



SISTERS OF CHARITY OF MONTREAL "Grey Nuns"
SERVICE ARCHIVES - L046 Fonds: Mount St. Ann

Creation date 1891-1979 [1880-1987]

Extent of descriptive unit 136.4 cm of textual records. - 102 photographs. - 10 albums of photographs. - **9 maps and plans**

Parallel titles: Saint Anne's French-Canadian Orphanage, Mount Saint Ann Orphanage, St. Anne Worcester, French Orphans Home, & Child Care Group Home

Histoire administrative/notice biographique

In **1884**, the Grey Nuns of the community had been requested by Mr Joseph Brouillet, pastor, to come to found an orphanage in his parish of Our Lady of Worcester in the state of Massachusetts.

On **October 31, 1884**, Mother Julie Deschamps top General, suggested that he go to the Grey Nuns of St-Hyacinthe.

In **1889**, the parish priest Brouillet holds a lay committee to rescue orphans and authorized custody of them to secular teachers. These two teachers are Terciaries of which belong to the Third Order of Saint Francis of Assisi. They later became the Little Franciscans of Mary. The priest Brouillet rents two houses on the street at the corner of Southgate Great for needs of the case. 30 orphans are hosted there.

In **1891** the priest asks Brouillet Grey Nuns of Montreal to take support of the orphanage. After studying the situation, Mother Deschamps accepts and is the **January 31** as the Grey Nuns begin their work of education and training orphans, boys and girls in the other of the two houses of Southgate Street, in number 96. 50 orphans have already met them. Upon arrival of the Grey Nuns in Worcester and due to a growing conflict with the priest Brouillet, non-Franciscan community still leaves the street for Southgate other remains. The Grey Nuns wear out so the two houses for their orphans.

Worcester, Massachusetts - L046 Fund: Mount St. Ann

This work intended to accommodate orphans and disabled poor French Canadians in the city of Worcester and the other parishes of the diocese, to proportion to the amount each parish provided for building the institution, as indicated by the contract of **6 February 1891** between the priest and Brouillet Mother Filiatrault.

At the time of its founding, the St. Anne's French-Canadian Orphanage is the only

Canadian orphanage in the Diocese of Springfield where the Canadian population was considerable. He can count on public charity to survive: it is virtually the only source of income of the institution.

By **summer 1891**, less than a year, the location has become inadequate and unsafe for the of children. The sisters bought at a price of \$ 15,000 the Ellsworth farm better known as Taft's Woods on Granite Street. Grace at the Society of Benefactors, \$ 5,000 were paid immediately with the benefit of a bazaar and some alms. A house and a barn was on the property when buying. Pending the necessary funds for a new building, two sisters settled in the small house of the farmer to monitor the work of the farm. (The barn burned down in **1920**, but the house survived.)

The JG Vaudreuil contractor will be the builder of the new building where the sisters and orphans will move **January 31, 1893**.

Bishop Beaven, Bishop of Springfield, cannot support two orphanages and two religious communities dedicated to the same work in the same city or the Little Franciscans of Mary (the old secular teachers), and Grey Nuns. The conflict that has lasted for 6 years is resolved when an agreement occurred **July 28, 1897**: It is agreed that the Franciscan will attend strictly seniors in Worcester, leaving the care of orphans exclusively to the Grey Nuns. The transfer will take place the following year.

In **1904**, Ms. Bowman Wood, born Crompton widowed neighbor of the orphanage, she donated her beautiful residence provided it is used for religious purposes and charity. It accolloed to the first construction and they are connected by a corridor. According to another source, the house was located where now St. Vincent Hospital.

In **1922** the company has created the Friend of orphans, founded to support the orphanage and its residents. In **1947**, there has 740 members.

In **1923**, the sisters receive an injunction inspector of the state and city stipulating to comply in forty-eight hours with safety rules by property for child safety by building a brick building in closing sentence. So we built an annex buildings. It cost \$120,000. Students will move in **December 10, 1924**, then conducts Repairs to the old building. Repairs will be gradually as the need should arise.

It was also in **1923** that the orphanage became a member of Community Chest so They would receive funds amassed by the Annual Golden Rule to Drive. The collection in **1932** has helped raised \$ 13,000 for the orphanage.

On **December 27, 1939**, a fire was detected in a paper loss. He talked of fairly considerable damage. Fortunately, since we were in a period of summer vacation, 140 of the 200 children at the time were away from the home visiting relatives.

On **August 30, 1942** the new blessed grotto and the statue "Our Lady Lourdes" in front of the orphanage. It also had a swimming pool built in **1942**.

In **1951** the playgrounds were inaugurated thanks to the cooperation of the Harmony Club.

In **1959**, the director of Catholic Charities, Rev. Timothy J. Harrington suggested a change in the purpose of the work. New concepts and new approaches in the care of children are located. We concentrated more about children with emotional issues and from divided families.

In **1962** we changed the name to Mount St. Ann. It was also during this year we develop a major renovation project of the building.

In **1964**, after studies estimated, a new idea is studied: the construction of a new building. A map is controlled.

In **October 1968**, work began and the old building is demolished.

In **May 1970**, we witness the official opening of the new complex.

On **October 30, 1978** held a meeting at the provincial council which is discussed the future of Mount St. Ann. Due to physical and emotional exhaustion Sisters of Mount St. Ann, the General Council authorizes the interruption of the work. The demand is also made to the bishop. It was decided to sell the work to the Catholic Charities the Diocese of Worcester and its director Reverend Monsignor Leo J. Battista. Official documents are signed **September 21, 1979** at a meeting of Members of the Corporation.

On **January 15th, 1983**, Mount St. Ann closes as a children's refuge because of the lack of children, fiscal constraints and placement policies.

New Residence status. Two of the five buildings used as residence for alcoholics under the auspices of Catholic Charities, another home to be a family of Asian refugees, and another a mother and her seven children.

The last sisters left **31 July 1987**.

During its history, the orphanage welcomed nearly 11,000 children.

Custodial history

An inventory of local archives was made in **1979**. The list is in the workbook in room F115 in I046 file, at the House of Mother d'Youville. Local obituaries were **destroyed in 1979** as the province possessed copies. We asked Worcester Catholic Charities (which took over the work from the sisters) the baptismal records, confirmations and first communions should be stored or transmitted by the sisters. The answer is not found, but we have no such records to date [**June 2008**].

In **2015**, Catholic Charities was in Worcester County:

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This file mainly reflects management and organization of the work, its committees and assembled. There are several information about the beginning and the foundation. Unfortunately, there is no register of employees and only a few sheets of Child admissions. Several summary financial documents, many documentation on real estate. A majority of documents cover the period 1970 until closing.

This fund includes the following series:

L046 / A Administrative Management

L046 / B Legislation and Legal Affairs

L046 / C Human Resource Management

L046 / A Financial Resources Management

L046 / E transferable resources management and real estate

L046 / F Communications and Public Relations

L046 / G Community Life

L046 / H Graphic

L046 / I Maps and plans

Source of title proper - Title proper content-based fund - Language of documents English and French - Finding aid - Specific classification framework and simple digital directory. - Analytical inventory of parts on sheets.

Related documents - L268 Grey Nuns' Residence Worcester

Accruals - Fund closed, no further payments are anticipated.

References LB-0854 - LB-2030 - LB-2031

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L046 / A Series: Administrative Management

Creation date 1889-1982 - Extent of descriptive unit

27.8 cm of textual records - Scope and content

This series contains documents relating to the management and general administration the work. It contains the following 5 files:

L046 / A, one historical and Governing Documents

L046 / A, 2 Boards and committees and associations

L046 / A, 3 Corporation

L046 / A, 4 Administrative Reports, studies and statistics

L046 / A, 5 Administrative Organization

Creation date 1897-1982 Extent of descriptive unit

2.1 cm of textual records - Scope and content

This subseries contains documents related to the beginnings, the history of the work or an important event in its history. It includes the following folders:

L046 / A, 1, 1 Governing Documents

L046 / A, 1, 2 History

L046 / A, 1, 3 Closing Process

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L046 / A, 1, *, 01 Folder: Governing Documents

Creation date 1897

L046 / A, 1, *, 02 Folder: History

Creation date 1978-1982

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Scope and content

This subseries includes documents related to committees and boards, members and their assemblies, local, corporate, secular or religious. It contains the following folders:

L046 / A, 2, 1 Board - Officers and Members

L046 / A, 2, 2 Board of Directors - meetings

L046 / A, 2, 3 meetings of the Board and members SGM

L046 / A, 2, 4 mixed Meetings of the Board and members SGM

L046 / A, 2, 5 and SGM Members Meetings

L046 / A, 2, 6 Advisory Committee - Curriculum vitae of members

L046 / A, 2, 7 Advisory Committee - Member, regulations and subcommittees

L046 / A, 2, 8 Advisory Committee - Meetings

L046 / A, 2, 9 Minutes of the local council

L046 / A, 2, 10 Minutes of the local council (typed)

L046 / A, 2, 11 Minutes of the local council (pound) ture

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L046 / A, 2, *, 03 Folder: Meetings of the Board and members SGM

Creation dates 1972-1979

L046 / A, 2, *, 04 Folder: Mixed Meetings of the Board and members SGM

Creation dates 1966-1979

L046 / A, 2, *, 05 Folder: SGM Members and meetings

Creation dates 1975-1979

L046 / A, 2, *, 06 Folder: Advisory Committee - Curriculum vitae of members

Creation dates 1962-1977

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L046 / A, 3 Subseries: Corporation Creation date 1892-1980

Extent of descriptive unit - 3.2 cm of textual records - Scope and content

This sub-series contains documents relating to the Corporation, except for Board of Directors records of the corporation who are in the subseries I046 / A, 2, 2

Boards and committees. It contains the following folders:

L046 / A, 3, 1 Charter of the corporation

L046 / A, 3, 2 original Regulations

L046 / A, 3, 3 Revised Regulations

L046 / A, 3, 4 Corporate Evaluation

L046 / A, 3, 5 the corporate liability insurance

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Creation date 1889-1978

Extent of unity 5.3 cm of textual records Scope and content This subseries contains all the reports and statistics on the operation of the work, its staff, and foster children. It includes the following folders:

L046 / A 4 1 Annual Reports Staff & Works from 1907 to 1936
L046 / A, 4, 2 Annual Reports Staff & Works 1936-1978
L046 / A, 4, 3 quinquennial reports of Personnel & Works
L046 / A, 4, 4 Reports for the Five Year Relationship in Rome
L046 / A, 4, 5 Statistics
L046 / A, 4, 6 Reports and statistics on education
L046 / A, 4, 7 Annual Reports

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Creation 1963-1979 dates

Extent of unity 2.7 cm of textual records Scope and content This subseries includes the operation of the system work, thesis policies, goals, objective and programs. It contains the organizational chart aussi. It contains 4 folders:

L046 / A, 5, 1 Policies of the State and license
L046 / A, 5, 2 Map of positive discrimination
L046 / A, 5, 3 Programs and institutional assessments
L046 / A, 5, 4 Administrative Structure

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Creation dates 1904-1942

Extent of unity 2.6 cm of textual records Scope and content This series contains the formal agreement documents, mostly in the notarial deed. It contains 5 files:

L046 / B, 1 Annuities
L046 / B, 2 Foundations and conventions
L046 / B, 3 waiver Acts
L046 / B, 4 Continuation

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Creation dates 1941-1979

Extent of unity 5.6 cm of textual records Scope and content This subseries brings respect to the staff of the home, religious and secular. It contains instructions and job descriptions, and a number of documents on wages and compensation. No record or list of employees. It contains the 7 following folders:

L046 / C, 1 Employee Handbook and job description
L046 / C, 2 Policies and description of staff duties
L046 / C, 3 Payroll Journal
L046 / C, 4 Sisters of Service Agreements
L046 / C, 5 contracts, duties and salaries of sisters
L046 / C, 6 Indemnity sisters
L046 / C, 7 Correspondence on compensation sisters

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Creation dates 1891-1979

Extent of unit 54.6 cm of textual records Scope and content This series includes all financial records and reports, if that relates to budgets, balance sheets and any financial

transaction. Documents concerning the payroll are in the L046 series / C Human Resources. This series contains 3 sub-series and 1 folder:

L046 / D, 1 Accounting

L046 / D, 2 Financial Statements

L046 / D, 3 Budgeting

L046 / D, 4, 1 Loans

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Creation dates 1891-1979

Unit extent 41.9 cm of textual records Scope and content This subseries contains all financial records, so the revenues, expenses, assets, liabilities and trial balances. It contains the registers (and 1 folder) to:

L046 / D, 1, 1 Assets and Liabilities

L046 / D, 1, 2 Ledger 1925-1943

L046 / D, 1, 3 Ledger 1943-1959

L046 / D, 1, 4 Ledger 1958-1967

L046 / D, 1, 5 Revenue and expenditure (sent to the generalship) 1891

L046 / D, 1, 6 Revenues and Expenditures 1891-1905

L046 / D, 1, 7 Revenue and expenditure 1925-1950

L046 / D, 1, 8 Revenues and Expenditures 1962-1969

L046 / D, 1, 9 Revenues and Expenditures 1968-1969

L046 / D, 1, 10 Income and expenditure from 1970 to 1972

L046 / D, 1, 11, Revenues and Expenditures 1972-1974

L046 / D, 1, 12, Revenues and Expenditures 1975-1976

L046 / D, 1, 13 Trial Balance 1912-1932

L046 / D, 1, 14 Trial Balance 1932-1949

L046 / D, 1, 15 Trial Balance 1949-1964

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Dates of creation 1880-1972 [2001]

Extent of unit 10.1 cm of textual records Scope and content This series contains documents relating to land and buildings, so mortgages, sales, constructions and renovations. A small section is

devoted to furniture. The series includes the following sub-series:

L046 / E, 1 Mortgages

L046 / E, 2 Real estate transactions

L046 / E, 3 Constructions

L046 / E, 4 Construction of the new complex

L046 / E, 5 Building Insurance

L046 / E, 6 Furniture and equipment

Creation dates 1880-1893 [2001]

Extent of unit 1.8 cm of textual records Scope and content This subseries contains all documents related to mortgages and property deeds and transfer.

L046 / E, 1, 1 and First Mortgage payments

L046 / E, 1, 2 transfer of the mortgage to the Grey Nuns

L046 / E, 1, 3 Property Title

L046 / E, 1, 4 Transfer of ownership to the Mother House

L046 / E, 1, 5 and Mortgage Payments

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Creation dates 1962-1970

Extent of unity 2.5 cm of textual records Scope and content This subseries contains documents concerning construction of the new residential complex of the orphanage. The old buildings will be demolished to make way for 5 new "chalets".

L046 / E, 4, 1 Historic building of the new complex

L046 / E, 4, 2 demolition contracts, architect and consultant

L046 / E, 4, 3 bills for fees and construction

L046 / E, 4, 4 Loans for construction

L046 / E, 4, 5 Grant of the diocese for construction

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Creation dates 1891-1987

Extent of unit 10.2 cm of textual records Scope and content. This series contains all the documents relating to relations with external agencies and organizations. It contains among other correspondence, **invitations to celebrations, press clippings, advertising booklets and other publications.**

It includes two sub-sets and two folders:

L046 / F, 1 Correspondence

L046 / F, 2 Celebrations

L046 / F, 3, 1 Clippings

L046 / F, 4, 1 Publications at work

Creation dates 1891-1979

Extent of unity 4.4 cm of textual records Scope and content This subseries contains correspondence with various organizations and correspondence with the provincialate and generalship. It includes six folders:

L046 / F, 1, 1 Correspondence with the provincial administration

L046 / F, 1, 2 Correspondence with the bishop and the local priest

L046 / F, 1, 3 Correspondence with the chancellery

L046 / F, 1, 4 Correspondence with charitable organizations

L046 / F, 1, 5 General Correspondence

L046 / F, 1, 6 Copies of letters (manuscript)

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Creation dates 1941-1975

Extent of unity 1.8 cm of textual records Scope and content Cette sub-série contains documents relating to the organization and conduct invitations to special events. It includes the following two folders:

L046 / F, 2, 1 variety Celebrations

L046 / F, 2, 2 Meeting of former

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Creation dates 1889-1984

Extent of unit 26.5 cm of textual records Scope and content This series includes documents related to the daily life of the community at Mount St. Ann, whose canonical visits, local community members and meetings, practices religious and chronic. It contains four sub-series:

L046 / G, 1 Canonical Visits

L046 / G, 2 Local Community

L046 / G, 3 Chronicles

L046 / G, 4 religious Discipline

L046 / G Series: Community Life

Creation dates 1893-1973

Extent of unity 3.3 cm of textual records Scope and content This subseries contains records pertaining to the canonical visits to Mount St. Ann by provincial or superior general. It contains 4 files following:

L046 / G, 1, 1 Minutes canonical visitations 1893-1931

L046 / G, 1, 2 Minutes of canonical visitations (typed)

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Dates of Creation 1889-1979

Extent of unit 21.5 cm of textual records Scope and contenuCette subset contains the chronicles of books chronicling the events of daily life at the orphanage. It includes 10 books (folders):

L046 / G, 3, 1 Chronicles handwritten 1889-1918

L046 / G, 3, 2 handwritten Chronicles 1918-1927

L046 / G, 3, 3 handwritten Chronicles from 1927 to 1940

L046 / G, 3, 4 handwritten Chronicles 1940-1946

L046 / G, 3, 5 typewritten Chronicles 1918-1929

L046 / G, 3, 6 typewritten Chronicles 1930-1946

L046 / G, 3, 7 typed Chronicles 1943-1953

L046 / G, 3, 8 typed Chronicles 1943-1954

L046 / G, 3, 9 typed Chronicles 1954-1959

L046 / G, 3, 10 typed Chronicles 1960-1979

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Extent of descriptive unit 9 maps and plans - Scope and content 1 plane rolled "ground plans and implementation Doc 1, 2 and 3 (? -1968 To 1972) .- 7 shots distributed on file. Overall Rating. There are some maps and plans distributed in the following folders:

L046 / A, 1, 2 History

L046 / E, 3, 4 Construction of a power line

L046 / B, 3 waiver Acts

L046 / E, 3, 1 maps

L046 / E, 2, 5 Sale in Massachusetts Electric Company

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