

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

Accession Number: **2004-39**

Collection Name (Title): **Town, Rev. Jerome E. S.J. Papers**

Dates of Material: **1910s**

Size of Collection: **1 box**

Arrangement:

Restrictions:

Related Material:

Preferred Citation:

Processed on:

Biography/History:

Rev. Jerome E. Town, S.J. was born in Philadelphia, PA on June 10, 1885. He graduated from St. Joseph's College in June 1904 and entered the Society of Jesus at Saint Andrews on Hudson on August 13 of the same year. He stayed in the novitiate until 1907, when he was sent to Louvain, Belgium where he completed his philosophical studies. He returned to America in 1910 and was sent to teach at The College of the Holy Cross. At Holy Cross he was a professor of Chemistry, Physics, Mathematics and French and was the youngest member of the faculty. Rev. Town became ill on August 2, 1912 while at a conference at Georgetown University in Washington D.C. He died in Washington on August 6, 1912, after surgery, due to an intestinal ailment.

Scope and Content Note:

Contents: There are two diaries which contain the details of the day-to-day life of Jerome Town, S.J. in the collection. The diary from 1909 details his study and travels in and around Belgium while he was a student in the country. The diary from 1912 details his daily activities as a teacher at Holy Cross. The Correspondence includes postcards, most sent from Belgium and written in French. Also contained are two retreat resolutions written and signed by Rev. Town from his retreats in 1911 and 1912. There is an account

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of his death written in the *Holy Cross Purple* along with a biography that has been written in Latin. There are three photographs, two of them are dated, 1904 and 1911, and one undated.

Box and Folder List:

Box 1:

- Folder 1: Scholastic Diaries 1909 and 1912
- Folder 2: Correspondence, 1910
- Folder 3: Retreat Materials, 1911 – 1912
- Folder 4: Account of Death and Biography in Latin
- Folder 5: Photographs – 1904 – 1911