

# Researching Catholic Ancestors

*Class 5: Researching Nuns and Clergy*

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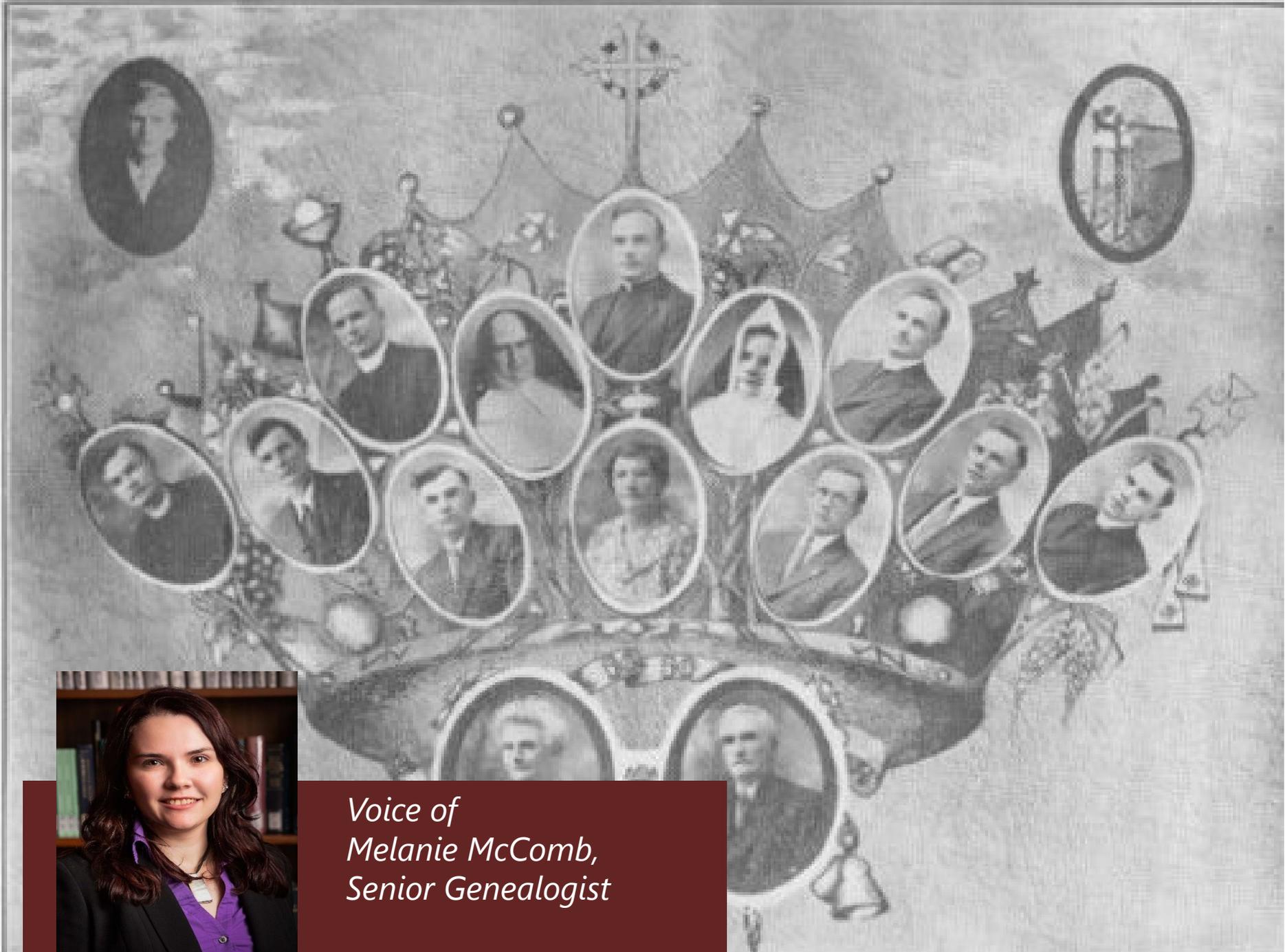
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# Step #1

## Identify the Nuns and Clergy In Your Family

# Go-To Records



Census Records



City Directories



Newspaper Articles



Cemetery Records

# 1900 United States Federal Census for F Lohman

Illinois > Clinton > Looking Glass > District 0009

LOCATION.			NAME of each person whose place of abode on June 1, 1900, was in this family.  Enter surname first, then the given name and middle initial, if any.  INCLUDE every person living on June 1, 1900. Omit children born since June 1, 1900.	RELATION.  Relationship of each person to the head of the family.	PERSONAL DESCRIPTION.								NATIVITY.			CITIZENSHIP.			OCCUPATION, TRADE, OR PROFESSION of each person TEN YEARS of age and over.				EDUCATION.			
IN CITIES.	House Number.	Number of dwelling houses in the order of visitation.			Color or race.	Sex.	DATE OF BIRTH.		Age at last birthday.	Whether single, married, widowed, or divorced.	Number of years married.	Number of how many children.	Number of those children living.	Place of birth of this person.	Place of birth of FATHER of this person.	Place of birth of MOTHER of this person.	Year of immigration to the United States.	Number of years in the United States.	Naturalization.	OCCUPATION.	Months not attended school (in months).	Can read.	Can write.	Can speak English.		
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				Daughter	F.	Wh.	Aug. 1878	11	S.				Illinois	Germany	Germany				At School							
				Son	M.	Wh.	Oct. 1878	8	S.				Illinois	Germany	Germany				At School							



1900 U.S. Census, Ancestry.com

# Tip

Nuns typically changed their names. Keep this in mind when searching for them in the census and other records.

**1920 United States Federal Census for Sr Mary Wilhelma**

Iowa > Howard > Cresco Ward 2 > District 0130

Street	House No	Dwelling	Visited No	Relation	Home Ow	Mortgage	Sex	Race	Age	Marital St	Year Imm	Naturaliz	Year Natu	Attended	Can Read	Can Write	Birthplace	Tongue	Birthplace of Father	Tongue of Father
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				Sister			F	W	60	S					Y	Y	Iowa		Germany	German
				Sister			F	W	25	S					Y	Y	Minnesota		Germany	German
				Sister			F	W	27	S					Y	Y	Wisconsin		Germany	German
				Sister			F	W	24	S					Y	Y	Illinois		Germany	German



1920 U.S. Census, Ancestry.com

# City Directories

- Compiled list of adult residents organized by town or several towns
  - Details include name, address, occupation
- Directories provide a potential customer list to salesmen and other businesses

Search > Schools, Directories & Church Histories

## U.S. City Directories, 1822-1995

**Search**  Match all terms exactly

**First & Middle Name(s)**  **Last Name**

**Year**  **Location**

Lived In

Any Event

**Add family member:** [Spouse](#)

Spouse **First & Middle Name(s)**  **Last Name**

**Keyword**

e.g. pilot or "Flying Tigers" ▾

**Publication Title**

**Gender**

**Year**

### How to use the U.S. City Directories?

You'll discover more than your ancestor's name and address in city directories. Download our guide, [6 Things to Find in City Directories](#), to learn more.

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**Year**

**Title**

### Related data collections

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## U.S., City Directories, 1822-1995 for Edward Knott

New Hampshire > Dover > 1948 > Dover, New Hampshire, City Directory, 1948

P John A Gintautas, sec George A Webster. Meetings 1st and 3rd Wed 7:45 p m Castle Hall 264 Central av  
 " of Pythias Pythian Sisters Calanthe Temple No 26 M R C Mrs Hughena Leach Meets 2nd and 4th Fri Pythias Calanthe Castle 264 Central av 7:45 p m  
 Kniznick Benny prop City Cleaners & Dyers res Haverhill  
**Knott Edward** priest r9 Cataract av  
**KNOTT EDWARD F (Mary E) chief Dover Fire Department h9 Cataract av**  
 " Everett F (Annie) emp Navy Yd clk h9 Union  
 " Mary wid Thomas r16 Union  
 Knowles Elizabeth Mrs r26 S Pine  
 Knowlton Norvin F (Mary F) emp Navy Yd h138 Mt Vernon  
 " Paul H (Laura) mech IBW&Sons h9 Oak  
 Knox Earl L carp h Tolend rd RD3  
 " Edward (Alice E) h Back River rd RD2  
**KNOX F SAMUEL (Barbara G) v-pres-sales mgr Judson Dunaway Corp h Bay View rd**  
 " Mary L nurse Tolend rd RD3 r Earl L Knox  
 Knudson Sverre (Grace) mach KPCo res Portsmouth  
 Kochockos Pete emp Newmarket r18 Twombly

mond  
 " Doris waitress Nick's Lunch r50 Cushing  
 " Ernest (Alexandria) h12 Richmond  
 " George r12 Richmond  
 " Georgianna waitress Nicks Lunch r50 Cushing  
 Gregory (Helen) student h343 Central av  
 " Helen student nurse r50 Cushing  
 " James student r12 Richmond  
 " Martha shoe wkr r12 Richmond  
 " Mary waitress Nick's Lunch r50 Cushing  
 " Nicholas (Trianthi) prop Nick's Lunch h50 Cushing  
 " Politos laundry wkr r11 Pierce  
 Kretsipis Peter S clk r1 School  
 " Sophia S student r1 School  
 " Paul (Pauline) clk r5 School  
 " Steve P (Theodara) grocer 55 Main h1 School  
 Krupski Stanley J (Viola B) emp truck dr h31 Henry Law av  
 Kritikos James emp Som h265 Central av  
 Kuchulis Orina h26 Chestnut  
 Kumotsos Vasilios (Lefki) prop Manhattan Cafe h17 School  
 Kyreazes Clarence G emp FNS r15 Pearl  
 " Constantine student r15 Pearl  
 " Demosthenes G USA r15 Pearl  
 " Ethel emp NET&TCo r15 Pearl

Dover, New Hampshire City Directory, 1948 via Ancestry.com

# Newspaper Articles

- Clergy members may be referenced in articles about life events (baptisms, marriages, funerals, etc.)
- Local news about the parish house of worship
- Death of a clergy member would typically make the newspapers (especially if they oversaw a congregation)

**CORCORAN**—July 26, 1957, at his residence 2115, 45th Avenue, Long Island City, New York, Thomas James, fourth son of the late Thomas and Bridget Corcoran, Dillons-town, Dunleer, and brother of Very Rev. P. Corcoran, P.P., Collon, Co. Louth. Fortified by the Rites of Holy Church; deeply regretted by his sons, daughters, grandchildren, brothers, sisters, nephews, nieces and a large circle of friends, R.I.P. Interment took place after Requiem Mass in St. Mary's Church, in St. Patrick's Cemetery.

*Irish Press* – August 7, 1957 via  
[irishnewsarchive.com](http://irishnewsarchive.com)

## Boston Pilot: Irish Immigrant Advertisements (Search for Missing Friends), 1831-1920

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### *Missing Friends*

OF PATRICK EVERARD, or Everitt, who left Ireland about the year 1850, and of his wife, whose maiden name was Catharine McEneny, and of his children. He was a brother of the Rev Richard Everard, parish priest of Clogher Head, county Louth, Ireland. Any information as to Patrick Everard, or his wife or children, is requested by O'Gorman & Wilson, No 8 Pine street, New York city.

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Surviving are his widow, nine sons and three daughters: Philip, Souris; Dennis, Earncliffe; William, Village Green; Rev Joseph Rooney, Morell; Rev. Alphonsus Rooney, Butte, Mont.; Rev. James Rooney, Tulsa, Okla.; Rev. Eugene Rooney, Rev. Patrick Rooney, Rev. Francis Rooney, Edmonton. The three daughters are: Mrs. Ambrose Doyle, Earncliffe; Sister Mary Louise (Eileen), New York; Sister St. Philip (Catherine), Mount St. Bernard, Antigonish, N. S.

## In Memoriam

### MR. PHILIP ROONEY

The funeral of Mr. Philip Rooney 84, who passed away at his home in Cherry Valley on Friday, Dec. 23rd was held yesterday morning to St. Joachim's Church, Vernon River where Solemn High Mass of Requiem was celebrated by Rev. Joseph Rooney, assisted by Rev. Eugene Rooney, Deacon and Rev. Patrick Rooney, Sub Deacon all sons of the deceased. Master of Ceremonies, Rev. Phalen McKenna.

His Excellency Bishop O'Sullivan occupied the Throne and was assisted by two other sons of the deceased. Rev. Alphonsus Rooney and Rev. James Rooney.

The choir was assisted by Rev. M. J. Rooney; another son and Rev. Wm. McCabe.

Final absolution was given by His Excellency Bishop O'Sullivan who also delivered a short sermon from the text, "By their fruits you shall know them."

After extending sympathy to the members of the family His Excellency referred to the exemplary life of the deceased, his contribution to the public life of the community and welfare of the church, giving to the latter five sons, Priests and two daughters, Nuns.

Seated in the Sanctuary were: Right Rev. Monsignor Maurice McDonald, Pastor of Joachim's Church; Rev. D. P. Croken, St. Teresa's; Rev. C. J. McCarthy, Iona; Rev. P. McMahon; Rev. F. McQuaid and Rev. R. V. McKenzie, St. Dunstan's University and Rev. B. J. McDonald, Grand River.

Six nephews acted as pall bearers: John and Frank Rooney, Peter and Michael McKenna, Philip Shea and Joachim Sullivan.

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Charlottetown Guardian, 28 Dec. 1938, p. 7.  
Accessed on IslandNewspapers.ca

# Cemetery Records



Find a Grave



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Burial records

Tip

Gravestones often indicate  
the person was a member  
of the clergy



Find a Grave – Memorial #188315682. Photo by Billie Campbell

## Gravestone

# Step #2

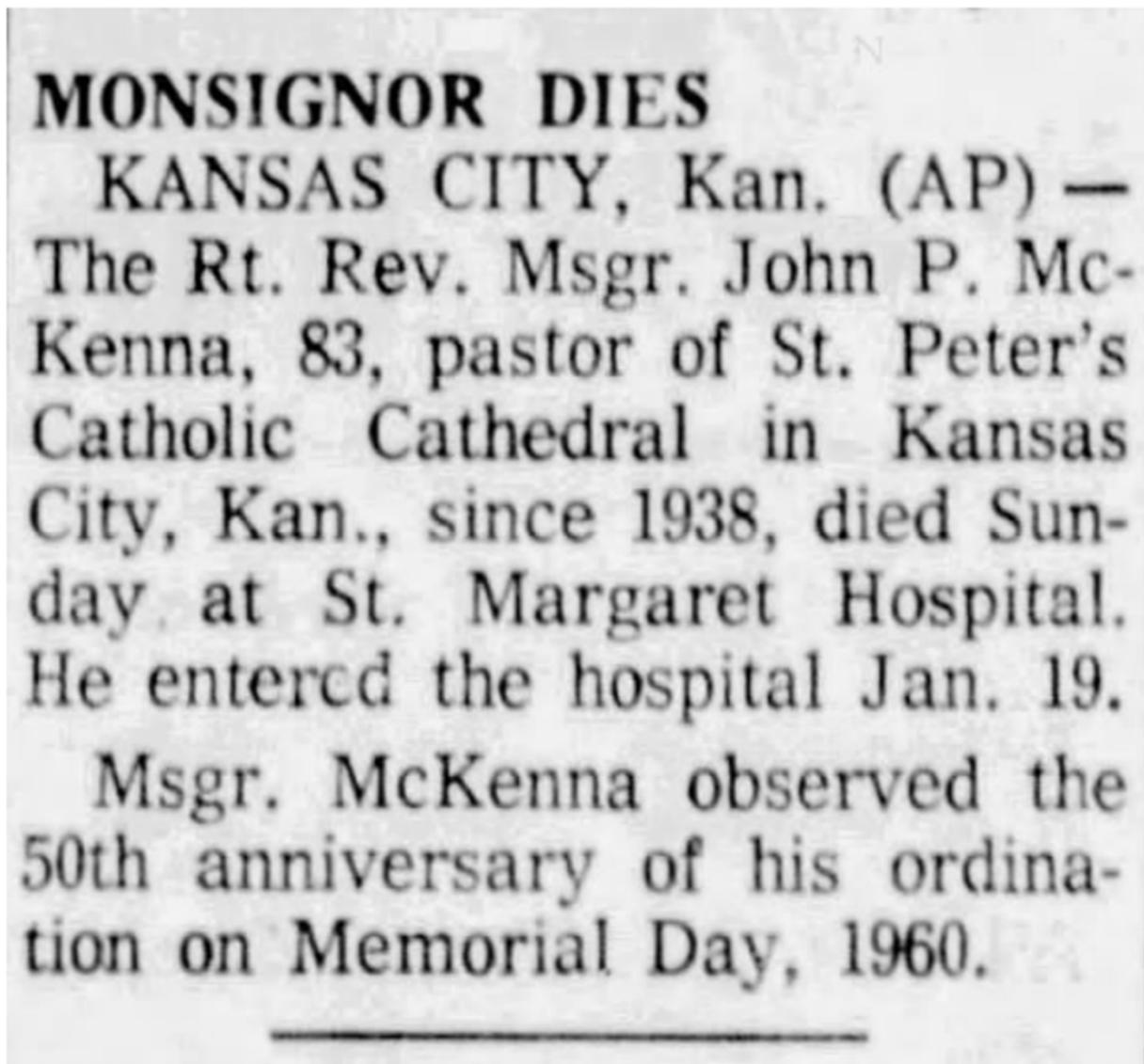
## Identify the Parish Church

# Published Resources

- Newspapers
- City Directories
- Town and county history books
  - Many are digitized and available on websites like [archive.org](http://archive.org), [HathiTrust](http://HathiTrust), etc.
- Religious Directories

# Newspapers

- Obituaries
- Clergy transferred to another congregation
- Articles about an historical event at the house of worship (ex. Anniversary, fire, etc.)
- Advertisements for services



*The Parsons Sun*, 30 May 1966, Parsons, Kansas,  
p. 4. Newspapers.com

### 3 City Priests Transferred

# Catholic Clergy Shifts Are Effective June 10

New clerical assignments affecting three Binghamton assistant pastors and three former Binghamton priests, will become effective June 10, it was announced yesterday afternoon by the Most Rev. Walter A. Foery, bishop of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Syracuse.

The Rev. Leonard J. Fries, who has been assistant pastor of Binghamton's St. John the Evangelist



FR. FRIES

FR. PRUGAR

Church since 1945, will become assistant pastor of St. Patrick's Church, Binghamton.

He will succeed the Rev. William J. Kiefer, who has been assigned to the assistant pastorate at Sacred Heart Church, Utica. Father Kiefer has served the Binghamton church since 1948.

ST. JOHN'S ASSISTANT

## Bell Elected To Electric Institute Post

Joseph M. Bell, Jr., of Binghamton today was elected to a three-year term on the board of directors of Edison Electric Institute, national trade organization of the electric power industry.

Mr. Bell, who lives at 22 Stratford Place, has been president of New York State Electric & Gas Corp. since 1949.

New officers of the institute were chosen at Atlantic City where some 3,000 electric power men are attending the organization's an-



MR. BELL

*Press and Sun-Bulletin*, 4 June 1953, Binghamton, New York, p. 19, Newspapers.com

# City Directories

- In addition to listing residents, include lists categorized businesses
- These also include a list of churches and other houses of worship
  - Address
  - Service Hours
  - **Name of clergy**

## U.S., City Directories, 1822-1995

Rhode Island > Providence > 1900 > Providence, Rhode Island, City Directory, 1900

African Union M. E. Church, Kane, cor. Lopez, Rev. Dennis Johnson.  
 Allen Chapel, A street, Rev. I. S. Sands, 46 Waldo street.  
 Bethel, Meeting, near Thayer street, Rev. Solomon Hammond.  
 Second A. M. E. Zion, Lilac Street M. E. Church, 78 Lilac street, Rev. A. O. Waters.  
 Union A. M. E. Church, Levina street.  
 First A. M. E. Zion Church, Winter street, Rev. W. H. Coffey, D.D.



### Roman Catholic.

#### Cathedral Clergy.

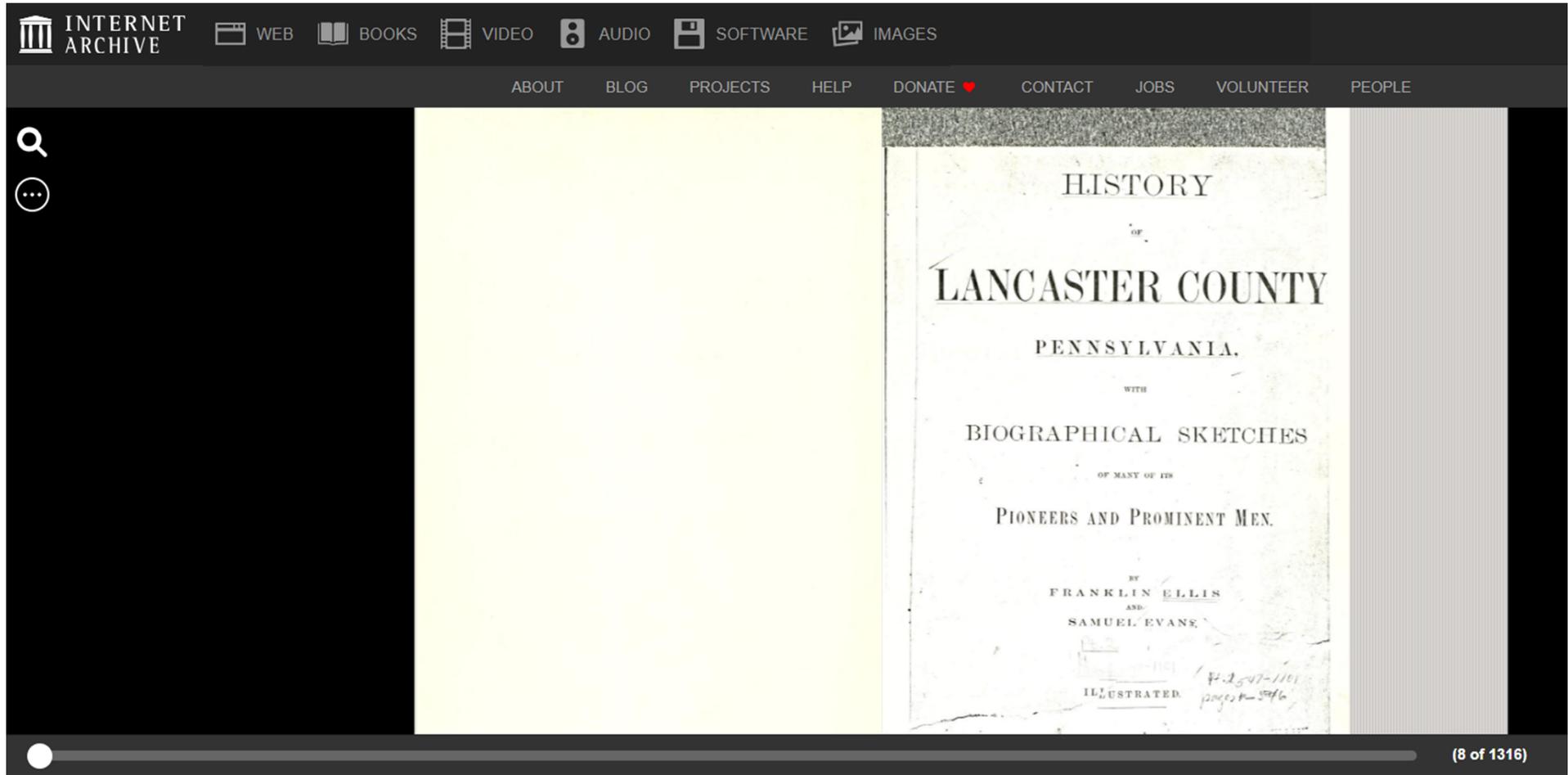
Rt. Rev. Bishop Matthew Harkins, D.D., D. M. Lowney, Chancellor; E. J. Raftery, J. Coffey, P. E. McGee, Fr. Craig.  
 Church of the Assumption, Potter avenue, near Cranston, Rev. P. L. Kelly, P. Malone.  
 Church of the Blessed Sacrament, Academy avenue, corner Regent avenue, William I. Simmons, Rev. Wm. Stang, D.D., Rev. D. M. Lowney, P. J. Sullivan.  
 Church of Immaculate Conception, West River, M. J. Fitzgerald, J. T. Ward, John Dunn, Rev. E. M. Raftery, Rev. J. M. Coffey, Rev. P. E. McGee.  
 Church of the Holy Ghost, Knight, near Atwells avenue, P. Novati, Rev. F. Craig, Rev. J. H. Lennon.  
 Church of the Holy Name, Jenkins, corner Knowles street, J. C. Walsh, Fr. Joseph Hughes.  
 Church Our Lady of the Holy Rosary (Portuguese), Wickenden street, Antonio Serpa.  
 St. John's Church, J. J. McCabe, E. J. Colgan, J. J. Scheuren.  
 St. Patrick's Church, State, near Smith street, Thomas Briscoe, J. W. Baggott, assistant.  
 St. Mary's Church, Broadway, cor. Barton, Thomas P. Grace, George Brown, John F. Sullivan, J. W. Conlin.  
 St. Joseph's Church, Hope, cor. Arnold, V. Rev. T. F. Doran, A. Dowling, T. J. McGee.  
 St. Charles French Church, Harrison, opp. Lester street, Edward E. Norbert, A. Carriere.  
 St. Edward's, Geneva and Branch avenue, William Pyne, G. H. McKenna.  
 St. Michael's Church, Prairie avenue, Joseph F. McDonough, M. V. McDonough, T. Kennedy.  
 St. Teresa, Manton avonue, Rev. C. F. Clarke, Rev. Jos. Powers, Rev. Peter Blessing, D.D.  
 St. Thomas, Fruit Hill avenue, Thomas F. Carroll.  
 St. Ann (Italian), Charles street, Rev. G. M. Priolo.

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# Town and County Histories

- Majority written late 19th century or early 20th century
- Oldest citizens of the town or county are usually interviewed
- Include notable citizens ("mug books") as well as a brief history on the founding of churches and schools



[www.archive.org](http://www.archive.org)

erecting a fine parsonage. In 1874, Rev. J. H. Pannebecker, the present incumbent, became pastor. During his pastorate the congregation prospered greatly. The membership rose from sixty to one hundred and forty, the church was renovated and beautified, and the congregation may once more be ranked among the leading ecclesiastical organizations in the community.

**St. Peter's Roman Catholic Church.**<sup>1</sup>—Among the first Catholics who settled near Elizabethtown of whom we have certain knowledge were Henry Eckenroth and family, Conrad and Andrew Gross, George Witman, Peter and Anthony Youtz, John Kauffman, and others, who came here in or about the year 1752. Almost contemporaneous with these were the Eckels (now called Eagles), Allwines, Wades, Myers, Mastersons, Ovendorfs, Wilsons, and others. The first regular divine services were held in the house of Mr. Henry Eckenroth, and as most of the people were Germans, so the priests who at that time attended this mission were German missionaries, whose headquarters were with the Jesuit Fathers at Conewago, a station near Hanover, York Co., Pa. In or about the year 1768 a log church was erected near the present site of St. Peter's, and named St. Mary's of the Assumption. This building was in use until the year 1790, when the present church was erected for divine

by the lamented Father John McCosker, who at the opening of the late Rebellion entered the army as chaplain, and after the war the good and patriotic Father John lingered a short time in the hospital at Philadelphia, where he died in 1865. At this time the principal members of the congregation consisted of Messrs. James Ferry, Henry Shitz, Joseph Strauss, J. Lynch, J. Halbleib, Henry Boll, Andrew Wade, Anthony Herkenroether, H. A. Wade, Daniel O'Donnell, John and Francis Eagle, James Boyle, Edward Sweeny, Paul Witman, Conrad Shaffer, S. Ulrick, and others, all well-known families of Elizabethtown and vicinity at the present time. The priest who succeeded Father McCosker was the Rev. Hugh Magorien, who died and was buried here in 1864. Father John J. McIlvaine then took charge, who in turn was followed by the Rev. Charles McMonigle, under whose pastorate an important addition was made to the parsonage. Father Neal McMenamin followed in the year 1877, and to his zeal and energy is especially due the opening of a way leading from the main street to the church, called St. Peter's Avenue, an improvement useful as it is beautiful.

Father McMenamin was succeeded in the year 1879 by the present pastor, Rev. J. C. Foin, who has been very successful in making many new and necessary improvements in and about the church. During

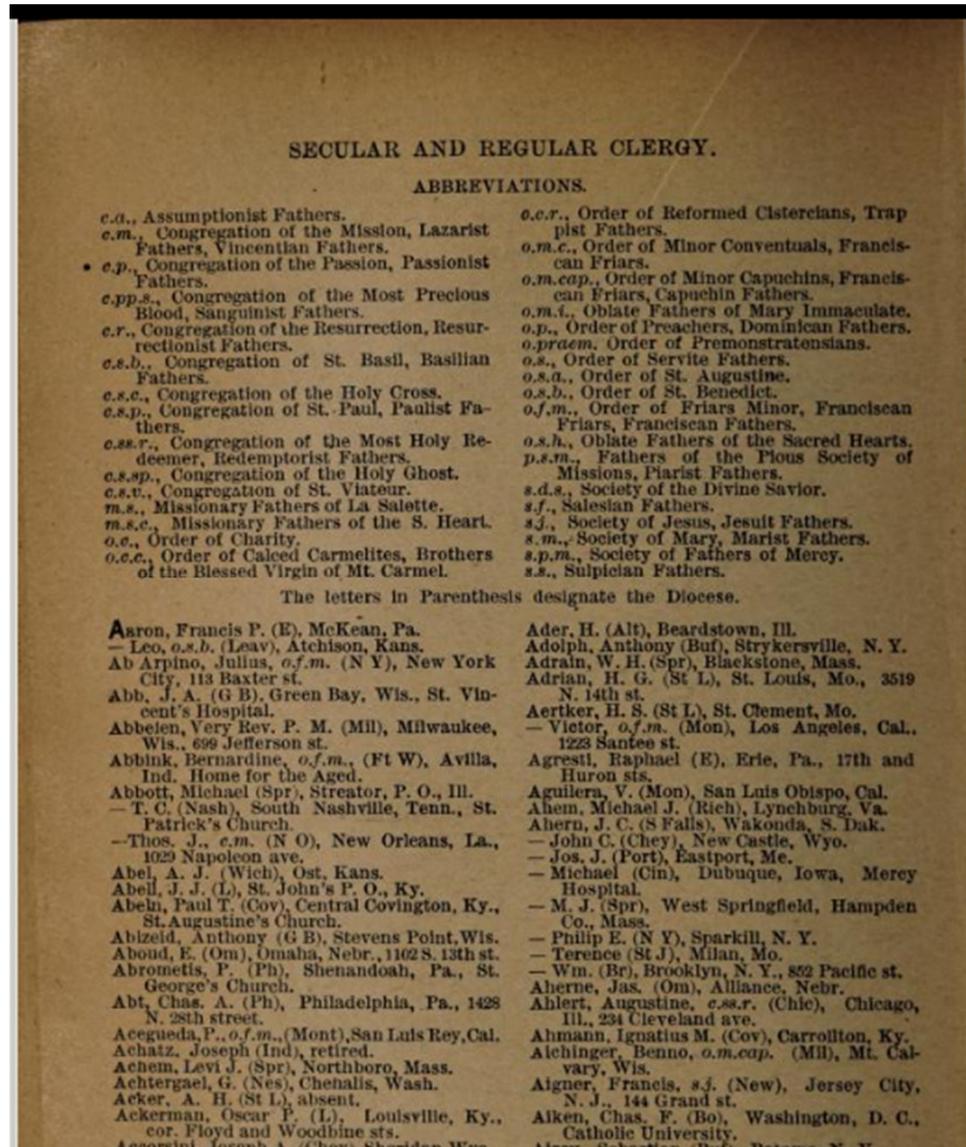
History of Lancaster County,  
Pennsylvania via Archive.org

# Religious Directories

- Lists organized by diocese that include all living clergy
- Directories may be published annually or every few years
- Great resource to track clergy in between parishes, when retired, etc.
- Can be found in resources such as [Archive.org](https://www.archive.org), [FamilySearch](https://www.familysearch.org), [Ancestry.com](https://www.ancestry.com), local historical societies, archdiocese archives, etc.

The screenshot shows the Internet Archive website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the Internet Archive logo and menu items: WEB, BOOKS, VIDEO, AUDIO, SOFTWARE, IMAGES, SIGN UP | LOG IN, and UPLOAD. Below this is a secondary navigation bar with: ABOUT, CONTACT, BLOG, PROJECTS, HELP, DONATE, JOBS, VOLUNTEER, and PEOPLE. The main content area displays a digital scan of a book's title page. The page is aged and yellowed. The text on the page reads: "OFFICIAL DIRECTORY. HOFFMANNS Catholic Directory, Almanac AND CLERGY LIST—QUARTERLY, FOR THE YEAR OF OUR LORD 1899. Containing Complete Reports of all Dioceses in the UNITED STATES, CANADA AND NEWFOUNDLAND, GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND, and the Hierarchies and Statistics of the UNITED STATES OF MEXICO, CENTRAL AMERICA, WEST INDIES, SOUTH AMERICA, OCEANIA, AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN MONARCHY, GERMAN EMPIRE AND SWITZERLAND. PUBLISHED BY M. H. WILTZIUS & CO. MILWAUKEE, WIS. Vol. XIV. No. 1. Copyright 1899 by M. H. WILTZIUS & Co." A video player interface is visible at the bottom of the scan, showing a progress bar at 7/1270 and navigation controls.

[www.Archive.org](http://www.Archive.org)



## Hoffmann's Catholic Directory - 1886

# Step #3

## Contact the Church and Religious Archives

# Holy Orders/Ordinations

- Priests' records located in the archdiocese where they were ordained or in the church they served
- For specific orders of priests and nuns, records kept in provincial or national houses of the order

# Manuscripts

- Diocese account books
- Memories about clergy
- Clergy's personal and family papers
- Correspondence
- Newspaper clippings
- Diaries
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In addition to the province collections, the archives houses the records of the governing body of the Society of Jesus in the US, the Jesuit Conference of Canada and the United States.

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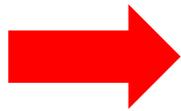
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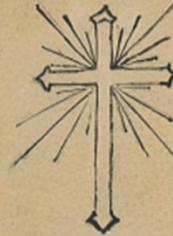
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ACT OF PROFESSION

In the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and under the protection of His Immaculate Mother, Mary ever Virgin, I, Eileen Veronica Rooney, called in religion Sister Mary Louis, do vow and promise to God, Poverty, Chasity and Obedience and the Service of the Poor, Sick and Ignorant and to persevere until death in this Institute of Our Lady of Mercy, according to its approved Rule and Constitution; in the presence of you, Rev. Alphonsus Rooney, representative of the Right Reverend Bishop Joseph H. Conroy and of you, Eliza Craven, called in religion Sister Mary Patricia, representative of the Mother Provincial, Mother Mary Matthew Doyle

This third day of September in the year of Our Lord One thousand nine hundred and thirty-one.

*Eileen Veronica Rooney*  
In religion *Sister Mary Louis*  
*Sister Mary Patricia Craven*  
*Rev. Alphonsus Rooney*  
*Delegatus*

Act of Profession, Deceased Sisters Box 25, Sr. Sister Eileen Rooney, Sisters of Mercy of the Americas Archives

*Lake Placid News*

## **Sister Eileen Rooney, 89**

*week of 7-28 - 8-3  
1995*

Sister Eileen Rooney, RSM, 89, died Saturday, July 22, 1995 at the Uihlein Mercy Center in Lake Placid.

She had been a resident of St. Margaret's Convent since 1979 and had entered the center in 1993. Sister was born in Cherry Valley, Prince Edward Island on Aug. 1, 1905, the daughter of Philip and Ellen (McKenna) Rooney. She entered the Sisters of Mercy in 1925 and would have celebrated her 70th jubilee year in August of 1995.

She was known as Sister Mary

Louis when she taught or was principal at the following schools: St. Bernard's in Saranac Lake; Immaculate Conception in Keeseville; St. Patrick's in Rouses Point; St. John's Academy in Plattsburgh, and St. Patrick's in Brasher Falls. After entering St. Margaret's Convent, Sister did resident services at the Uihlein Mercy Center.

Survivors include one sister, Sister Catherine Rooney of the Congregation of Notre Dame, Sydney Mines, Nova Scotia, and a sister-in-law, Dorothy Rooney of

Prince Edward Island. She is also survived by several nieces and nephews.

Six brothers, five of whom were priests, and a sister died earlier.

Calling hours were held July 24 at Saint Margaret's Convent Library in the Uihlein Mercy Center. A funeral Mass was held Tuesday, July 25 at the Uihlein Mercy Center Chapel. Burial will be in St. Alphonsus Cemetery in Tupper Lake.

The Clark Funeral Home in Lake Placid is in charge of arrangements.

*Lake Placid News*, New York, 1995, Sr. Eileen Rooney,  
Sisters of Mercy of the Americas Archives



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## Alabama

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Mobile, AL 36602  
<https://mobarch.org/>

### Archbishop Thomas J. Rodi

Archbishop of Mobile

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### Diocese of Birmingham

2121 3rd Avenue North  
P.O. Box 12047  
Birmingham, AL 35202-2047  
<http://www.bhmdiocese.org/>

### Bishop Steven J. Raica

Bishop of Birmingham

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Bishop Emeritus of Birmingham

[www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org)

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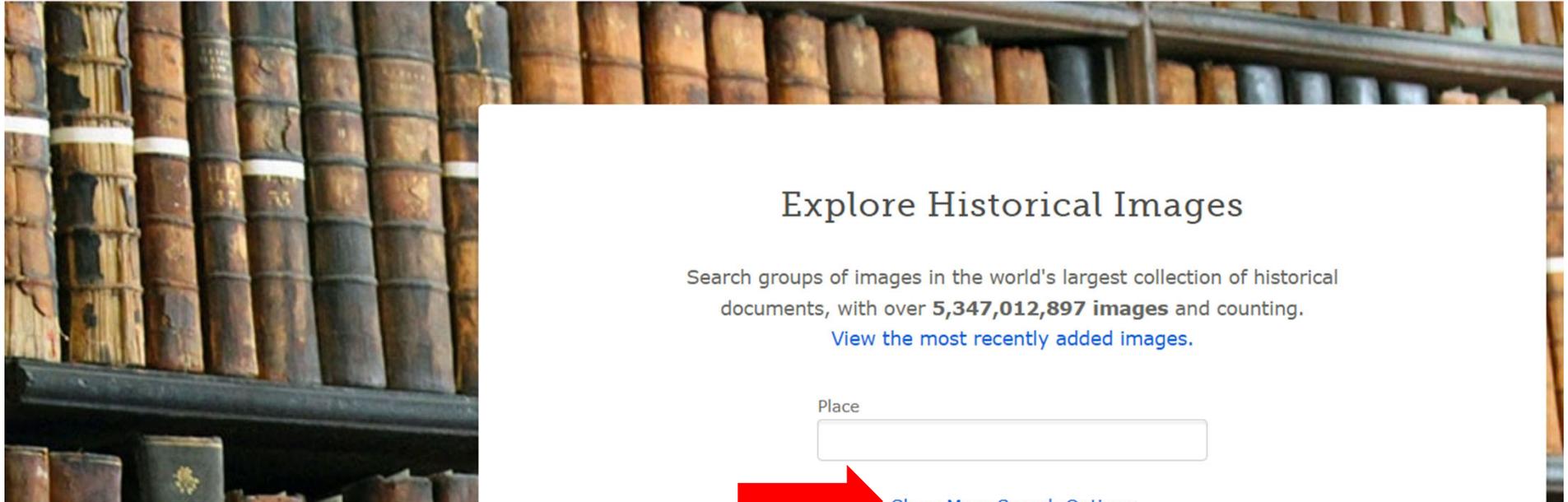
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### Patricia O'Connell Papers 1884-1991

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**Creator** O'Connell, Patricia, 1920-1996  
**Title** Patricia O'Connell Papers  
**Dates** 1884-1991 (inclusive)  
**Quantity** 3.8 linear feet  
**Collection Number** Mss 613  
**Summary** This collection includes researcher Patricia O'Connell's notes and documents related to the arrival of Ursuline nuns, especially Mother Amadeus, in Montana in 1884 and their work at missions on the Indian reservations.  
**Repository** [University of Montana, Mansfield Library, Archives and Special Collections](#)  
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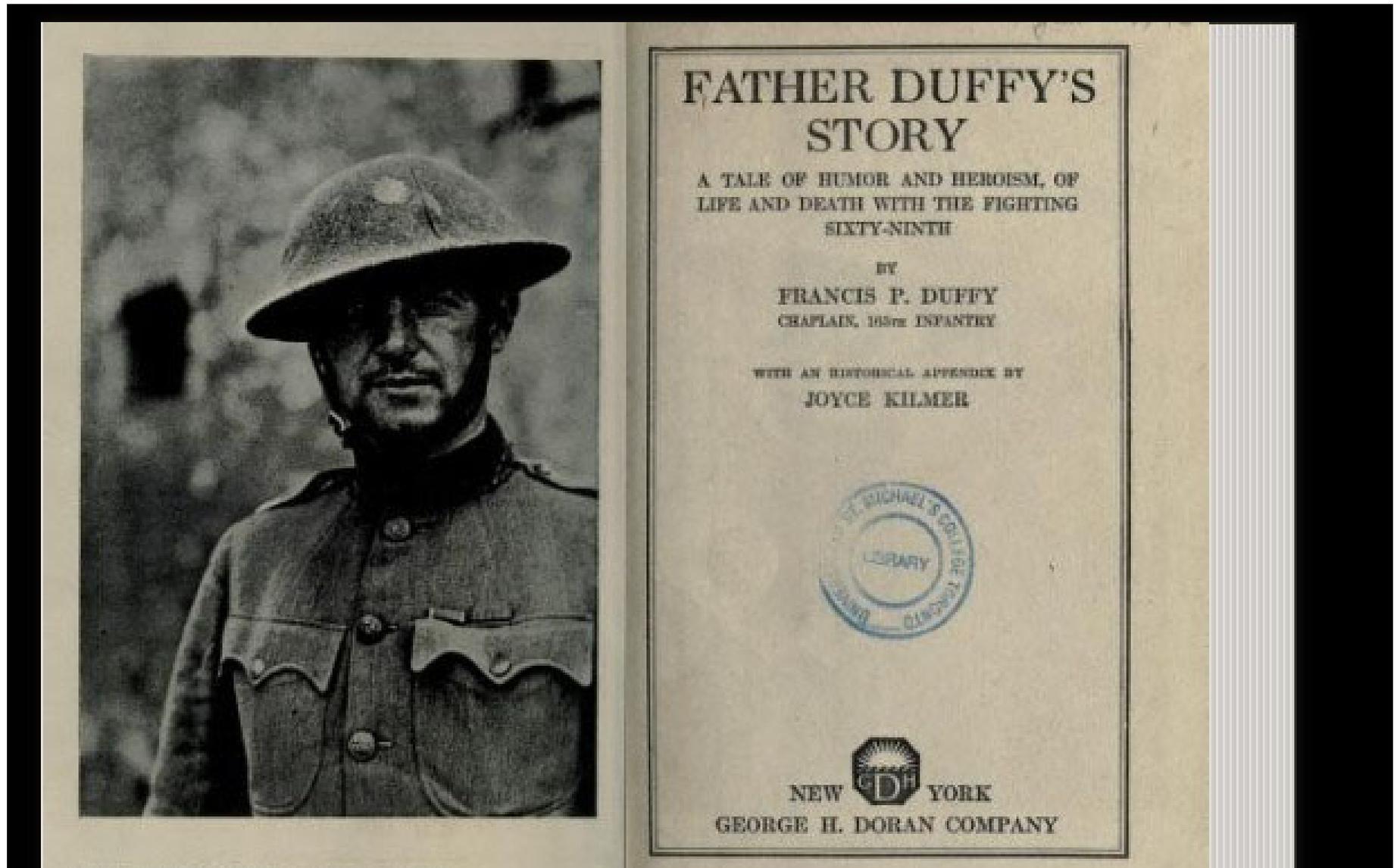
This series contains materials relating to the background of the Ursuline nuns in the United States, the arrival of the Ursuline nuns in Montana beginning in 1884, prominent Ursuline nuns including Mother Amadeus and Mother Angela, specific research on Mother Amadeus's secular family, the Dunnes, and the Ursuline missions mostly located on Montana's Indian reservations.

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1/2	Notes including questions to ask Mother Amato	undated
1/3	Timeline of Ursuline nuns in Montana	undated
1/4	Article titled "Departing Ursulines," Toledo Blade	1884
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1/7	Research correspondence about Mother Amadeus	1959
1/8	Research correspondence about Mother Amadeus Dunne and the Ursuline order in Montana	1960
1/9	Correspondence regarding the writing of the Mother Amadeus story	1958-1964
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1/11	Mother Angela, the former Florence Lincoln, photographs	undated
1/12	Research correspondence regarding Ursuline nuns	1957-1958

## Finding Aid Example

# Military Records

- Clergy could serve as chaplains during war.
- Responsibilities include:
  - Holding religious services
  - Administering sacraments (baptisms and marriages)
  - Comforting the sick and wounded
  - Administering last rites to the dying
  - Assist with burying the dead
- Some wrote diaries or regimental histories during their time at war



*Father Duffy's Story* via [Archive.org](https://archive.org)

Company F, Bernard Corcoran got a bullet across both his eyeballs which will render him blind for life. John Fitzgibbon, Michael Douglas, Frank Dunn, Charles Dougherty, William Garry, Leo Hanifin, Owen Carney, George D. Lannon, Frank Kelly, Gottfried Kern, Edward Chabot, James McCormack, John McAuliffe, Daniel McGrath, Peter McGuinness, William McQuade, John P. Mahon, Herbert Doyle, Peter Malloy, shot through the lung, William Mulligan, Charles O'Leary and William Moran, Sergeant Pat Wynne, John Smith, Peter Rogers, Frank Sweeney and William Walsh are on the honor roll.

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# Case Study



# Rev. Joseph Rooney

- Born March 5, 1887 in Iona, Prince Edward Island (PEI), Canada to Philip Rooney and Ellen Josephine McKenna
- Died January 7, 1942 in Montague, PEI

# Research Questions

- Where did Joseph attend seminary school?
- What parish did Rev. Joseph Rooney belong to?
- What stories can I learn about him?
- Are there any photographs of him?

## Death early Today of Rev. Joseph Rooney

The death of Rev. Joseph Rooney, Cardigan, which occurred in the King's County Hospital, Montague, shortly before 3 o'clock this morning will be learned with regret by his many friends throughout the Province. He had been ill several days following an operation last week.

Born at Iona 54 years ago, he was the son of Mrs. Philip Rooney and the late Mr. Rooney. At the age of 16, he moved with his parents to Cherry Valley and attended the district school before entering St. Dunstan's University. He graduated from the latter in 1912 and continued his education at Quebec Seminary for the next four years.

Ordained to the Holy Priesthood at Vernon River in 1916, the late Father Rooney has been a priest for a quarter of a century. For about two years following his ordination, he was attached to the teaching staff at St. Dunstan's University. In the spring of 1918 he went overseas as chaplain in the Canadian Army and served in France for over a year.

Returning to the province after the war, he again taught at St. Dunstan's University and in 1921 was appointed parish priest at Morell. For almost 20 years he had laboured among his parishioners there until about a year ago when he was transferred to Cardigan.

He leaves to survive: his mother, Mrs. Philip Rooney, Cherry Valley; eight brothers, Rev. Alphonsus, Butte, Montana; Rev. James, Tulsa, Oklahoma; Rev. Eugene, Westlock, Alberta; Rev. Patrick L. Clondonald, Alberta; Philip, Mountreal; Dennis, Cherry Valley; William, Vernon River; Frank, Alberta; three sisters, Sister Mary Louise, St. Patrick's Convent, New York; Sister St. Philip, Mount St. Bernard's, Antigonish; Mrs. Ambrose Doyle, Earncliffe.

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## Rev. Rooney Obituary (Close-up)

Many friends here and in this vicinity will learn with regret that Rev. Joseph Rooney, for many years parish priest at Morell, has been transferred to Cardigan. Fr. Rooney has scores of friends here being a great horse lover. He attended all the races and at present is the proud owner of Nancy Budlong, considered the fastest filly ever to come to the Island. Fr. Rooney will be sorely missed by all who had the pleasure of knowing him in his years here and as a chaplain in the last Great War in France. Fr. Rooney will be replaced here by Rev. Phalen McKenna, at present reported stationed at Summerfield. This column extends best wishes to Father Rooney, in his new home.

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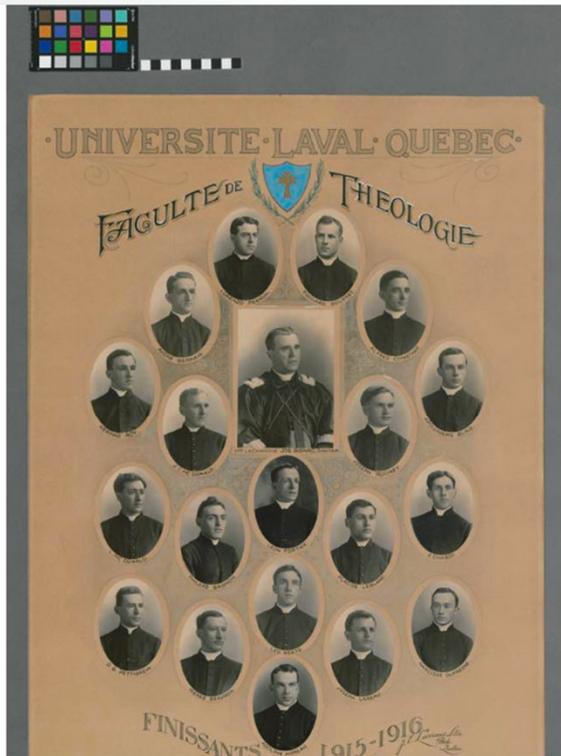


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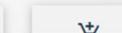
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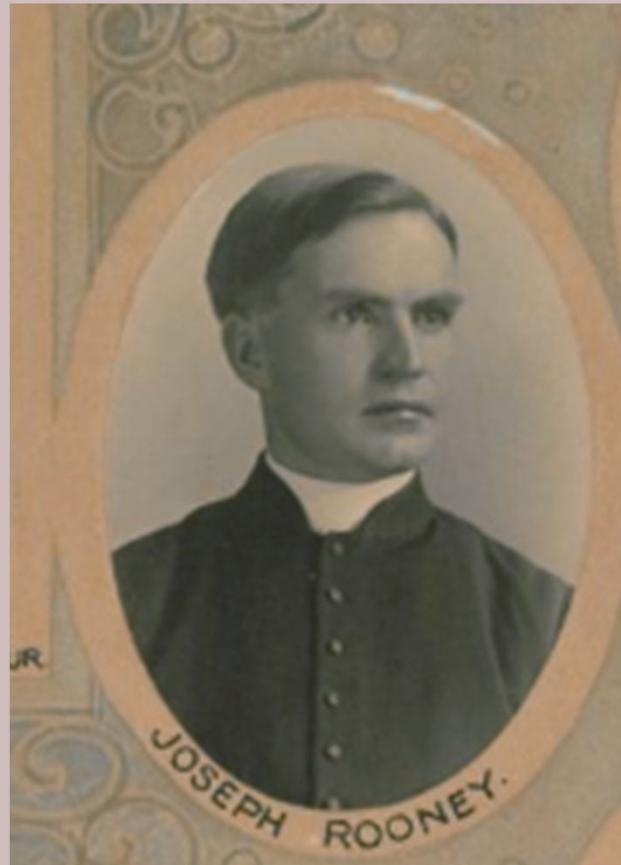


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QUESTION TO BE ANSWERED BY OFFICER.  
 (ANSWERS.)

- (a) What is your Surname? Rooney  
 (b) What are your Christian Names? Joseph
- (a) Where were you born? (State place and country) London, E. Ireland  
 (b) What is your present address? St. Dunstan's Community, Ch. Moore
- What is the date of your birth? March 5, 1887
- What is (a) the name of your next-of-kin? Philip Rooney  
 (b) the address of your next-of-kin? Looney Valley, P.E.I.  
 (c) the relationship of your next-of-kin? father
- What is your profession or occupation? Blagymann.
- What is your religion? Catholic
- Are you willing to be vaccinated or re-vaccinated and inoculated? Yes
- To what Unit of the Active Militia do you belong? C. F.
- State particulars of any former Military Service? \_\_\_\_\_
- Are you willing to serve in the  
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Joseph Rooney (Signature of Officer)

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6. What is your religion? Catholic
7. Are you willing to be vaccinated or re-vaccinated and inoculated? yes
8. To what Unit of the Active Militia do you belong? C.F.
9. State particulars of any former Military Service? —
10. Are you willing to serve in the  
Overseas Military Forces of Canada, yes

The undersigned hereby declares that the above answers made by him to the above questions are true.

Joseph Rooney (Signature of Officer)

Taken on Strength (Place) London (Eng)

(Date) June 22 1918 July 25th 1918

Thomas D. Cole (Signature of Commanding Officer)  
FOR COLONEL  
MAIN SERVICE

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**CERTIFICATE OF MEDICAL EXAMINATION.**

I have examined the above-named Officer in accordance with the Regulations for Army Medical Services.

I consider him fit for the Overseas Military Forces of Canada,

Date June 17 1918

Place Charlottetown P.E.I.

\* Insert here "Fit" or "Unfit"

J.A. Mather Capt  
Medical Officer

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Surname **ROONEY** Christian Names *Joseph*  
 Rank **Hon. Capt.** Name and Address of Next-of-Kin  
 Promotion **17.6.18** *Phillip Rooney (father)*  
 Unit **Chap. Servs.** *Cherry Valley, P.E.I.*  
 Place of birth  
 Married (Yes or No)  
 Appointments  
 Date of leaving Canada **25.6.18 (R.L. 28-15 5/81)** Date and Cause of Resignation

**H** **M**

Report		Record of Promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, etc., during active service. The authority to be quoted in each case	Place	Date	REMARKS Taken from Official Documents
Date	From whom received				
<b>CHAPLAINS</b>					
<b>15.7.18</b>	<b>D.C.S.</b>	<b>T.O.S. on arr. from Canada.</b>		<b>25.6.18</b>	<b>C.O. 245 R.L. 28-15 5/94.</b>
<b>15.7.18</b>	<b>do.</b>	<b>Posted to Bramshott Area</b>		<b>12.7.18</b>	<b>C.O. 247.</b>
<i>29.7.18</i>	<i>do.</i>	<i>Posted from Bramshott to No 16 Gen. Hospital Exnington.</i>		<i>25.7.18</i>	<i>CO 272</i>
<i>21.10.18</i>	<i>do.</i>	<i>Posted to London Area for temporary duty 26.9.18 to 5.10.18 and to Willey Bramshott Area 9.10.18</i>			<i>CO 368 amended by CO 383 d/28.10.18</i>
<i>28.10.18</i>	<i>do.</i>	<i>S.O.S. Proceeded to Sea.</i>		<i>26.10.18</i>	<i>CO 377</i>
<i>8.11.18</i>	<i>C. Chap. Force</i>	<i>T.O.S. on attal on in WE to No 2 Gen. Hosp. Exnington.</i>		<i>31.10.18</i>	<i>PT 445</i>
<i>20.11.18</i>	<i>AMS</i>	<i>Adm. No 8 Red X Hosp. Boulogne.</i>		<i>19.11.18</i>	<i>PL 1147</i>
				<i>17.11.18</i>	<i>CH 1143 Influenza</i>
<i>3.2.19</i>	<i>C. Chap. Force</i>	<i>Adm. to be att. to No. 2 C.C.C. Serv. att. to No. 4 C.G.H.</i>		<i>11.12.18</i>	<i>PL 11.47</i>
<i>3.6.19</i>	<i>R Wing</i>	<i>T.O.S. pending RTC</i>		<i>1.6.19</i>	<i>PT 46</i>
<i>16.6.19</i>	<i>Chap. Force</i>	<i>Adm. to be att. as in WE to 7 Gen. Hosp.</i>			
		<i>Hospital with effect</i>		<i>31.5.19</i>	<i>PT 33</i>
<i>16.6.19</i>		<i>So. Establishment forwarded to England &amp; posted to Gen. Dept.</i>		<i>31.5.19</i>	<i>PT 33</i>

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# World War I War Diaries

- World War I war diaries were digitized by the Library and Archives of Canada
  - Finding Aid Number "9-52"
  - War diaries are organized by the regiment #
    - Use the Canadian Expeditionary Force (CEF) files to research the regiment number


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### Introduction: What are war diaries?

From the start of the First World War, Canadian Expeditionary Force (CEF) units were required to maintain a daily account of their "Actions in the Field." This log was called a war diary. This collection contains the digitized war diaries of CEF infantry, artillery and cavalry units, brigade, division and corps commands and support units such as railway and forestry troops. It also includes the war diaries of several [British units](#) that served under Canadian command. For other British units, visit the website of [The National Archives](#).

This collection does not include documents relating to the Royal Canadian Navy or Canadians in flying corps, except for two pages from June 1916 for the Royal Flying Corps. In addition, units were only required to record their "Actions in the Field." Therefore, you will find very few war diaries for periods during which units mustered in Canada, shipped to

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# Recap on Research

- **Q1:** Where did Joseph attend seminary school?
  - **A1:** Quebec Seminary
- **Q2:** What parish did Rev. Joseph Rooney belong to?
  - **A2:** Morell and Cardigan (PEI)
- **Q3:** What stories can I learn about him?
  - **A4:** Joseph served as a chaplain during WWI and was also the owner of a racehorse
- **Q4:** Are there any photographs of him?
  - **A4:** Yes, I found his university photo from St. Dunstan's and graduation photo from Quebec Seminary

# Review

1. Identifying where your clergy family member served will help you identify where to find records about their life
2. Contact religious archives to identify what collections exist for your clergy member
3. There is no consolidated place for records related to your clergy ancestor. Be creative and use a wide variety of records!



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