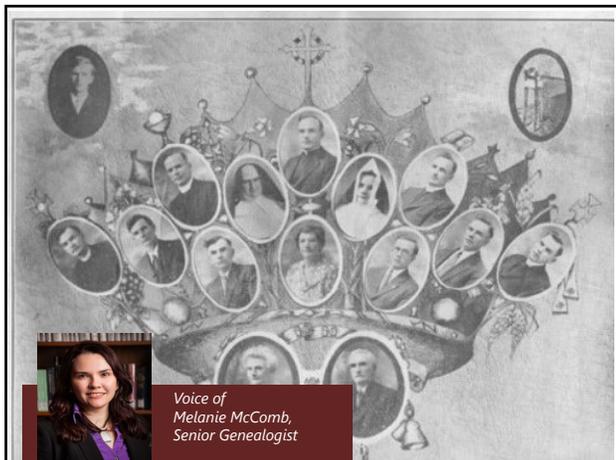


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Tip

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

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1920 U.S. Census, Ancestry.com

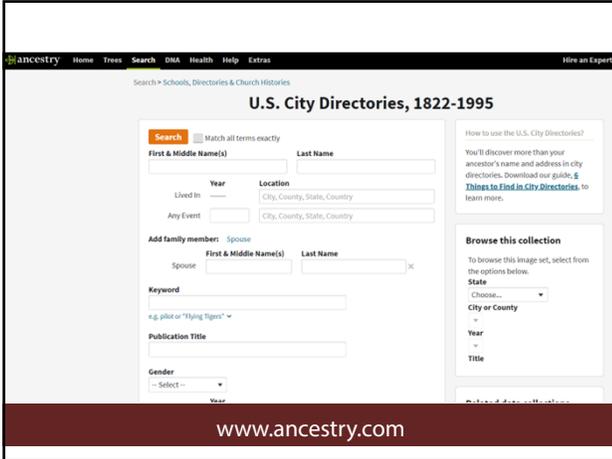
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City Directories

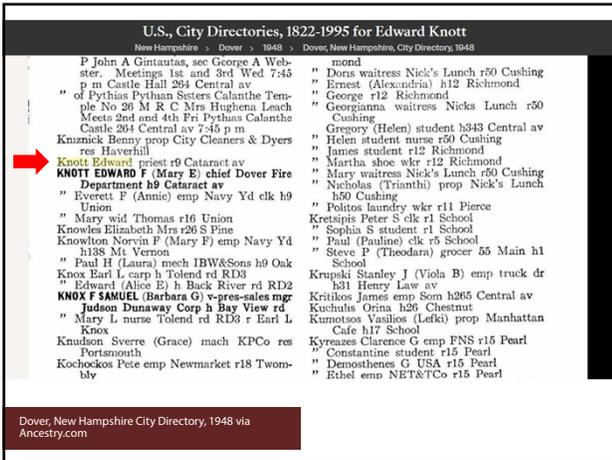
- Compiled list of adult residents organized by town or several towns
 - Details include name, address, occupation
- Directories provide a potential customer list to salesmen and other businesses

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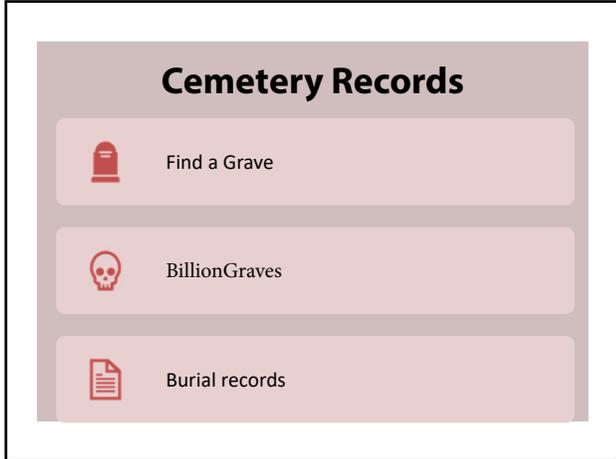


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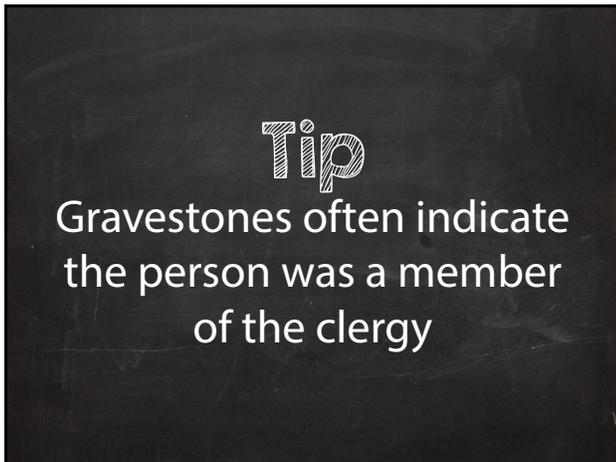
Newspaper Articles

- 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)

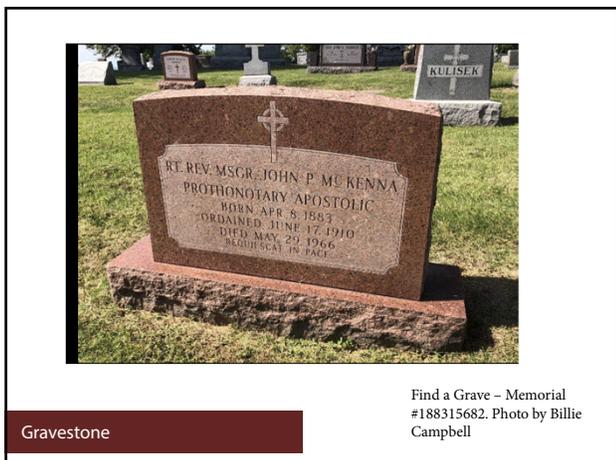
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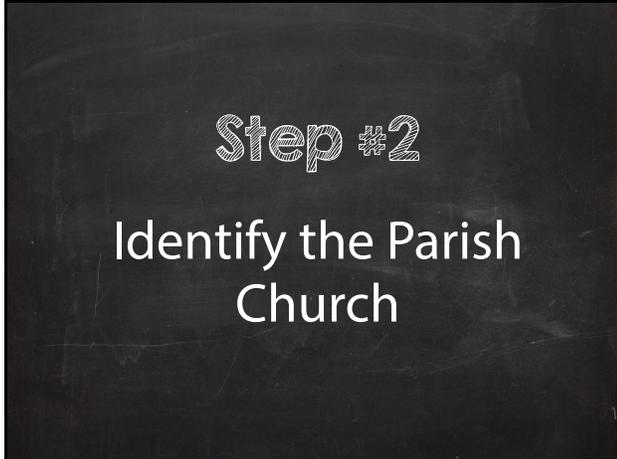
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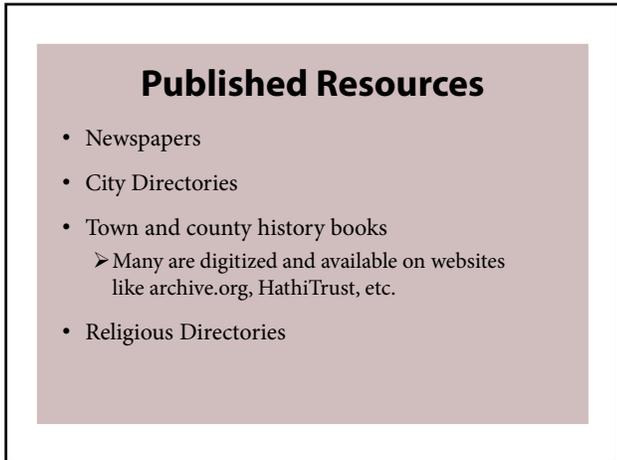
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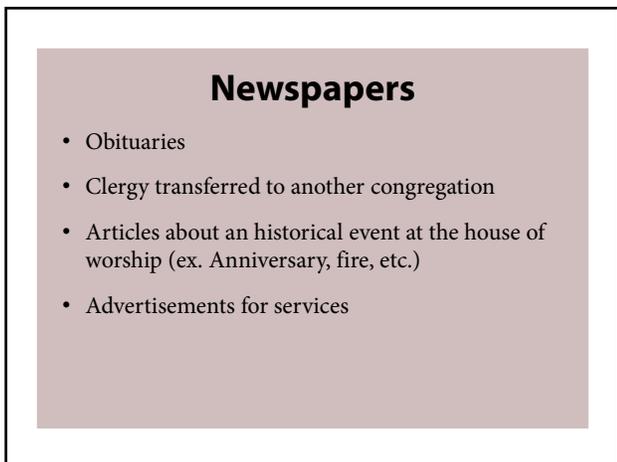
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MONSIGNOR DIES
 KANSAS CITY, Kan. (AP) — The Rt. Rev. Msgr. John P. McKenna, 83, pastor of St. Peter's Catholic Cathedral in Kansas City, Kan., since 1938, died Sunday at St. Margaret Hospital. He entered the hospital Jan. 19.

Msgr. McKenna observed the 50th anniversary of his ordination on Memorial Day, 1960.

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

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

Mr. Bell, who lives at 22 Stratford Place, has been president of the electric power industry since 1942.

Mr. Fries, who has been assistant pastor of St. Patrick's Church since 1945, will become assistant pastor of St. John's Church in Binghamton.

He will succeed the Rev. William J. Kiefer, who has been assistant pastor of St. John's since 1942.

Mr. Kiefer has served the power men attending the organization's annual convention since 1942.

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 the electric power industry since 1942.

New officers of the institute were announced at the annual convention in Atlantic City, where some 1,000 electric power men are attending the organization's annual convention.

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

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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

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Manuscripts

- Diocese account books
- Memories about clergy
- Clergy's personal and family papers
- Correspondence
- Newspaper clippings
- Diaries
- And more!

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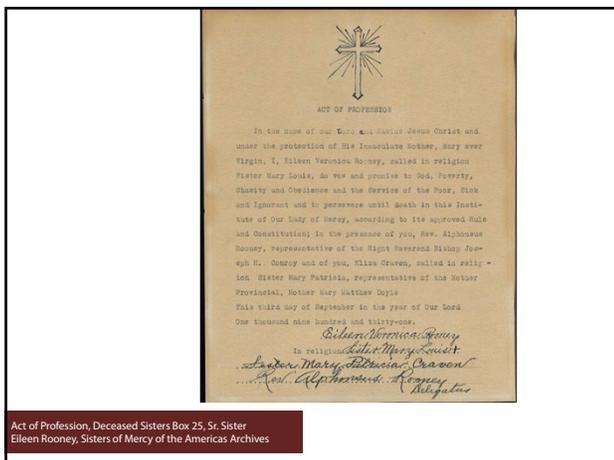
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Act of Profession, Deceased Sisters Box 25, Sr. Sister Eileen Rooney, Sisters of Mercy of the Americas Archives

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Lake Placid News **Sister Eileen Rooney, 89** *week of 7-28-83*

Sister Eileen Rooney, RSM, 89, died Saturday, July 23, 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, St. Eileen Rooney, Sisters of Mercy of the Americas Archives

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Parish Council/Committee Minutes

- Recorded the church's business including:
 - Staff changes, including clergy transfers
 - Repairs to the church
 - Issues within the congregation

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Archdiocese of Boston

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encourage you to contact us for a free research consultation so we may make further recommendations.

(Arch)bishops Papers

Description: Papers of the early bishops and archbishops of Boston largely contain correspondence and pastoral letters spanning the lifetime of each prelate. Beginning with Cardinal O'Connell, papers are more extensive and include photographs, memorabilia, speeches, sermons and administrative records. Please click on the collection title below to view the respective guide:

- Cardinal Jean "John" Cheverus (Bishop from 1810-1823)
- Bishop Benedict J. Fenwick (1825-1846)
- Bishop John B. Fitzpatrick (1846-1866)
- Archbishop John J. Williams (1866-1907)
- Cardinal William H. O'Connell (1907-1944)
- Cardinal Richard J. Cushing (1944-1970)
- Cardinal Humberto S. Medeiros (1970-1983) - No collection guide, please see archive staff for assistance.

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Step #4

Conduct Research

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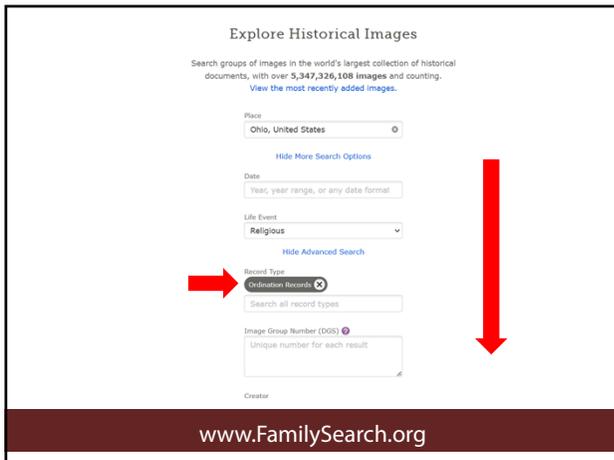
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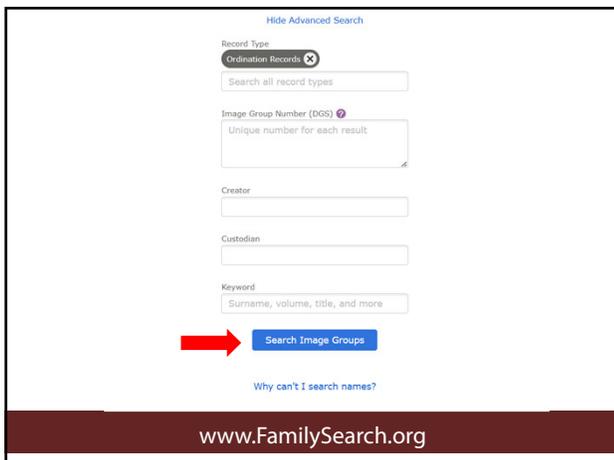
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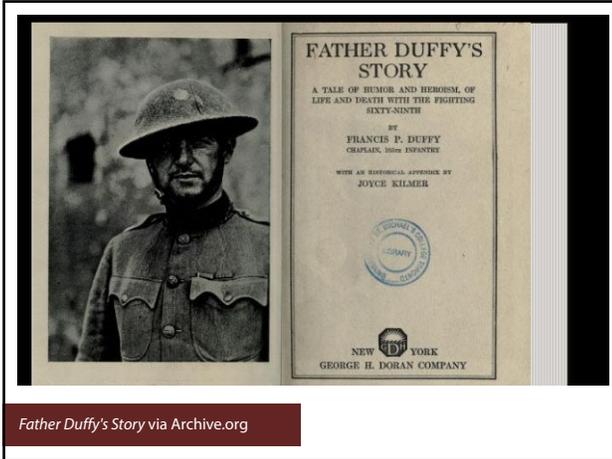
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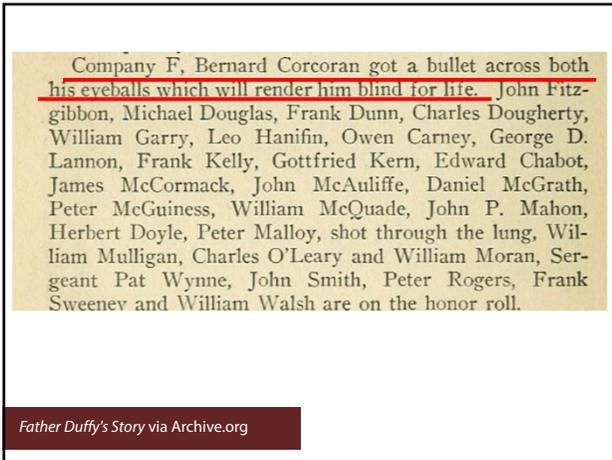


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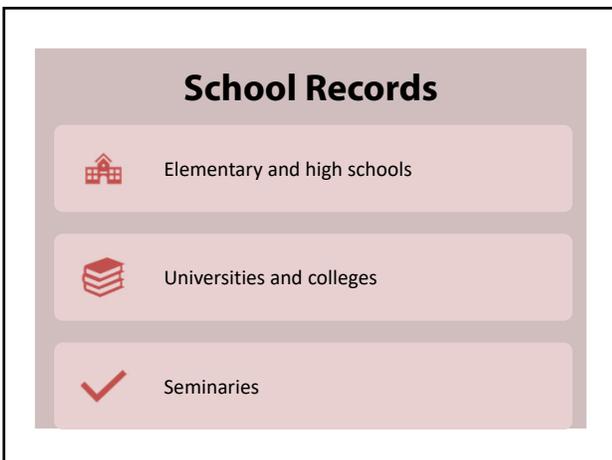
Father Duffy's Story via Archive.org

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Requesting a Transcript or School Record

Open schools in the Archdiocese of New York maintain their own records. To obtain a record from a school that is still open, contact the school directly. For a record from a school that has closed, fill out the Student Record Request Form and return it to the Archives with identification and fee.

All requests **must be sent via mail**. Requests can take up to three weeks to process.

The mailing address is:

Archives of the Archdiocese of New York
 201 Seminary Avenue
 Yonkers, NY 10704

NOTE: The Archives only has records for the following closed high schools. For information on the location of other school records, please contact the Archives directly.

- Blessed Sacrament High School, New Rochelle
- John A. Coleman Catholic High School, Ulster
- St. Gabriel High School, New Rochelle
- St. Louis Academy, Staten Island
- St. Nicholas of Tolentine High School, Bronx

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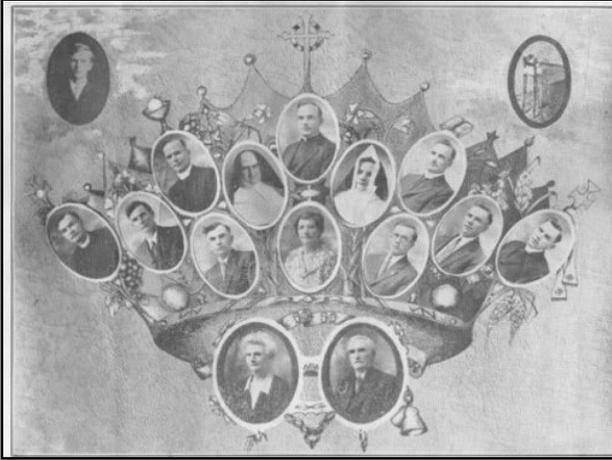
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Case Study

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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

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Research Questions

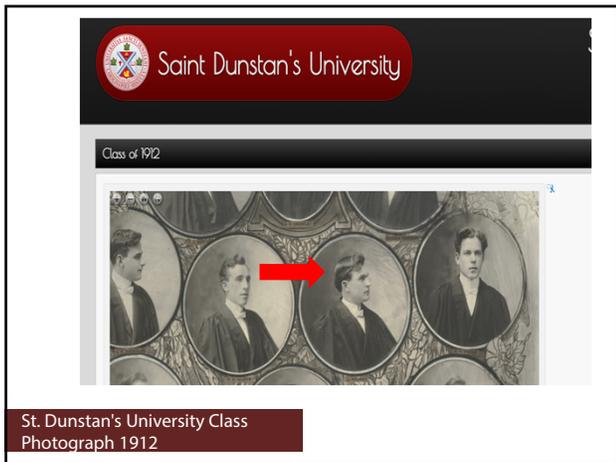
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- What parish did Rev. Joseph Rooney belong to?
- What stories can I learn about him?
- Are there any photographs of him?

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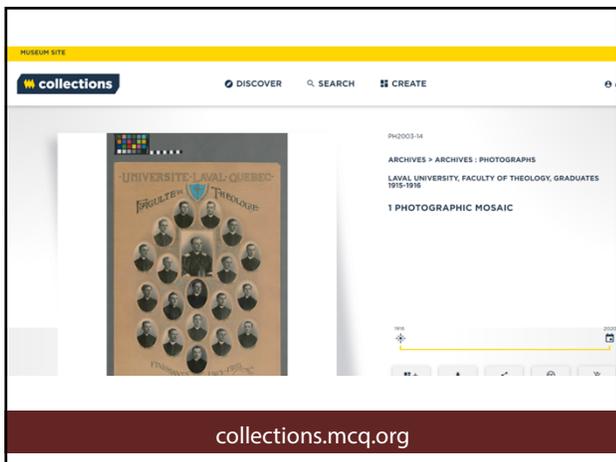
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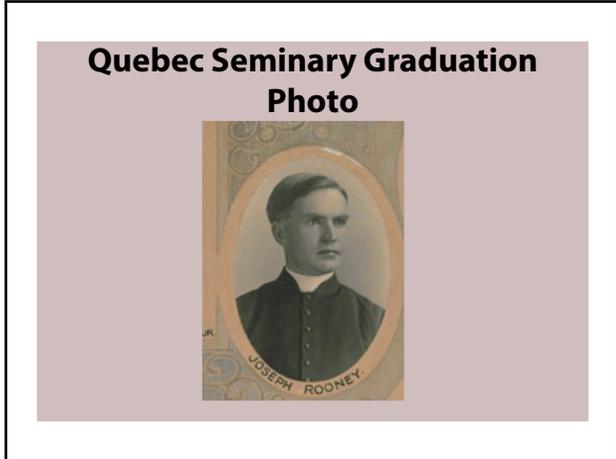
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Quebec Seminary Graduation Photo

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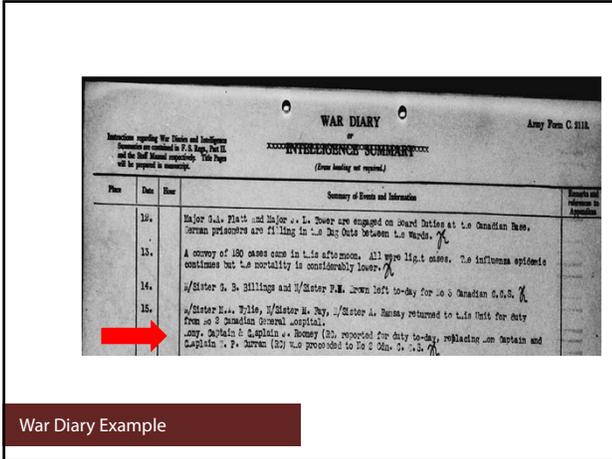


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War Diary Example

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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

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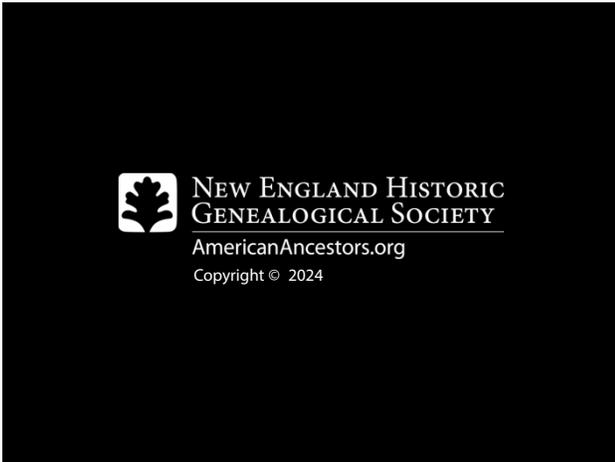
Review

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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