

**College of the Holy Cross
Archives and Special Collections
Collection Inventory**

Accession Number: **SC2004-11**

Collection Name (Title): **Fiekers, Rev. Bernard A. S.J., Papers**

Dates of Material: **1920s – 1960s**

Size of Collection: **6 Boxes**

Arrangement:

Restrictions:

Related Material:

Preferred Citation:

Processed on:

Biography/History:

Bernard Fiekers was born on January 19, 1906 to Anton R. and Mary H. (Schmitt) Kuner Fiekers, in Cambridge, MA. He attended Boston College High School and graduated from Boston College in 1927. That year he joined the Society of Jesus. He received his Master of Arts degree in philosophy from Boston College in 1933 and his Master of Science degree in chemistry from Boston College in 1934. He was ordained on August 27, 1938. He received a doctorate in chemistry from Clark University in 1942 and became a professor of chemistry at Holy Cross. He served as department chair from 1942 to 1962 and helped design the science building at Holy Cross. At the time of his death he was professor emeritus of Chemistry at Holy Cross. Rev. Fiekers served as president of the Worcester Chemists Club and Central Massachusetts Section of American Chemical Society, and served as president of the American Association of Jesuit Scientists, Eastern Division. He was editor of the *Jesuit Science Bulletin*. He died on January 9, 1973.

Scope and Content Note:

Contents: Personal, Diaries

Box and Folder List:

Box 1: Diaries

Folder 1: Diary, 1925

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Box and Folder List:

Box 1: Diaries

- Folder 2: Diary – Boston College, 1927
- Folder 3: Spiritual and Temporal Diary, 1/16/1928 – 1/11/1928
- Folder 4: Spiritual and Temporal Diary, 1/12/1929 - 9/13/1929
- Folder 5: Spiritual and Temporal Diary, 9/14/1929 – 9/17/1930
- Folder 6: Loose items from 1929-1930 Diary
- Folder 7: Diary – April – May 1931
- Folder 8: Shadowbrook & Weston Diary, Early 1930s
- Folder 9: Shadowbrook & Weston Diary, Early 1930s
- Folder 10: Shadowbrook & Weston Diary, Early 1930s
- Folder 11: Shadowbrook & Weston Diary, Early 1930s
- Folder 12: Valkenburg Diary I, 1934-1935

Box 2: Diaries

- Folder 1: Valkenburg Diary I, 1936
- Folder 2: Valkenburg Diary II, 1936
- Folder 3: Valkenburg Diary II, 1937
- Folder 4: Valkenburg Diary III, 1937
- Folder 5: Diary Entries, Aug – Sept 1955
- Folder 6: Travel Diary, 1962

Box 3: Correspondence

- Folder 1: Letters to Family written in Valkenburg, Mid 1930s
- Folder 2: Letters to Family written in Valkenburg, Mid 1930s
- Folder 3-8: Personal Correspondence, 1940s -1969
- Folder 9: Correspondence with Minni Fiekers (aunt) 1940s – 1950s
- Folder 10: Misc.

Box 4: Postcards

Box 5: Assorted Papers and Writings

- Folder 1: Autobiography, 1924
- Folder 2: Family Newsletter
- Folder 3: Fiekers Family Newsletters, 1959 – 1960
- Folder 4: Fiekers School Papers
- Folder 5: Fiekers Teaching
- Folder 6: Obituary of the Rev. Albert F. McGuinn, SJ, 1971
- Folder 7: The Atom Bomb on Hiroshima translated by Fiekers
- Folder 8: Mary Elizabeth Fiekers Estate
- Folder 9: Rev. Bernard J. Fiekers Passports
- Folder 10: Photographs
- Folder 11: Sketchbook of Miscellaneous Writings
- Folder 12: Recollections of Boston College
- Folder 13: Boston College Thesis Problem, April 1934

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Box 5: Assorted Papers and Writings

Folder 14: Preliminary Report of the Committee on Teacher Affiliates of the American Chemical Society, April 1959

Folder 15: "Memorandum" Book

Folder 16: "Sketch Book" Personal

Folder 17: Misc. Personal Items

Folder 18: Fiekers' Family Papers

Box 6: Oversize Box, Certificate of Fellow status in The American Institute of Chemists and Certificate of Reception from Boston College High School