

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

Accession Number: **SC2000-48**

Collection Name (Title): **Reilly, Joseph Papers**

Dates of Material: **1901 - 1950**

Size of Collection: **10 Boxes**

Arrangement:

Restrictions:

Related Material:

Preferred Citation:

Processed on:

Biography/History:

Joseph J. Reilly was born in Springfield, MA on January 16, 1881 and graduated from Holy Cross as class president in 1904. He taught history and English at Fordham University for the next three years while also working towards a Master's degree in English at Columbia. In 1907 he taught English at the College of New York while studying English at Columbia, receiving an MA from Columbia in 1909. He continued to study English at Yale and received a university fellowship in 1911. From 1912-1921 Reilly was Chief Examiner for the Massachusetts Civil Service Commission. Afterwards, he became Superintendent of Schools in Ware, MA until 1926. He then taught English at Hunter College and Fordham University. In 1932, Reilly was awarded an honorary Litt. D. Degree by Fordham University and one from Holy Cross in 1940. Reilly taught English at Hunter College for 28 years. He established two scholarships at Holy Cross and left his personal library of 8,000 volumes to the College. He died January 24, 1951.

Scope and Content Note:

The collection contains letters received by Reilly throughout his life as well as written by Reilly including many sent to Rev. Henry Tristram in England. There are two expense books, including one from Reilly's European travels, eleven daily diaries and three scrapbooks, one of which contains poetry and sayings collected by Reilly. There are also programs from graduations, conferences and banquets at which Reilly spoke along with

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newspaper articles written by and about him. The collection also includes 2 galley sheet copies of his work *Dear Prue's Husband and Other People*.

Box and Folder List:

Box 1: Letters to Reilly undated; 1914-1926

Folder 1: Undated Letters/Empty Envelopes

Folder 2: Correspondence, 1914-1921

Folder 3-5: Correspondence, 1922

Folder 6: Correspondence, 1923

Folder 7: Correspondence, 1924

Folder 8-9: Correspondence, 1925

Folder 10: Correspondence, 1926

Box 2: Letters to Reilly, 1927-1933

Folder 1: Correspondence, 1927

Folder 2: Correspondence, 1928

Folder 3: Correspondence, 1929

Folder 4-5: Correspondence, 1930

Folder 6-7: Correspondence, 1931

Folder 8-9: Correspondence, 1932

Folder 10: Correspondence, 1933

Box 3: Correspondence to Reilly, 1934-1950; also correspondence from Reilly

Folder 1: Correspondence, 1934

Folder 2: Correspondence, 1935 & 1936

Folder 3: Correspondence, 1937 & 1938

Folder 4: Correspondence, 1940

Folder 5: Correspondence, 1941

Folder 6: Correspondence, 1942 – 1944

Folder 7: Correspondence, 1945

Folder 8: Correspondence, 1946 & 1947

Folder 9-10: Correspondence, 1948

Folder 11: Correspondence, 1949 & 1950

Folder 12: Correspondence from Reilly, 1904-1933

Folder 13: Correspondence from Reilly to Father Tristram

Box 4: Diaries

Items 1-11: Diaries 1934, 1935 (2), 1936, 1941, 1943-1947, 1949

Box 5: Personal Record Books

Item 1: "Trip Abroad," undated

Item 2: Journal regarding automobile, "The Hup," 1923

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Box 5: Personal Record Books

- Item 3: Address Book, undated
- Item 4: "Holmes Birthday Book" 1889

Box 6: Personal Papers

- Folder 1: Biographical information
- Folder 2: Bibliographies
- Folder 3: Papers regarding Reilly's books and writing
- Folder 4: Essays in *America* written by/about Reilly
- Folder 5: Essays in *Commonweal* written by/about Reilly
- Folder 6: Other essays published by Reilly
- Folder 7: Reviews of speeches given by Reilly
- Folder 8: Papers relating to Reilly's radio course, 1924 & 1925
- Folder 9: Financial Records
- Folder 10: Trip to England, 1945
- Folder 11: Miscellaneous Items, passport

Box 7: Events at which Reilly was a Speaker,

- Folder 1: Programs and invitations, undated
- Folder 2: Programs, 1921-1924
- Folder 3: Programs, 1925-1929
- Folder 4: Programs, 1930-1931
- Folder 5: Programs, 1932-1933
- Folder 6: Programs, 1934-1935
- Folder 7: Programs, 1936-1937
- Folder 8: Programs, 1938-1940
- Folder 9: Programs, 1941-1944
- Folder 10: Programs, 1945-1949

Box 8: Photos and Prints

- Folder 1: Portraits (photographs) of Reilly's friends and family
- Folder 2: Other photographs: Holy Cross 1901-1904,
An unspecified lecture (undated)
- Folder 3: Prints of European buildings and portraits

Box 9: Scrapbooks (3)

Box 10: Newspaper Articles by/about Reilly

Box 11: Galley sheets of *Dear Prue's Husband and Other People* (2 copies)

Oversize Box: Honorary doctorate awarded to Reilly by the College of the Holy Cross