

HOLY CROSS  
COLLEGE ARCHIVES

**RG 9.2 Diaries, Letters and Reminiscences, Descriptions of the College**

This Record Group contains diaries, letters and reminiscences describing Holy Cross and the activities on campus. It spans the period 1845-1956, but provides a record of the college mainly during the nineteenth century. The material in this Record Group was assembled by the College Archives. Contact Georgetown University for permission to quote or publish from the Devitt or Lilly diaries. Contact the Diocese of Portland, Maine to quote from the Louis S. Walsh Letters. Contact Pat Allen for publication of Joseph F. Allen's diary.

BOX 1

FOLDER	TITLE
1	Unidentified priest, diary, April 17, 1876-September 24, 1876 Entries show that he traveled extensively in the Worcester area, visited Holy Cross often and mentioned members of the faculty, also described his travels with other members of the clergy.
2	Students' diary, numerous authors, February 16, 1891 - March 21, 1892 Entries by students of the class of 1894. Each week a different student kept the diary. It contains descriptions of classes, student life and activities as well as reports about the weather. Entries are written in prose with references to classical authors.
3	Devitt, Fr. Edward, S.J., Diary, August 31, 1876 –November 6, 1888 Typescript extracts of Devitt's diary, incomplete entries. Original at Georgetown University.
4	King, James M., reminiscences, c. 1933, newspaper clipping In a newspaper interview, King describes South Worcester and Holy Cross.
5	Lilly, Rev. Samuel, S.J., diary, photocopy and typescript 1845-1849 The original diary is located at Georgetown University. The entries include descriptions of the College, its faculty and students, Worcester and Lilly's travels. Also included are descriptions of the daily routine of the college.
6	[MacAuley, Rev. John J., S.J.?], diary, 1883-1885 This volume contains entries of daily life at Holy Cross including, class work, school routines and mention of the weather. The diary is attributed to MacAuley.
7	McMahon, Rev. John W., "Reminiscences of Holy Cross in '67" from the <u>Tomahawk</u> One page newspaper article about student life in the 1860's.

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- 8 O'Brien, J. Class of 1926, diary segment October 26-December 10, 1922  
Five pages of a student's diary describing school routine.
- 9 O'Brien, Capt. John T., "The Oldest Alumnus of Mt. St. James" Holy Cross Purple,  
June, 1905 Obituary from the Catholic Standard and Times, March 21, 1914  
Four pages of "recollections" of the Mt. St. James Academy.
- O'Callaghan, Joseph, S.J., diaries,  
10 November 1, 1850 - April 13, 1851, "No. 3"  
11 April 14, 1851 - July 19, 1851, "No. 4"  
12 November 16, 1851 - April 23, 1852, "No. 6"  
Three original handwritten diaries with descriptions of college activities, names of  
visitors to the college, names of students giving recitations and other classroom  
activities and also mention of the weather.
- 13 Information about Joseph O'Callaghan and his diaries.  
Includes an article by John Fallon, "Mister O'Callaghan - His Journal 1850-1852,"  
Holy Cross Purple, November 1947-April 1948
- 14 Sears, Edward "Holy Cross College," article from the National Quarterly Review,  
June 1864 typescript and copy  
Description of Holy Cross, its library and classroom activities in order to give an  
overview of the education the college provided. It also mentions the difficulty the  
College had in obtaining a charter. There is also an article about Sears' visit  
entitled, "A Yankee Ulysses Visits Holy Cross in the 1860's," by Robert J.  
O'Connell in The Holy Cross Purple, March 1943
- 15 Walsh, Rt. Reverend Louis S., letters, 1876-77, photocopies  
39 letters from Walsh to his family describing classes, College activities and  
financial matters. There are also typescripts and transcripts with notes by Rev.  
William Lucey, S.J. The original letters are located in the Portland, Maine diocese.
- 16 Ward, Rev. James, S.J., diary transcript, July 10, 1885 – Dec. 31, 1886  
Typescript of diary describing events at the College. The location of the original is  
unknown
- BOX 2  
FOLDER TITLE  
1-10 Hart, Rev. Francis, S.J., "Punts and Passes," 1936-1956  
Typescripts of daily reports of Holy Cross events
- 11 Hart, Rev. Francis, S.J., "Anchors Aweigh," c.1943  
Typescripts of events of W.W.II Navy Days at Holy Cross

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- 12 Joseph Francis Allen diary transcript, September 13- December 13, 1918. The diary is about Joseph's time at Holy Cross while in the Students' army training corps in 1918. Donated by the Allen Family. **Restriction: Not for publication without family permission (research only).**
- 13 Joseph Francis Allen photo copy of transcript and USB drive with all files, September 13- December 1918. The diary is about Joseph's time at Holy Cross while in the Students' army training corps in 1918. Donated by the Allen Family. **Restriction: Not for publication without family permission (research only).**