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 Colombia, 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

Box 5: Personal Record Books
   Item 1: “Trip Abroad,” undated
   Item 2: Journal regarding automobile, “The Hup,” 1923
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