



Catalogue of the Syon Abbey Papers

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Introduction

Syon Abbey Papers

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1601-1940

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Repository: Ushaw College Library

Creator: Lisbon College

Language of material: Portuguese, Latin and English

Contents

Papers concerning the English Bridgettine Order of nuns at Syon Abbey, Lisbon. These are mostly legal and financial papers, as well as post-1861 correspondence between the college and the abbey at its new home in England.

About the creator

Syon Monastery (often referred to as Syon/Sion Abbey) was originally founded in the parish of Isleworth in 1415 to house the English Bridgettine Order of nuns. Following the English Reformation and the dissolution of monasteries by King Henry VIII, the Order was expelled in 1539. Following a brief period of exile in the Netherlands, the Order returned to England following the accession of Queen Mary I in 1553 but was expelled again during the reign of Queen Elizabeth I. They eventually settled in Lisbon, Portugal, and developed a close association with the English College. In 1861, the community left Lisbon and returned to England, settling first in Spetisbury, Dorset, before moving to Chudleigh, Devon, in 1887. In 1925, they moved to their current location near South Brent.

Accession details

Lisbon College closed in 1973 and this collection, along with the rest of the Lisbon Archive and Library, was transferred to Ushaw College by Mgr James Sullivan the following year.

Arrangement

The papers follow the original arrangement of the collection which is broadly chronological.

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Form of citation

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Syon Abbey Papers

LC/A19/1-5 22 September 1601 - 12 June 1604

A. Bernardes's certificates of ordination:

Tonsure, 22 September 1601

1st and 2nd minor orders, 22 December 1601

3rd and 4th minor orders, 21 December 1602

Subdiaconate, 23 September 1603

Deacon, 12 June 1604

Language: Latin

5 items

LC/A19/6 [?1610]

Petition by the English Mother Superior of the English Bridgettine nuns in Lisbon

Language: Portuguese

2f

LC/A19/7 4 May 1623

Power of attorney involving J. Para

Language: Portuguese

2f

LC/A19/8 28 March 1648

Dimissorials for George of St Catharine

Language: Latin

2f

LC/A19/9 15 November 1650

Dimissorials for Fr Rupert of St Barbara

Language: Latin

2f

LC/A19/10 29 March 1658

Note on triennial elections

Authenticated: 6 March 1674

Language: Latin

2f

LC/A19/11 October 1662

Proforma for a power of attorney

Language: English

2f

LC/A19/12-13 1665 - 1869

Miscellaneous bills and receipts for Syon Abbey

Language: English and Portuguese

2 files

LC/A19/14 [?1660 x 1669]

Order from the Mother Superior of the English Bridgettine nuns in Lisbon

Language: Portuguese

2f

LC/A19/15 [?1670]

List of the names of sisters to be advertised in a public place in order to revive an ancient custom of saying *Pater Noster* for a lay sister

Language: English

1f

LC/A19/16 7 March 1672

Nuncio's certificate of absolution from censure for Mary Colston, pupil of Marvilla Convent

Language: Latin

1f

LC/A19/17 7 March 1676

Confirmatio Electionis Prioris Generalis, & Definitorum Ordinis Sanctissimi Saluatoris Vulgo S. Brigattæ. Clemens Papa Decimus.

Language: Latin

4p

LC/A19/18 1676

Copy of two letters from Fr Simon Hermon, general of the Bridgettines, to the Lady Abbess of Sion in Lisbon, on the appointment of a new pope

Language: English

2f

LC/A19/19 24 April 1698

Certificate of authentication for relics in a reliquary (including the intestine of St Domatis)

Language: Latin

2f

LC/A19/20 12 July 1698

Permission [from Rome] to allow Ellen Morgan to be taken in on a reduced dowry

Language: Portuguese

4f

LC/A19/21 [?1717]

Petition [to Pope Clement XI] for a confessor and a procurator

Language: Portuguese

2f

LC/A19/22 4 October 1749

Certificate of authentication for relics (a bone of St Luke the Evangelist)

Language: Latin

1f

LC/A19/23 19 March 1757

Petition by [?E.R.M.] to the King [Joseph I] seeking money to rebuild the chapel

Language: Portuguese

2f

LC/A19/24 3 January 1765

Certificate of admittance for Mary Teresa Joyce as a choir sister

Language: Portuguese

1f

LC/A19/25 10 April 1765

List of officers at Syon Abbey

Language: Portuguese

2f

LC/A19/26 31 December 1766

Note by Vicente Gomes Sottomayor relating to the confessor

Language: Portuguese

1f

LC/A19/27-28 5 October - 14 November 1768

Profession certificates for Helen Bride

Language: Portuguese

2 items

LC/A19/29 17 December 1768

Visitation report [?for Syon Abbey]

Language: Portuguese

2f

LC/A19/30 25 May 1774

Permission to enable Fr A. MacCormack O.P. to give confession

Language: Portuguese

2f

LC/A19/31 8 April 1778

List of officers at Syon Abbey

Language: Portuguese

1f

LC/A19/32 [?1780]

Draft petition for confirmation of officers

Language: Portuguese

1f

LC/A19/33 15 March 1783

Permission for Magdalen Kenyon to return to England

Language: Portuguese

1f

LC/A19/34 1 April 1784

Profession of Catherina Lather, Anna Byard and Anna Smith

Language: Portuguese

2f

LC/A19/35 4 June 1784

Profession of Mary Wade

Language: Portuguese

1f

LC/A19/36 15 July 1785

Profession of Isabel Ferns

Language: Portuguese

1f

LC/A19/37 25 January 1786

Appointment of a Visitor

Language: English

1f

LC/A19/38 11 March - 22 April 1788

Reception of Monica Greenway [Mary Cecilia Francas of St Jerome]

Language: Portuguese

2f

LC/A19/39 22 November 1788

Letter of congratulations on the occasion of the consecration of the patriarch

Language: Portuguese

1f

LC/A19/40 27 July 1790

Note by Thomaz [?]

Language: Portuguese

2f

LC/A19/41 16 July 1795

Form of prayer for the health of the Queen and the Infanta

Language: Portuguese

2f

LC/A19/42 [?18th century]

Manuscript entitled "The eight, & last exercise of St. Ignatius"

Language: English

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LC/A19/43 [?18th century]

Manuscript entitled "De officio Confessoris Generalis"

Language: Latin

2f

LC/A19/44 [?18th century]

Form of prayer, possibly for Syon Abbey

Language: Latin

1f

LC/A19/45 16 November 1802

Section of a unidentified document

Language: Latin

1f

LC/A19/46 5 April 1809

Note on arrangements for leaving the convent

Language: Portuguese

1f

LC/A19/47-48 18 August 1824

Note on the life of Sister Mary Genevieve Roberts

With an additional copy

Language: English

2f/11f

LC/A19/49 6 November 1833

Statement by the abbess on the ownership of Syon Abbey
With a note in English authenticating the above statement

Language: English and Portuguese

2f

LC/A19/50-53 11 August 1834

Letter from Messrs Winstanley, [?Suffe] and Walsh to Lord Howard de Walden, British Envoy in Lisbon, protesting against attempts by the Portuguese government to take ownership of Syon Abbey

Enclosure: copy of a note on the history of the Order of St Bridget in Lisbon to justify English ownership

With an additional English and Portuguese copy

Language: English and Portuguese

4 items

LC/A19/54 8 June 1850

Letter from Peter Baines to Rev Thomas Barge: discrepancies in the accounts, delivering a copy of Mr Cunan's "Naufragi da Galera Tejo" to Rev John Walker to be sent on to D. Megiuel, and the ascent of the female aeronaut up the Praça dos Touros at Campa do S. Anna in the presence of the Queen and the royal family

Language: English

2f

LC/A19/55 18 June 1850

Letter from R. North to Rev Thomas Barge: Miss Middlehurst's cheque

Language: English

2f

LC/A19/56 22 June 1850

Letter from R. North to Rev Thomas Barge: Miss Middlehurst's cheque

Language: English

2f

LC/A19/57 30 June 1850

Letter from [?the Mother Superior of Syon Abbey] to Rev Thomas Barge: Miss Smith's pension and Sister Theresa's poor health

Language: English

2f

LC/A19/58 5 September 1850

Letter from Gradwell Pyke to Rev Thomas Barge: enclosing money on behalf of Sister Mary B. Eccles of Syon Abbey

Language: English

2f

LC/A19/59 7 September 1850

Letter from Gradwell Pyke to Rev Thomas Barge: enclosing money on behalf of Sister Mary B. Eccles of Syon Abbey

Language: English

2f

LC/A19/60 18 November 1850

Letter from Peter Baines to Rev Thomas Barge: discrepancies in the accounts, and the death of a Lisbon student

Language: English

2f

LC/A19/61 14 December [1850]

Letter from R. North to Rev Thomas Barge: refusing to issue a power of attorney

Language: English

2f

LC/A19/62 28 December 1850

Letter from R. North to Rev Thomas Barge: the purchase of stock on behalf of Mrs Charlotte Bergtholon Hearne (widow) and Miss Mary Clemantina Bergtholon (spinster), and refusing involvement with certain college pensions

Language: English

2f

LC/A19/63 23 January 1851

Letter from the Mother Superior of the Convent of St Anne, Courtrai, to [?Rev Thomas Barge]: payment of a pension

Language: French

1f

LC/A19/64 18 February 1851

Letter from Peter Baines to Rev Thomas Barge: accounts, Bleasdale leaving for Australia, Mr Jones's torrid time on the mission, and a controversy surrounding an ordination

Language: English

2f

LC/A19/65 3 June 1851

Letter from R. North to Rev Thomas Barge: suggesting he contacts Mr Pater of the Bank of England

Language: English

2f

LC/A19/66 5 June 1851

Letter from Sister [?] to Rev Thomas Barge: enclosing a power of attorney

Language: English

1f

LC/A19/67 25 July 1851

Letter from Sister Mary to [Rev Thomas Barge]: Sister Theresa's pension

Language: English

2f

LC/A19/68 19 August 1851

Letter from the Mother Superior of the Convent of St Anne, Courtrai, to [Rev Thomas Barge]: the management of the convent

Language: French

2f

LC/A19/69 23 August 1851

Letter from the Mother Superior of the Convent of St Anne, Courtrai, to [?Rev Thomas Barge]: the management of the convent

Language: French

1f

LC/A19/70 30 August 1851

Letter from the Mother Superior of the Convent of St Anne, Courtrai, to [?Rev Thomas Barge]: financial matters

Language: French

1f

LC/A19/71 28 November 1851

Letter from Edward Barnard to Rev Thomas Barge: accounts

Language: English

2f

LC/A19/72 24 January 1852

Letter from the Mother Superior of the Convent of St Anne, Courtrai, to [?Rev Thomas Barge]: Miss Smith's accounts

Language: French

1f

LC/A19/73 24 January 1852

Letter from Peter Baines to Rev Thomas Barge: Mrs Hearne's accounts

Language: English

2f

LC/A19/74 19 February 1852

Letter from Peter Baines to Rev Thomas Barge: Mrs Hearne's accounts and other financial matters

Language: English

1f

LC/A19/75 8 May 1852

Letter from Peter Baines to Rev Thomas Barge: Mrs Hearne's accounts

Language: English

1f

LC/A19/76 28 May 1852

Letter from Peter Baines to Rev Thomas Barge: Mrs Hearne's accounts, and letters for Mr Forrest

Language: English

1f

LC/A19/77 15 July 1852

Letter from the Mother Superior of the Convent of St Anne, Courtrai, to [?Rev Thomas Barge]: Sister Teresa's accounts

Language: English

1f

LC/A19/78 10 January 1853

Letter from Peter Baines to Rev Thomas Barge: the death of Edmund Winstanley

Language: English

1f

LC/A19/79 25 January [?1853]

Letter from the Mother Superior of the Convent of St Anne, Courtrai, to [?Rev Thomas Barge]: Miss Smith's accounts

Language: English

1f

LC/A19/80 16 July 1853

Letter from the Mother Superior of the Convent of St Anne, Courtrai, to [?Rev Thomas Barge]: Sister Theresa's pension

Language: English

1f

LC/A19/81 29 July 1853

Letter from Peter Baines to Rev Thomas Barge: Baines's appointment as president

Language: English

2f

LC/A19/82 1 August 1853

Letter from Gradwell Pyke to Rev Thomas Barge: accounts for Syon Abbey

Language: English

2f

LC/A19/83 1 November 1865

Letter from Syon Abbey to [?]: accounts

Language: Portuguese

2f

LC/A19/84 3 November 1865

Letter from Syon Abbey to [?]: accounts

Language: Portuguese

2f

LC/A19/85 6 November 1865

Deed from Mary Richmond, Lady Abbess of the Bridgettine Community of Syon House, Spetisbury, to Rev Peter Baines giving him power of attorney

Language: English

6f

LC/A19/86 6 July 1917

Letter from [Syon Abbey, Chudleigh, South Devon] to Bishop [?]: on the disposal of the property [?in Lisbon] and mass obligations in England

Language: English

2f

LC/A19/87 7 August 1917

Letter from Sister Theresa, abbess of Syon Abbey, to Very Rev John Cullen: asking him to manage their business affairs, and obligation masses

Language: English

2f

LC/A19/88 11 October 1917

Letter from James V. Warwick to the Lady Abbess: advising her to write to Cullen

Language: English

1f

LC/A19/89-90 16 - 17 October 1917

Letter from Sr Theresa to Rev John Cullen, enclosing a letter from Mgr Warwick to Sr Theresa, on arrangements for mass obligations

Language: English

2 letters

LC/A19/91 19 November 1917

Letter from Sr Theresa to Rev John Cullen: arrangements for mass obligations, the college magazine, payment for a lamp, prayers for Lisbon College, and sending copies of Mgr Courtney's articles on Dante

Language: English

2f

LC/A19/92 16 November 1921

Letter from Sr Theresa to Rev John Cullen, enclosing relevant documents, on the subject of Cullen's request for a power of attorney to draw the community money, as well as Cullen's petition to the government to allow him to pay a certain sum to be freed from giving information relating to mass obligations, increase in the number of Lisbon College students, a paper pattern of the stole, information on Fr Allen's sister, Sr Mary Anthony Gomas, prayers for the college, the work of the Catholic Evidence Guild in Plymouth and opposition from the Anglicans, and Fr Williamson's diary of his time as an army chaplain

Language: English

6f

LC/A19/93 3 February 1922

Letter from [?] to Rev John Cullen, with enclosure, concerning power of attorney, mass obligations, expenses for the lamp, and Fr Francisco

Language: English

2f

LC/A19/94 1 February 1926

Manuscript draft by John Cullen, probably relating to his power of attorney

Language: Portuguese

2f

LC/A19/95 25 April 1940

Copy of letter by Mgr John Cullen to the Lady Abbess, Syon Abbey: a financial dispute over the mass obligations

Language: English

1f

LC/A19/96 5 August 1940

Letter from Sr Theresa to Mgr John Cullen: a financial dispute over the mass obligations

Language: English

2f

LC/A19/97 20 August 1940

Letter from Sister M. Dominic to Mgr John Cullen: the desire of the convent to have St Bridget as the patroness of Catholic Action

Language: English

1f

LC/A19/98 4 November 1940

Letter from Sr Theresa to Mgr John Cullen: a financial dispute over the mass obligations, the deaths of Sisters Captain Coulston and Lieut. Fleetwood killed on active service, and the continuation of their normal routine in spite of the war

Language: English

1f

LC/A19/99 30 November 1940

Note by Mgr John Cullen, with extracts of letters from 1867 to 1916, on a financial dispute over the mass obligations

Language: English and Portuguese

21f

LC/A19/100 [?1940]

Copy of the will of Ann Carter of Syon Abbey

Language: English

2f