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Preface

Creation of catalogue

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Introduction

Collection title: The Missionary Franciscan Sisters of the Immaculate Conception Archive

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Contents

Records of the English Province of the Missionary Franciscan Sisters of the Immaculate Conception, most recently held at the convent in Bocking, Braintree, Essex. Includes hand written copies of the rule, profession books and chapter books, accounts, legal records, photographs, research notes, published items and records from Clacton on Sea. It does not include pupil records, however.

Brief history of order

The Franciscan Sisters of the Immaculate Conception and St Francis was founded by Mother Mary Elizabeth Lockhart in Greenwich, London in 1852. The order was offered better premises in Portobello Road in Bayswater and moved in 1857, where the sisters ran an orphanage for girls (St Elizabeth's Home). An Anglican convert to Catholicism, Mother Mary Elizabeth herself died in 1870, and was buried in the cemetery in the grounds at Bayswater (although in 1900 she was exhumed along with her fellow sisters and reburied in Kensall Green due to building work).

In 1896 the sisters sold their property in Bayswater and moved to Clacton-on-Sea in Essex, opening a private day and boarding school (St Clare's). This was run as a private school until 1969 when a new state-funded catholic primary school was opened, although the sisters continued to teach at the successor school. During 1896, another Catholic convert, Edith Arendrup (nee Coultard) sold her family house at Bocking, near Braintree in Essex to the sisters. The Bocking house became the mother house and was known as the Braintree Congregation. The sisters established a day school at Bocking in 1901, adding an orphanage in 1908, both of which were run by the sisters until 1944. In 1948 the main building became a nursing home, St Francis', caring for elderly residents (including sisters and the wider community).

In 1965 the order amalgamated with the Missionary Franciscan Sisters of the Immaculate Conception (founded by Elizabeth Hayes, 1823-1894, later known as Mother Mary Ignatius of Jesus), and the mother house was transferred to Rome. In 1987 a quiet prayer retreat was opened by the sisters at Abbotswick. The Abbotswick Diocesan House of Prayer was subsequently sold to the Diocese in 2000. Also In 2000, the sisters sold the Clacton convent and moved to a smaller property in Rusell Road, before withdrawing entirely from Clacton in 2018. St Francis' Nursing Home was closed in 2010 and the sisters withdrew from Bocking in 2019.

Accession details

Donated by the convent at Bocking in September 2019, accession reference Misc.2019/20:13

Arrangement

Although the books which were used at Bayswater are clearly marked as such, the other houses are not necessarily identified or separated. Important books (including ceremonial of elections and annals) were apparently copied for Bocking and Clacton and so MFS/A includes up to 3 copies of identical or very similar records, with only the Bayswater copy identified.

Conditions of access

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To order items in the searchroom, use the collection reference code(s), derived by removing the repository code (GB-0033-), followed by the reference number. Citing the section of the finding aid is useful.

A number of research notes and printed books relating to the order and its founders are listed under MID/E within the catalogue.

Constitutional documents and records of Council

MFS/A 1857-2019

Includes the rules and directives (MFS/A/1), council minutes (MFS/A/2), the formal ceremonial for elections (MFS/A/3), annals or diaries for the order as a whole, rather than individual houses (MFS/A/4) the amalgamation with the Missionary Franciscan Sisters of the Immaculate Conception in 1965 (MFS/A/5), newsletters (MFS/A/6)

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MFS/A1/1 1867

Printed *Rule of the Regular Third Order of St Francis of Assisi and Constitutions for the Religious of the same order of the Convents of the Immaculate Conception.*

1 volume

MFS/A1/2 undated (19th century, possibly 1866)

Manuscript copy of the Rule and constitution, differs from MFS/A1/1 and last entry is dated 19th November 1866.

1 volume

MFS/A1/3 1930

Printed *The Franciscan Tertiary Manual and Prayer Book compiled by a Capuchin Friar Monk'*

1 volume

MFS/A1/4 1992

Printed *Rule Constitutions and General Statutes* of the Missionary Franciscan Sisters of the Immaculate Conception

1 volume

MFS/A1/5 1986-1994

Handbooks of directives and policies from 1986, 1989, and 1994, and the provincial directory for 1990-1991, which were found together

4 booklets

MFS/A2/1 28th January 1879- 27 June 1897

Minute book for 'Meetings of Council' of the Franciscan Convent of the Imm[aculate] Conception, Bayswater

1 volume

MFS/A2/2 28 July 1897 - 8 July 1926

Minute book for meetings of the Council. Includes signed minutes

1 volume

MFS/A2/3 26 June 1926- 4 April 1965

Minute book entitled 'Council Book'. Includes signed minutes from council meetings, correspondence and notes which were presumably discussed at the meetings

1 volume and 6 enclosures

MFS/A3/1 undated [19th century] and 1948-1964

'Ceremonial for Elections' of the Franciscan Convent of the Imm[aculate] Conception, Bayswater. Includes the ceremony for sisters to vote in the election of new mother abbess, vicaress and othe council members. Also includes names, dates of birth and dates of profession etc, next of kin for sisters from 1948- 1964

1 volume and 1 enclosed exercise book

MFS/A/3/2 undated [1896?]

'Ceremonial for Elections'. Copy of MFS/A/3/1, but with Braintree rather than Bayswater
1 volume

MFS/A/3/3 undated [1896? with ammendments in early1950s]

'Ceremonial of Elections'. Copy of MFS/A/3/1 with annotations, including Braintree and the 'Rt Rev: George Andrew [Beck] Bishop of Brentwood' to preside at the election
1 volume and 1 enclosure

MFS/A/3/4 1858-1953

Form of the minutes of the elections, or signed minutes and results. Some handwritten, some typed

1 volume and 7 enclosures

MFS/A/4/1 1857-1903

Annals of the Franciscan Convent of the Imm[aculate]: Conception Bayswater. Appears to be a rough copy of the convent diary with crossings out, also includes loose correspondence, later notes and proof of postage apparently used as a bookmark

1 volume and 8 enclosures

MFS/A/4/2 1857-1960

Annals entitled 'Archives Franciscan Convent of the Immaculate Conception 1857-1966'. Includes diary entries for the years 1857-1904, and 1920-1960, loose letters, typed lists of abbesses and sisters, typed list of sisters' burial places and dates of deaths, typed copy of diary for 1920-22, and research notes

1 volume and multiple enclosures

MFS/A/5/1 September 1963- May 1965

Correspondence mostly to Mother Mary Patrick Murray from Sister Mary Helena, Superior General of the Missionary Franciscan Sisters of the Immaculate Conception, but also from Dr Shanahan, Bishop Wall [Benard Patrick Wall, Bishop of Brentwood], Father Germaine, Sister Mary Sylvester of Bloomfield and Sister Mary Redempter all concerning potential amalgamation. Also includes some drafts of Mother Mary Patrick's replies

2 files

MFS/A/5/2 11 January 1965

Decree granting the amalgamation of the Community of the Fransiscan Sisters of the Third Order Regular of the Immaculate Conception, Braintree, Essex and the Missionary Franciscan Sisters of the Immaculate Conception of the Diocese of Rome, and English translation

Language: Latin and English

3 papers

MFS/A/5/3 January 1964- February 1968

Correspondence concerning amalgamation, not included in the same file as MFS/A/5/1
1 file

MFS/A/5/4 undated [1960s]

Named photograph of sisters and Archbishop Cardinale, possibly outside the convent at Braintree

1 photograph

MFS/A/5/5 1955-1972

Two photographs of 'Visit to Bloomfield 1972 Amalgamation', showing named sisters at a dining table, and one of Sister Mary Patrick printed in 1955

3 photographs

MFS/A/5/6 1950s

Photograph of schoolgirls marked 'Junorate Bloomfield-Mulligan Sr Agnita'

1 photograph

MFS/A/5/7 1997 and undated

Service booklet for 150th Anniversary of the Franciscan Sisters of the Immaculate Conception, held in St Mary's Church, Abercromby Street [Glasgow] on 15 June 1997, and 'Transitus of Saint Francis' from text prepared by the Poor Clare Colette Community

1 file

MFS/A/5/8 3 September 2019

Order of Service for the removal of the Archives

1 paper

MFS/A/6/1 May 1974- May 1978

'Franciscan Echoes' newsletter, with news from Rome, English Houses, Bloomfield, Heliopolis and Alexandria

13 booklets

MFS/A/6/2 1991-1994

Newsletters, several undated, including 'News From the Convent', 'Clacton Snippets', 'Newsletter from England' and 'Parish Magazine' and also one possibly from another order of Franciscan sisters in Ireland

1 file

Records relating to the Sisters

MFS/B 1858-1954

Includes lists of sisters (MFS/B/1), registers of deaths and graveyards (MFS/B/2) and records relating to individuals, including attributed work (MFS/B/3). Relevant material is also included in the annals, particularly MFS/A/4/2

MFS/B/1/1 1858-1962

Signed acts of clothing and profession for each sister
1 volume and 1 enclosure

MFS/B/2/1 December 1858- February 1954

Register of Deaths for the Franciscan Convent of the Immaculate Conception, Bayswater.
Includes certificates of registry of deaths and one death certificate
1 volume and enclosures

MFS/B/2/2 1976

Copy of MFS/B/2/1 made by Sister Mary Brigid in April 1976. Includes loose list of sisters and burial ground, with some plot numbers
1 volume and 1 enclosure

MFS/B/2/3 January 1956 - January 1982

Register of Deaths for the Franciscan Convent of the Immaculate Conception, Braintree.
Includes certificates of burial and one death certificate
1 volume and enclosures

MFS/B/2/4 2000-2017

Dates of death and place of burial for sisters of the Braintree and Clacton-on-Sea in Essex and Portobello Road, Bayswater communities and Belgium, and plan of burial ground for the sisters of the Braintree Community
7 papers

MFS/B/2/5 1967-2019

Birth, registration of death, death, burial and cremation certificates, and grants of exclusive right of burial of the sisters from 1976- 2019. Also includes one certificate of baptism and one copy certificate of Naturalization, one death certificate belonging to a resident at the St Francis nursing home, a hand drawn map of Colchester showing route from the hospital to registrar, including car parks and priory, and circular letters concerning grave maintenance

MFS/B/2/6 1947-2019

Papers relating to grave spaces and headstones for 4 sisters buried in Clacton Cemetery.
Includes photographs of headstones
1 file

MFS/B/2/7 1900

Correspondence about the removal of bodies from Portobello Road to Kensal Green Cemetery
12 papers

MFS/B/2/8 undated

Handmade bookmark with pressed flowers, Easter card, postcards from the Rijksmuseum, Amsterdam (unwritten), notes about deaths of sisters made 'addenda'
1 file

MFS/B/3/1 July 1997

Photographs of antependium, cope and chausible embroidered by M. Gertrude Cameron, Abbess 1926-1946, on display during the centenary celebrations

4 photographs

MFS/B/3/2 2006

Photographs taken by Graham Kirkland of church vestments made and embroidered by Sister M. Gertrude Cameron, prior to their sale

1 file

MFS/B/3/3 1914

Illuminated copy of 'Ceremonial of Profession used in the Franciscan Convent of the Immaculate Conception' made by Sister M. Gertrude Cameron at Bocking

1 volume in box

MFS/B/3/4 undated

Illuminated copy of 'Ceremonial of Clothing used in the Franciscan Convent of the Immaculate Conception' made by Mother M. Gertrude Cameron

1 volume

MFS/B/3/5 undated

Illuminated copy of 'Ceremonial for the Renewal of Vows' made by Mother M. Gertrude Cameron

1 volume

MFS/B/3/6 1986-1996

Photograph album given from Molly to Sister Cuthbert for her Golden Jubilee and in which photographs of her Golden and Diamond Jubilee have been added [Molly was also Sister Cuthbert's name before she took vows]

1 volume

MFS/B/3/7 1935

Framed letter from 'Wigram' to the Duke of Atholl and on reverse a newspaper cutting of a 'Loyal Address in Gaelic' being a present for King George V's Silver Jubilee written and illustrated by Mary Gertrude, Abbess

1 frame

MFS/B/3/8 11 February 1936

Mounted letter addressed to Sister M. Gertrude Cameron from Gerald Chichester on behalf of Queen Mary thanking her for 'beautifully executed little tribute', on the death of George V

1 card

MFS/B/3/9 undated and 1907

Illuminated prayers by Mother M Gertrude Cameron, one for Mother Aloysius Golden Jubilee in 1907, and two mounted on board. Originally kept in case with Epistolae et Evangelia

2 pieces

MFS/B/3/10 1954

Enlarged photograph of named guests at Sister Evangelista's Golden Jubilee at Braintree

1 photograph

MFS/B/3/11 1994

Service booklet for the centenary of the death of Mother Mary Ignatius and notice of Regional Meeting to be held on 27th March [1994]

1 file

MFS/B/3/12 1869-1904

Scrapbook compiled by Rev. Mother Gertrude. Includes dated sketches and watercolours of landscapes, buildings and people, photographs and newspaper cuttings pasted in a used school attendance register for an unidentified school (only very small parts of which are visible). Most of the contents relate to sisters, priests and works (including orphanage at Kelvedon), although landscapes are views possibly from holidays across England and Wales

1 volume

Records relating to individual Communities

MFS/C 1876-2019

Records about individual communities and their work, including Home Registers of children and service (MFS/C/1), St Francis' registers of residents and St Francis' School 'children's addresses etc' and photographs (MFS/C/2), records relating to Clacton-on-Sea convent and St Clares' school (MFS/C/3), Abbotswick Prayer Retreat (MFS/C/4) Mixed photographs, mostly a combination of Braintree and Clacton convents (MFS/C/5). Some papers relating to the decision to leave Clacton are included in files of Abbotswick papers

1 metre

MFS/C/1/1 1876-1894

'Addresses of girls who have gone to service', giving dates, name of employer and address of houses, and sometimes a brief comment, possibly for future references. Also includes a letter from Mrs Morley asking about her baptism whilst an orphan at the home
1 volume and 2 enclosures

MFS/C/1/2 1890-1897

'Addresses of girls who have gone to service', giving dates, name of employer and address of houses, and sometimes a brief comment, possibly for future references
1 volume

MFS/C/2/1 1910-1947

Register of orphans. Includes name, date of birth, when entered and left, baptism, first communion, whether Protestant and if fees were payable. Also includes multiple enclosures of correspondence, birth certificates, baptism certificates, and report for Pat Goodrich at Church Street Council Junior and Infants School in 1945
1 volume and multiple enclosures

MFS/C/2/2 undated [1920 and pre 1920s]

Postcards of the Franciscan Convent, Bocking and children and sisters of St Francis' Orphanage, partially named
2 postcards

MFS/C/2/3 undated

Photocopied entry from C/2/1 for Evelyn Maud Clarke and note about the transfer of the orphanage to Roequay on 1st July 1947
1 paper

MFS/C/2/4 1957-1969

Register of residents at St Francis', Braintree. Includes, name, date of birth, occupation, father's name and occupation, nearest relative, doctor and dates of residence
1 volume

MFS/C/2/5 1981-2002

Register of residents at St Francis Nursing Home. Includes, name, dates of residence, date of birth, marital status, next of kin, GP, and if placed by the local authority
1 volume

MFS/C/2/6 1997-2005

Prospectus' for the Franciscan Convent Residential Home, including fee list for 1997-98, and print out from website dated 26/04/2005 and 14/07/2005
1 file

MFS/C/2/7 22 October 1999

Photographs of the convent published in the Essex Gazette on the 8th October 1999, with covering note, and notelets of hand-drawn view of St Francis Private Nursing Home (undated)

1 file

MFS/C/2/8 1954 and undated [c.1980s or 1990s]

Photographs of sisters at the Franciscan Convent, Braintree. Includes copy photograph for Mother Mary Evangelista Pilcher's Golden Jubilee (named), late 1950s (named), undated and unidentified and a laminated copy of an illustration of the convent

1 file

MFS/C/2/9 1997

Photographs of the altar at Braintree convent, the rear view of the convent house and two women holding lace in front of priests' vestments

1 photograph album

MFS/C/2/10 1950-1961

Notebook containing 'Children's Addresses at the old St Francis' School, Convent Lane'. Includes dates of birth, children and fathers' names, fees and addresses

1 volume

MFS/C/2/11 undated [1950s- 2000]

Photographs of St Francis' Nursing home exterior and various unidentified group photographs, including sisters, priests, monks and a cardinal (?) in the grounds of the convent

1 bundle

MFS/C/2/12 undated [1970s]

Photographs of St Francis' Nursing Home. Includes posed photographs of the sisters, residents and carers and also different aspects of the running of the home such as reception desk and dining hall

1 bundle

MFS/C/2/13 undated [1980s]

Photographs of Braintree convent weathervane, sign for bell tower, lists of benefactors, Mr Randal's gravestone, Mother Elizabeth Lockhart Wantage and Mother Mary Francis Burton. With list

1 bundle

MFS/C/2/14 1900s-2019

Photographs, postcards and centenary Thanksgiving Mass service booklet. Includes photographs of the convent chapel from 1994, the 'Braintree Community' in 1986, postcards of the outside of the St Francis' Orphanage and the girls and sisters, letters expressing sadness at the sisters' departure. With list

1 bundle

MFS/C/2/15 1950s-60s

Photographs of 'Braintree Convent 50's & 60's'. Includes Garden Fetes, grounds, sisters, garage, cemetery and Corpus Christ Processions

1 bundle

MFS/C/2/16 undated and 1903-1997

Pencil drawing of Bocking Mill by Rev Father Cyril Wilson, small scrapbook addressed 'To the Rev. Mother Abbess' but unattributed and containing illustrations and one postcard of the Braintree convent and Halstead, newspaper cutting about the centenary mass, and photographs of the bridge and convent

1 file

MFS/C/2/17 undated [20th century]

Illuminated list of founders and benefactors of the Altar and Tabernacle of the Church of the Immaculate Conception and St Francis, Bocking for whom mass will be offered once a month in perpetuity

1 board

MFS/C/2/18 undated [?1980s]

Aerial photographs of Braintree convent and environs

9 photographs

MFS/C/2/19 1998

Photographs of the convent, river and nursing home and a painting of a patient in a bed surrounded by a doctor, nurse, nun and Jesus, and framed embroidery of a riverside scene, presumably hanging inside, and blank notelets of the nursing home and convent

7 items

MFS/C/2/20 July 2002

Photographs of, and service booklet for, the Jubilees of Sister M. Angelina, Cecilia and Clara, celebrated in Braintree in July 2002

1 photograph album

MFS/C/2/21 1997

Photograph album commemorating 100 years in Braintree. Includes photographs of sisters, service, procession and displays, and also service booklet, brief history and newspaper cutting

1 photograph album

MFS/C/2/22 1994

Community photograph of Braintree Community as produced for the 1994 Magazine-Centenary of M.M. I. Hayes

1 photograph

MFS/C/2/23 2015

Email from Albert Messina concerning the dedication of the Bocking B-17 Memorial, commemorating the 11 men who died in an aeroplane collision in May 1945, and copy photographs of the wreckage

6 papers

MFS/C/2/24 1995-2005

Photographs of Major John Roche (and obituary), Sister Lauren and St Francis nursing home

3 photographs

MFS/C/3/1 undated [post 1981]

'The Development of St Clares School from 1896 - date' written by Sister Agatha, former headmistress

1 volume

MFS/C/3/2 undated

Photocopy of newspaper cutting about the opening of the new chapel at Clacton-on-Sea
1 paper

MFS/C/3/3 undated

Copy photograph of children and sports mistress walking to Recreation Field, original possibly 1950s or 1960s
1 paper

MFS/C/3/4 1963

School photograph of St Clares Convent School, November 1963
1 photograph

MFS/C/3/5 1996 and undated

Photographs of the last group of sisters at St Clares School and Nursery, group of children and adults entitled 'St Clare's Centenary 1996' and 'St Clare Day Nursery'
3 photographs

MFS/C/3/6 1952-1990s

Photographs of the sisters, buildings including Convent and parish church, children from Saint Clares School, gravestones, foundation stone for St Clares School, and Fathers Peter Taran and Cyril Watson
1 file

MFS/C/3/7 undated [1950s]- 2019

Two sketches of St Clares School and the parish church at Clacton, a copy of the history of St Clare's RC Primary School, The Franciscan Sisters of the Third Order Regular of the Immaculate Conception annotated 'Eileen McDermott, Sister Aidan, Clacton', photocopy of newscutting obituary for Sister Mary Agatha and copy of words spoken at Clacton Farewell Mass (unattributed)
1 file

MSF/C/3/8 1973-1981

Correspondence about Youth Work and the nursery in Clacton, specification for a proposed residential unit, an undated prospectus for the St Clare's Convent Nursery School, and a plan of the Convent in Harold Road
1 file

MFS/C/3/9 1996

Large poster commemorating the centenary of the Franciscan Sisters of the Immaculate Conception in Clacton-on-Sea. Lists sisters who lived in Clacton with illustrations of the convent, church and St Clare's School
1 paper

MFS/C/4/1 1986-1989

File entitled 'Generalate, Background Information and Development Programme of Diocesan House of Prayer, Brentwood'. Includes leaflets and minutes of meetings of the Trustees of Abbotswick
1 file

MFS/C/4/2 undated [post 1999]

Accounts for establishing and running of Abbotswick, annotated 'Sr. Helen'. Includes itemised donations from 1986 to 1999
8 papers

MFS/C/4/3 1980-2013

Papers mostly concerning the Abbotswick Diocesan House of Prayer, and also the decision to leave the house at Clacton. Includes correspondence about the sale of the House, print outs from the website in 2008, obituary for Sister Mary Agatha McEvoy, 1989 newsletter, papers relating to John and Anne Rowntree living and working at Abbotswick, annotated minutes of trustees meetings, accounts, reports, correspondence, notes on new cathedral [St Mary and St Helen Brentwood, opened 1991], 'some thoughts on a prayer house for the Brentwood Diocese' from March 1980, photocopied planning consent, and papers relating to the sale of St Clare's, Clacton-on-Sea

1 file

MFS/C/4/4 5 April 1990-30 October 1993

Visitors book, probably for visitors to Abbotswick as comments mention retreats and prayers

1 volume

MFS/C/4/5 1998-2000

Papers concerning the English Region. Includes minutes of a meeting held in July 1998 about the decision to leave Clacton and the sale of the house at Abbotswick

1 file

MFS/C/4/6 undated

Exercise book entitled 'Spiritual Jottings' and containing prayers, exercises and thoughts. Unattributed and undated but may be connected with the prayer retreat at Abbotswick

1 volume and 1 enclosure

MFS/C/5/1 1946-1960s

Photograph album containing a mixture of school classes, sisters at work, groups of named sisters, Mother Evangelista's Golden Jubilee, novitiates, first holy communion, chapel. Includes both Clacton-on-Sea and Braintree convents

1 volume

MFS/C/5/2 1896-1950s

Photograph album entitled 'As we were in the 1950s' but including photographs of Mother Mary Francis Burton (died 1896) and the Braintree convent from the 1910s. Also includes named photographs of priests and sisters

1 photograph album

MFS/C/5/3 1970-1994

Photograph album. Includes photographs of Pope John-Paul's visit to England in 1982, visits to Walsingham, Clacton RC church, groups of sisters, first holy communion at Braintree, group of unidentified sisters possibly in Africa, and photographs of children possibly taken at St Agnes' Day Nursery, a copy of the 1994 calendar of 'Braintree at the turn of the century' and copy photographs

1 photograph album and enclosures

MSF/C/5/4 1900-1970s

Photographs of the Mother Abessess. Includes Mother Alloysius Carter, Mother Mary Angela Cousins, Mother Evangelista, Mother Gertrude Cameron, and Sister Mary Patrick

1 file

MFS/C/5/5 undated [?late 19th century - ?1980]

Carte-de-visites of the chapel at Portobello Road Convent, Cardinal Manning by Done and Ball Photographers and Walery, and an unidentified man, possibly a priest taken by Adolphe Beau. Also a polaroid of Cardinal Manning's Mitre and of a label about the chapel

1 file

MFS/C/5/6 undated [late 20th century]

Copy photographs of sisters, including of abesses and copies of MSF/C/5/4, all in same presentation wallets and presumably copies made at the same time

1 file

MFS/C/5/7 undated [1990s]

Photographs of 'Theresa Geoghegan's Missioning to PNG and ?Parhening with sisters from Braintree, Clacton & Abbotswick re Restructuring'

1 album

MFS/C/5/8 undated [?1990s]

Photographs of unidentified chapel

1 album

MFS/C/5/9 1982-1996

Photographs of named sisters posed and at various parties and in Church

11 photographs

MFS/C/5/10 ?1931-[1970s]

Photographs of named sisters and Pius IX's Slipper

3 photographs

MFS/C/5/11 undated [1990s] and 2008

File of newspaper clippings and photocopies with obituary for Sister Agnes Mulhern, and concerning 'updating conference', pilgrimage to the birthplace of Elizabeth Hayes, Abbotswick prayer retreat and the development of the chapel built by Edith Arendrup in her home at Wimbledon. Also copy of Westminster Record for June 2018

1 file

MFS/C/5/12 1976

Photographs of Father Roesan and Sister Patrick in a frame

1 photograph frame

MFS/C/5/13 1970s

Photographs of children and their first holy communion, including Weathersfield American First Communion Group. Father Moncherry, Sister Carmel, Sister Anastacia and Sister Anthony named

2 photographs

MFS/C/5/14 2004-2006

Copy photographs of sisters' mission work, print outs from www.uk-franciscans.org and www.rosmini.org, an account of a retreat to Joigny, France 2009, copy photograph of a nativity scene, copy photograph of a plaque of the Franciscan Sisters of Little Falls Minnesota, and copy of quote for rehangng the bell at Braintree. All originally filed together

1 file

MFS/C/5/15 2006
CDs marked 'GC 2006 Photos'
3 CDs

Administration of the Order

MFS/D 1862-2016

Includes accounts, doweries and finances (MFS/D/1), deeds, sales of land and rentals (MFS/D/2), repairs and maintenance of buildings (MFS/D/3), solicitors, insurance policies and claims (MFS/D/4), and instrumentums, orders and other (MFS/D/5)

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MFS/D/1/1 1863-1971

'Register of Dowers' for the 'Franciscan Convent of the Imm[aculate]: Conception, N. Kensington'. Includes where monies were invested

1 volume and 1 enclosure

MFS/D/1/2 1863-1904

'Register of the Erection of Convent and Buildings attached'. Lists expenditure and receipts connected with capital expenditure. Although labelled for the 'Franciscan Convent of the Imm[aculate]: Conception, N. Kensington', it also includes St. Elizabeth's Home, and the Franciscan Convents at Bocking and Clacton.

1 volume

MFS/D/1/3 1873-1893

Correspondence and papers relating to a legacy given to Sister Mary Theresa Wingfield and a copy of her religious vow, and letter concerning investment in stock

1 file

MFS/D/1/4 1929-1968

Correspondence and bank accounts for stocks and deceased sisters. All papers originally filed in same Midland Bank Executor and Trustee company limited folder relating to Miss Anita Paynter

1 file

MFS/D/1/5 1995-2006

Accounts (year ending December 1995), statement of financial activities (2003), Audited Financial Accounts (2004) and Financial Statements (2004-2005)

1 bundle

MSF/D/1/6 2007-2016

Report of the Trustees and Financial Statements (2007-2010) and Annual Reports and Financial Statements (2011-2014, and 2016)

1 bundle

MSF/D/1/7 June 2009- September 2010

Investment Review and Valuation showing investments held by the Missionary Franciscan Sisters of the Immaculate Conception and managed by Newton

2 booklets

MSF/D/1/8 December 2009- September 2010

UK Consolidated Valuation Reports showing funds held by the Missionary Franciscan Sisters held at Barclays Bank

2 booklets

MSF/D/1/9 March- December 2010

Quarterly Investment Reports for the Missionary Franciscan Sisters Braintree portfolio prepared by Watson Moore, Independent Financial Advisors

4 booklets

MSF/D/1/10 1987-1997

Correspondence relating to finances and accounts, and also accounts for 1994 and draft accounts for 1997

1 file

MFS/D/1/11 1991

Covering letters concerning the cashing of a cheque and enclosing computer print outs for the cash accounts held for the Franciscan Sisters by Blount, Petre and Company for 1977- 1991

1 file

MFS/D/1/12 1991-1993

Papers labelled 'Re: INVESTMENTS 1989-1990-1991-1992-'. Includes correspondence and valuations

1 file

MFS/D/1/13 1990-1993

Correspondence and bills with Blount, Petre and Co., mainly relating to financial affairs including investments and tax

1 file

MFS/D/1/14 1993-2003

File labelled 'Investment Portfolio'. Includes correspondence, particularly with J W Watson of Tenaville Limited Independent Financial Advisors, and certificates

1 file

MFS/D/1/15 1995-1999

File labelled 'Mr J. Waston Financial Advisor'. Includes correspondence about investments and reports

1 file

MFS/D/1/16 2001-2006

Papers relating to investments. Includes correspondence about investments, reports and a copy of the 'Investment Policy', quoting the Constitutions of the Missionary Franciscan Sisters of the Immaculate Conception

1 file

MFS/D/1/17 1955-1977

File of papers relating to rating and evaluation at all properties, also with a bill of charges from Blount, Petre & Co.

1 file

MFS/D/1/18 undated [2002]

Papers relating to the closure of St Francis Nursing Home and filed with financial papers. Includes closure procedure, report on redundancy consultations, and financial report to trustees. See also MSF/D/2/10

1 file

MFS/D/1/19 2002-2003

Correspondence with the Charity Commission for England and Wales concerning the closure of the St Francis Nursing Home

1 file

MFS/D/1/20 1926-2005

Miscellaneous financial papers. Includes financial statement and financial projections for 2005, letter originally including account for 1979 but now attached to quotation for fire precaution work at Broad Road and letter concerning account held at Barclays Bank in April 1926

1 file

MFS/D/1/21 1986-1989

Papers relating to contracts of employment for the sisters and letter about an application to the Data Protection Registrar

1 file

MFS/D/2/1 1888-1980

Mortgages, agreements and reports on buildings and investments belonging to the sisters, including at Portobello Road, Clacton and Braintree. Also bills for solicitors' fees of Blount, Lynch and Petre, letters from 'JGS' to his sister Maria, lists of investments and bequests

2 files

MFS/D/2/2 1862-1884

Papers relating to the purchase of land near Portobello Road, rates and fitting out of Bayswater, the sale of 9 New Square, Lincolns Inn, tithe payment, copy of Anne Cousin's will and bills from Blount, Lynch and Petre

1 file

MFS/D/2/3 April 1933

Schedule of deeds and documents relating to the convent at Braintree as well as mortgages and life interests, and stock receipts 1832-1933

1 file

MFS/D/2/4 1924-1976

In file marked 'historic buildings' and 'Dep't of Environment Tony Newton M.P.'. Includes correspondence about purchase of site for St Clares School in Clacton, correspondence about sale of the Convent Cottages and land at Broad Road at Bocking, drawing for a wrought iron screen, and correspondence from Tony Newton concerning damage caused by drains to the Bocking convent

MFS/D/2/5 1958-1964

Papers relating to the sale of land to Eastern Tractors at Bocking

1 file

MFS/D/2/6 1976-1990

Papers relating to the sale of land to Eastern Tractors and dispute of boundary at Bradford Street, Bocking, Braintree

1 file

MFS/D/2/7 1970-1972

Papers relating to the lease and sale of Convent Cottages, 1 and 3 Broad Road, Bocking

1 file

MFS/D/2/8 1969-1972

Papers relating to the potential sale of land on Broad Road

1 file

MFS/D/2/9 2000-2009

Papers relating to sale of land at Convent Hill, Bocking. Includes the Braintree Local Development Framework and completed consultation form, purchase of Plot 9, St Francis Place, and sale of St Francis' nursing home to fund a day nursery and refurbishment
1 file

MFS/D/2/10 2002-2007

Papers relating to the closure of St Francis' Nursing Home. Includes financial report, correspondence, planning application, photocopied newspaper cuttings relating to local opposition, newspaper cutting from a property page of The Mill, and a copy of the sales guide for homes in 'St Francis' Place' with 2007 price list
1 file

MFS/D/2/11 1896-1899

Correspondence with Blount, Lynch and Petre about the sale of the Portobello Road Convent to the Dominican Sisters
1 file

MFS/D/2/12 1897- undated [21st century]

Correspondence between HG Tetley and Blount, Lynch and Petre about the purchase of Bridge House, and typed transcripts
1 file

MFS/D/2/13 1913-1932

Correspondence, deeds and schedule of repairs relating to the tenancy and sale of Brewery House
1 file

MFS/D/2/14 1899-1900

Correspondence concerning the purchase of land for a burial ground at Braintree
1 file

MFS/D/2/15 1991

Correspondence and tenancy agreement for sisters moving in to 11 Devonshire Crescent, Mill Hill [Essex]
12 papers

MFS/D/2/16 1980-1999

Papers labelled 'Re: Land & Property 1988-1989-1990-1991-1992', concerning land and boundaries at Bradford Street, in Clacton-on-Sea, Abbotswick House of prayer, list of addresses for sisters, legacies and finances, and an employment dispute
1 file

MFS/D/2/17 1988-1989

Correspondence with Blount, Petre and Co. concerning sale of land to Eastern Tractors, finances and loans, and ownership of strip of land by the river
20 papers

MFS/D/2/18 2011

Papers relating to the sale of Convent Hill, 4-6 Broad Road, Bocking, and an older, undated, plan possibly relating to the neighbouring plot
12 papers

MFS/D/2/19 2009-2013

Papers relating to the sale of 15 Elizabeth Lockhart Way, Braintree, including deeds and Energy Performance Certificate
12 papers

MFS/D/3/1 13 January 1862

Contract between Messers John and Charles l'Anson and the Right Reverend Henry Edward Manning to build a Franciscan Convent in Portobello Road, Bayswater
4 papers

MFS/D/3/2 February 1863 - April 1863

Summary bills and summary account for the building of the convent at Bayswater, presumably by John and Charles l'Anson
1 file

MFS/D/3/3 1899-1956

File marked 'Franciscan Convent Architect's Plans 1954-57'. Also includes plans for Baywater for 1899, plans for Bocking from 1907 and correspondence from 1924
1 file

MFS/D/3/4 1970-1974

File marked 'Franciscan Convent Architect's Plans 1970-73', includes plans, associated correspondence, planning permissions and quotes for work at Braintree convent
1 file

MFS/D/3/5 1970-1989

Papers relating to building work including accepting quotes at Bocking
1 file

MFS/D/3/6 1977-1994

Papers relating to the installation of a Warden intercommunication call system and a lift at the Franciscan Convent, Bocking
1 file

MFS/D/3/7 1970-1990

Papers relating to planning consent, alterations and tree planting at Braintree convent, and copy of letter about sale of frontage land All originally loose in top of box marked 'building plans and accounts'
1 file

MFS/D/3/8 May 1991

Report on the 'Extension and Modification of St. Francis Nursing Home'. Includes annotations
1 file

MFS/D/3/9 March 1992

'Schedule of Condition' of the Franciscan Convent of the Immaculate Conception, Broad Road, Bocking prepared by Quincey Mason Practices
1 file

MFS/D/3/10 7 April 1992

Plan of the Franciscan Convent/Rest Home, presumably prepared with MSF/D/3/8 and /9
1 plan

MFS/D/3/11 1897-1904

Papers relating to the building of the convent at Bocking, including tenders and bills, with transcripts, and accounts held at Blount, Lynch and Petre

1 file

MFS/D/3/12 undated [post 1990]

Photographs of building work at the convent in Bocking, marked 'Week 1'

7 papers

MFS/D/3/13 2002 and undated

Correspondence about the addition of marble gravestones, with schedule of deeds relating to The Franciscan Convent at Braintree, and photostats of pages from 'Westminster Cathedral and its Architect' relevant to the Braintree Convent with annotations, all originally filed together

1 file

MFS/D/3/14 undated [1950s]

Specification for additional cubicles and alterations on the ground floor at Braintree, possibly connected to MFS/D/3/3 but has become separated

1 file

MFS/D/4/1 1966-2003

Papers relating to insurance policies and claims, all at Braintree

1 file

MFS/D/4/2 1969-2007

Insurance policies and speeches delivered at the 'Managing costs for religious Charities Seminar April 1994', kept with insurance policies. All relate to Braintree

1 file

MSF/D/4/3 2010

Papers relating to the renewal of an insurance policy by Bluefin, including minutes of a meeting with Sister Helen Connolly, Ray Browning and Debbie Bristow, and the policy

1 file

MFS/D/4/4 2009-2010

Papers relating to an insurance claim for a broken ankle, presumably by a sister visiting the Sudan

14 papers

MFS/D/4/5 1995-2006

File entitled 'Mr P. Thompson-Hill Solicitor', actually from a variety of solicitors including Michael Cullen & Partners, and Blount, Petre and Kramer. Includes correspondence about trustees, applying to the Charity Commission for a scheme to use money left over from the friends of St Francis' nursing home, the closure of St Clare's School and convent, and copy of the conveyance of Abbotswick

1 file

MFS/D/4/6 2005-2007

Correspondence from Michael Cullen & Partners. Includes bill of charges, improper use of credit card by an employee, rates at St Agnes Day Nursery, display of notices to satisfy the Charity Commission, Sister Margaret's new address and a letter about holdings for Standard Life

1 file

MFS/D/5/1 1929-1997

Correspondence concerning and the relevant part of an article and 4 photographs of the cooking spit and sanctus bell which used to hang in the Quadrangle at Bocking but were subsequently sold

1 file

MFS/D/5/2 2006

Quote from Whitechapel Bell Foundry Ltd to rehang the convent bell at Braintree

3 papers

MFS/D/5/3 1950

Instrumentum by Arthur Bishop of Brentwood for erecting the Stations of the Cross at Braintree convent

1 paper

Histories, research and printed books

MFS/E 1860s-2018

Histories and notes relating to the order and houses (MFS/E/1), histories and research notes relating to individual sisters (MFS/E/2), histories and research relating to individuals and buildings outside of the order including Edith Arendrup and Father Lockhart (MFS/E/3), Sister Cuthbert's notes and history of the sisters (MFS/E/4) Sister Mary Brigid's notes (MFS/E/5), and Printed books (MFS/E/6) . MFS/E/3/8 also includes a history of the sisters and Portobello Road convent but were stored in a file together with notes about Edith Arendrup

1 metre

MFS/E/1/1 undated [c.1980]

History of the order written by Sister Mary Cuthbert entitled 'Franciscan Sisters in a Changing World' written to commemorate the 'Year of St Francis' (3rd October 1981-4th October 1982). It focuses on London and Braintree houses and notable figures including Mother Mary Elizabeth Lockhart and Madame [Edith] Arendrup

1 file

MFS/E/1/2 1978-2018

Pamphlets and typed histories, mainly relating to the Sisters at Braintree, and filed together. Includes 'The Nuns come to Bocking', 'The Convent Chapel' , 'Mass of Thanksgiving to Celebrate the Centenary of the Foundation of the Franciscan Convent , Braintree' , 'The History of a Hundred Years in Braintree', 'London following Elizabeth Hayes- Pilgrims Guide', 'Discovering Bradford Street', 'The Franciscan Sisters of the Third Order Regular of the Immaculate Conception', service booklet for a celebration mass for 75th Anniversary of the Opening of Our Lady Queen of Peace Church, and 'Changes in Franciscan England'

1 file

MFS/E/1/3 2006

Draft text for History of the Parish for Braintree by Malcolm Bryan annotated for 'Sister Helen', and copy of booklet for Our Lady of Light, Spouse of the Holy Spirit and St Osyth at Clacton-on- Sea, and service sheet 22 January 2006

1 file

MFS/E/1/4 1975-2004

File including records about archives. Includes letter from Father Edgar Dunn about the sisters at Greenwich, booklet on the 1975 Centenary of St Mary Immaculate and the Holy Archangels, Kelvedon, letter from Roy Morgan Commercial Curios Unlimited offering a letter from Sister Mary Michael for sale, copy of material in Westminster Archives relevant to Braintree and Clacton with covering letter, brief letter from Brentwood Diocesan Archive about relevant records, and copies of Census returns for 1881, 1891 and 1901 for Bridge House and the Franciscan Convent

1 file

MFS/E/1/5 undated

File of photocopies of letters and records relating to the convent at Clacton, possibly from the Westminster Archives (and referenced in the covering letter in MFS/E/1/4)

1 file

MFS/E/1/6 post 1999

'ARCHIVES Franciscan Convent of the Immaculate Conception 1857-1904', and earlier drafts

1 file

MFS/E/1/7 post 1997

Research notes and drafts of 'Founding of Braintree Convent 1897 and one hundred years on to 1997'

1 file

MFS/E/1/8 undated

Photographs and copy photographs of convent buildings at Bocking, and typed histories about the beginning of the order, including a worksheet with annotation of 'Oct 6th'

1 file

MFS/E/2/1 undated [1860s - later 20th Century]

Photographs of Mother M. Elizabeth Lockhart, her grave and a painting of Elizabeth Lockhart

3 photographs

MFS/E/2/2 1950-2018

Papers originally bundled together, including biography of Elizabeth Lockhart, 3 pages of notes from the Annals, a faculty to create stations of the cross dated 1950, and book review of *The Chronicels of Nazereth (the English Convent), Bruges 1629-1793*

1 file

MFS/E/2/3 1959 and undated

Annotated copies of *A Brief Account of the Life of Mother Mary Elizabeth Lockhart O.S.F. and The Foundation of the Franciscan Sisters of the Third Order regular of the Immaculate Conception* produced 'in this centenary year' and a later edition, and *A Short Life of Mother Mary Elizabeth Lockhart and Brief History of her Franciscan Sisters*

7 booklets

MFS/E/2/4 2009

Book review of *Elizabeth Shaw- Pioneer Franciscan Journalist* and annotated copy of 'ARCHIVES Franciscan Convent of the Immaculate Conception 1857-1904'

1 file

MFS/E/2/5 1981-1987

Correspondence about Sister Mary Theresa Wingfield and Sister Magdalen Reid who were sent for treatment for illnesses to Belgium in the 19th century

1 file

MFS/E/2/6 1998

Becoming A Summary History and Chronology of Our Parish a history of the Parish of Halstead, including sections on Madame Edith Arendrup and the Missionary Franciscan Sisters

1 volume

MFS/E/2/7 undated

Histories of Mother Mary Elizabeth Lockhart. Includes comparison with M.M. Ignattus Hayes in 'Unless the Seed Die', 'Extract from the Hand-written Archives for the year 1870' and photocopy of A Brief Account of the Life of Mother Mary Elizabeth Lockhart O.S.F. and the Foundation of the Franciscan Sisters of The Third Order Regular of the Immaculate Conception

1 file

MFS/E/2/8 1995

Copy of 'The Architects' Journal' featuring Westminster Cathedral, and the Westminster Record for June 1995, being the Cathedral Centenary edition

1 file

MSF/E/3/1 undated

Photocopy and reissues of the pamphlet 'Father Lockhart of the Institute of Charity (1819-1892)' from 1923, and copy of article entitled 'First Fruits of the Oxford Movement'- Fr William Lockhart, IC'

1 file

MFS/E/3/2 1985

Research notes about Madame Edith Arendrup and the Courtauld family, including correspondence with Julia Drymond (a relation) and Father Brian O'Shea about writing an article, and photocopies

1 file

MSF/E/3/3 1991

Triumph Over Tragedy - The Life of Edith Arendrup 1846-1934 by Richard Milward

1 volume

MSF/E/3/4 1961-1987

Research notes about Edith Arendrup and the Courtauld Family. Includes photocopies of newspaper articles, information about where Edith's art was displayed and correspondence, and copy of 'The Essex Countryside' for September 1961 which includes a special feature on the Courtaulds

1 file

MSF/E/3/5 2005 and undated [post 2003]

Newspaper article about Edith Arendrup from the Sitton and Croydon Guardian, and photocopies from "A Look Back at Halstead" by Doreen Potts, about Father George Nigel Gresley and Edith Arendrup

1 file

MSF/E/3/6 1984-1987

Envelope entitled 'Mr Milward's Letters'. Includes correspondence between Sister Cuthbert and Richard Milward about his research into Edith Arendrup

1 file

MSF/E/3/7 1991

Signed copy of *Triumph Over Tragedy- The Life of Edith Arendrup 1846 - 1934* by Richard Milward, covering letter and sign presumably used to advertise the book for sale in the convent

1 volume and 2 enclosures

MSF/E/3/8 1987-1991

Papers in file labelled 'Writer of Book on Madame Arendrup (Edith Courtauld)- Mr Milward -Left Portobello Road, Braintree Convent bought her old home in 1896'. Includes correspondence, notes and typed histories on Madame Arendrup and George Edwards Hering, copy of The Tablet 27 June 1987, photocopy of history of 317 Portobello Road by Victoria Moreno and manuscript notes on the deaths of the sisters from 1858-1989
1 file

MSF/E/3/9 1977-1987

Signed copies of Portrait of a Church -The Scared Geart Wimbledon 1887-1987 and Portrait of a Parish Jesuits in Wimbledon 1877-1977 by Richard Milward, and mentioned in letters in MSF/E/3/6
3 booklets

MSF/E/3/10 undated (late 20th century)

'Elisabeth Hayes - A woman of her time? An Examination of the history of Victorian England and an attempt by an Englishwoman to trace its influence on Mother Mary Ignatius Hayes 1823-1894', typed history but unattributed
1 file

MFS/E/3/11 1979-1993

Papers relating to Rosamund Fletcher, sculptor who died at Braintree. Includes photographs of sculptures, exhibition catalogue for a display with her father, Blandford Fletcher, at the Ashmolean Museum, and a copy of *William Teulon Blandford Fletcher 1858-1936 A Painter of Village Life* published by Rosamund Fletcher
1 file

MFS/E/3/12 2002

Annotated research on Orpington. Includes print out from Encyclopaedia Britannica and large scale AA maps
3 papers

MFS/E/3/13 undated

Annotated photocopy of page from Annals of Some of the British Norman Isles, 1830 about Sunday schools, John Hayes and Miss Hayes
1 paper

MSF/E/4/1 1989-1995

Correspondence to Sister Mary Cuthbert. Includes letters from other religious including Sister Mary Cecily Boulding and 'Fred' at Spanish Place Rectory, and thank you notes for visits to the convent, postcards of Ushaw College and newspaper article about Durham Cathedral
1 file

MSF/E/4/2 1993-1994

Personal correspondence to 'Mollie' from her brother Denis and Sandy, also known as Major AG Kidd
1 file

MSF/E/4/3 1986-1992

Correspondence regarding research. Includes research about the Baptism Register at Bocking from 1899 and conversions, requests for information about sisters at Greenwich and proposed index of Nuns, doctoral research by Anselm Nye on Third Orders Regular in Britain, memoirs of The Bombardment of the Hartlepoons December 16th 1914, annotated newspaper article about Bardon House in Australia, and from the editor of Jubilee Publication and Parish Magazine

1 file

MSF/E/4/4 1992-1994

File about Robert Taylor's search for his mother Astrid Fisher, who lived at the orphanage in the Braintree for a time, and was the subject of a BBC television programme. Includes newspaper clipping, correspondence, advertisement for 'Haunted' on BBC2 and handwritten summary

1 file

MSF/E/4/5 1984-1989

Circular letters, minutes and newsletters from the Braintree and Bocking Heritage Trust

1 file

MSF/E/4/6 undated [mid-late 20th century]

'Historical Notes on the History of Bocking Textile Trade- Compiled by Mr. T. Rayner

1 file

MSF/E/4/7 1980-1996

Newspaper cuttings compiled by Sister Mary Cuthbert. Includes Golden Jubilees of sisters, local history and life as a religious sister in Bocking

7 papers

MSF/E/4/8 undated

Negatives of M Gertrude, M Evangelista, E Lockhart and the Bocking convent, with list of Abbesses and their dates

4 negatives and 2 papers

MSF/E/4/9 1 January 1995

Circular letter and Daily Prayer for the General Chapter 1995, addressed to Sister Cuthbert

3 papers

MSF/E/4/10 1970-1993

Booklets on local history and animal welfare collected by Sister Cuthbert. Includes The Ark, A Compact History of the founding of Braintree Catholic Church produced for the Golden Jubilee Year of 1989, A Short History of Black Notley and its Parish Church of SS. Peter and Paul, Braintree Our Town [in Massachusetts, United States of America] and Braintree and Bocking in old picture postcards

5 volumes

MSF/E/4/11 undated

Copy of *A Brief Account of the Life of Mother Mary Elizabeth Lockhart O.S.F. and the Foundation of the Franciscan Sisters of The Third Order Regular of the Immaculate Conception* belonging to Sister M. Cuthbert, with photographs of Mother Mary Elizabeth Lockhart grave and portait, holograph of Jesus on the Cross and possibly Thomas Aquinas

1 file

MSF/E/4/12 1968-1991

Notes on the the Convent Chapel, newspaper clipping about restoring the altar and correspondence to the Mother Superior about the Nottidge Family and Lyons Hall
1 file

MFS/E/4/13 undated

'Typescript letter from Mrs Dymond (Dr Richard Courtauld's Granddaughter) in reply to a letter from Sr M Cuthbert McCarthy' original dated 14 June 1985
1 file

MFS/E/5/1 1981-1983

File compiled by Sister Mary Brigid includes notes on architecture, on the life of Mary Elizabeth Lockhart, the Community of St Francis, letter from Hannah about the community of St Francis at Compton Durville in Somerset, letter from the Director of Casa de Espana in the former convent at Portobello Road, obituary list of sisters and grave plots, handwritten notes on 'Stock' [parish in Brentwood Diocese], photocopies of articles on Catholicism in Essex and history of the Bocking house, handwritten story about Father Frank, leaflet for Braintree and Bocking Heritage Trust
1 file

MFS/E/5/2 1930

Correspondence and sketch plan for a pumping station, and undated Poor Rate assessments, kept in same envelope
7 papers

MFS/E/5/3 1967

Copy of last Will and testament of Sheila Kelly and charges by Blount, Petre & Co.
4 papers

MFS/E/5/4 1960s- 1988

Papers collected by Sister Mary Brigid. Includes histories of John Francis Bentley, Edith Arendrup, Mother Mary Elizabeth Lockhart, photocopied letters and newspaper articles, family tree of the 'Vincent Clan', photograph of Father Burgess and Christmas card from Richard Milward
1 file

MFS/E/6/1

Manuale de' Frati Minori Conventuali di S. Francisco with bookplate for the Franciscan convent at Bocking

1 volume

Other catalogues: See also bibliographic catalogue entry within printed library catalogue.

MSF/E/6/2 1959-1994

Booklets all kept together in box file labelled 'Box XV Publications', several of which are marked as archive copies. Includes:

Wantage & Oxford Following Elizabeth Hayes- A Pilgrim's Guide parts 1 and 2

The Saced Heart Messenger with talks on the Littlemore Community and William Lockhart

Mother Mary Elizabeth Lockhart

A Short Life of Mother Mary Elizabeth Lockhart and Brief History of her Franciscan Sisters

Father Lockhart of the Institute of Charity (1819-1892)

1 bundle

MFS/E/6/3 1994

A History of the Diocese of Brentwood 1917-1992 marked 'Archive Copy'

1 volume

MFS/E/6/4 undated [1950s- 60s]

Braintree and Bocking Official Guide

1 volume

MFS/E/6/5 1940

A Brief History of the Town of Braintree in Massachusetts Prepared for the Observance of the Tercentenary of its Founding 1640-1940

1 volume

MFS/E/6/6 1985

The Institute of Charity (The Rosminian Fathers) English Province of St Thomas of Canterbury 1835-1985, 150 Years marked 'Please return'

1 volume

MFS/E/6/7 1956

Mother Mary Ignatius of Jesus. Foundress of the Missionary Franciscan Sisters of the Immaculate Conception 1823-1894

1 volume

MFS/E/6/8 1980

Unless the Seed die. The life of Elizabeth Hayes (Mother M. Ignatius O.S.F) Foundress of the Missionary Franciscan Sisters of the Immaculate Conception by Brian de Brefney, annotated '#Convent Braintree', post-it note 'From M' apologising for keeping the book so long and bookmarks

1 volume and 3 enclosures

MFS/E/6/9 1995

Passageways. Missionary Franciscan Sisters of the Immaculate Conception marked 'ARCHIVES'

1 volume

MFS/E/6/10 1996

A Sense of Place- The Origin of Braintree and Bocking street names by Michael Bardell

1 volume

MFS/E/6/11 1903

Epistolæ et Evangelia totius anni secundum missale Romanum presumably intended for use on an altar and kept in a box marked 'Franciscan Convent Braintree Stall 137 Case 2, although this seems to be repurposed. Also originally MFS/B/3/9 were in same box

1 volume in 1 case

MFS/E/6/12 mid 19th century

The Apostolic Succession Explained; A short treatise in which certain theological questions of the day are calmly examined and resolved by a priest of the Order of Charity and given by The Rev John Baptist Pagani to Martha Lockhart , with bookplate and '15.1.10'

1 volume

MFS/E/6/13 1903

An Alphabet of Roman Capitals together with three sets of lower case letters selected and enlarged from the finest examples and periods. For Schools
1 file

MFS/E/6/14 1893-1904

The Universal Atlas parts 1 and 2 published for the Atlas Publishing Company, Limited. Part 1 is covered in brown paper, and part 2 contains a map from a newspaper cutting entitled 'The Theatre of Operations' [of the Russo-Japanese War] and showing Korea from The Standard February 12th 1904
2 volumes and 1 enclosure

MFS/E/6/15 1938

Missae defunctorum ex Missali Romano Desumptae Accedit illuminated altar copy
1 volume

Objects

MFS/F 1890-1980

Objects associated with the order, but not with individual houses

0.5 metre

MFS/F/1/1 undated [20th century]

Two wooden rosaries with metal chains and medallions and wooden crosses

2 rosaries

MFS/F/1/2 1915

Metal cross with label explaining that 'the glass in this Cross was sent during the war to Maj. Baron from the ruins of Albert Cathedral 1915'

1 cross

MFS/F/1/3 undated [20th century]

Rectangular metal brooch with word 'Brentwood'

1 badge

MFS/F/1/4 undated [20th century]

Shield shaped metal brooch with 'National Pilgrimage to Lourdes'

1 badge

MFS/F/1/5 undated [20th century]

3 stamps with the symbol and motto of the Missionary Franciscan Sisters, with wooden box originally kept in

3 stamps

MFS/F/1/6 1960

Oil painting in gilded frame of Mother Mary Elizabeth Lockhart, signed on back ?Cyril Wilson OSF

1 painting

MFS/F/1/7 undated [late 19th century]

Stereoscope images entitled 'St Peter's and the Vatican Through the Stereoscope'.

Includes 30 cards containing photographs of people and scenes and text

1 box