1977.
- Folder 06** Corporation Meeting Minutes, 1978-1979.
- Folder 07** Corporation Meeting Minutes, 1980-1981.
- Folder 08** Corporation Meeting Minutes, 1982.
- Folder 09** Corporation Meeting Minutes, 1983.
- Folder 10** Corporation Meeting Minutes, 1984.
- Folder 11** Corporation Meeting Minutes, 1985.
- Folder 12** Corporation Meeting Minutes, 1986.
- Folder 13** Corporation Meeting Minutes, 1987.

Julie Country Day School Papers

Box 15

- Folder 10** School Histories, 1960-1993.
- Folder 11** School Events, 1943-1948.
- Folder 12** School Events, 1950-1954.
- Folder 13** School Events, 1986-2001.
- Folder 14** School Devotions, c. 1940.
- Folder 15** School Brochures, 1991-1996.
- Folder 16** School Handbooks, 1994-1999.

Box 16

- Folder 01** School Fundraising, 1979.
- Folder 02** Varia, 1930-2006.
- Folder 03** School Newsletters, 1990-1991, 1996.
- Folder 04** Student Publications, 1994-1996.
- Folder 05** School Curriculum, 1961.
- Folder 06** Convent Guest Book, 1991-1994.

Julie Country Day Student Registers, 1941-1980. 21 Volumes.

Box 22 Student Registers, 1980-1988.

Box 23 Student Registers, 1988-1996.

Box 24 Student Registers, 1995-2004.
School Awards, 1980-1991-1998.

Julie Country Day Yearbooks, 1975-2006. 27 Yearbooks.

Box 25 215 Photographs, 1930-1952.

Box 26 69 Photographs, 1952-2007.

Oversized Folder Aerial View of Villa Immacolata, 1930.