

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

Accession Number: **SC2000.39 & SC2000.47**

Collection Name (Title): **McDonald, Irving Papers**

Dates of Material: **1932, 1938**

Size of Collection: **1 MSS Box.**

Arrangement: **Arranged by subject**

Restrictions: **None**

Related Material: **see: McDonald's file in the College Archives under "Librarian"**

Preferred Citation: **McDonald, Irving Papers**

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Biography/History:

Irving T. McDonald (1894 – 1966) career began as a teacher in a public high school following his graduation from Holy Cross in 1915. Despite his passion for teaching, his love for adventure and desire to see the world led him to acting. He joined a vaudeville acting troupe that traveled around the country and was eventually named manager of the group. He later put this experience to good use as a manager of five Fox Theaters in Worcester. His passion for teaching still very much alive, McDonald returned to Holy Cross in 1929 to head the Drama Department.

As a professor, McDonald was revered by Holy Cross students for his genuine and caring personality. Health problems and a love for academia eventually lead him to transfer to the English Department and was he was appointed to Librarian. McDonald wrote a few successful plays and several books for boys, including accounts of life at Holy Cross. After twelve years on the Holy Cross faculty, Irving T. McDonald passed away in March of 1966.

Scope and Content Note:

This single box collection contains two topics of interest in to Irving McDonald and two folders of miscellaneous writings. The first topic is a translation of the Hortorum "Of Gardens" written by Rene Rapini, S.J., translated by James Gardiner (1732) and edited by McDonald. The collection includes a typescript of the work in Latin, galley proofs

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containing corrections made by McDonald, handwritten notes and proofs of illustrations and a copyright form for the work in 1932.

The second part of the collection contains papers from McDonald correcting an article by King Features' publications about the life Anthanasius Kircher, a 17th century German Jesuit. McDonald wrote to the publishers with corrections and later wrote several articles about Kircher. The papers on this topic contain a copy of the original article, correspondence with the publisher, corrected information, newspaper clippings about the corrections and articles on Kircher written by McDonald.

Box and Folder List:

Renati Rapini, S.J. Hortorum

- Folder 1: Translation typescript
- Folder 2: Translation notes
- Folder 3: Page proofs and printed pages
- Folder 4: Illustration proofs
- Folder 5: Translation correspondence

Anthansius Kircher, S.J. Controversy

- Folder 6: Rene Rapin: Seventeenth Centry Vergilian
- Folder 7: Correspondence, 1938
- Folder 8: Articles, photocopies
- Folder 9: Advertisement, newspaper articles, printing plates Folder 8

- Folder 10: Miscellaneous articles, writings and photocopies

- Folder 11: New England Classical Association Meeting Records,
1932; Proposal for a film on the life of St. Ignatius of
Loyola, 1938