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New England Jesuit Archives Series Description



Record Group: **11.2, Records of Jamaica Mission / Region, Special Collections**

Series Name: **Rev. John Peter Sullivan, SJ and the Cooperatives and Credit Unions (SC200)**

Dates of Collection: **Inclusive: 1934-1995 , Bulk: 1945-1970**

Size of Collection: **8.5 linear feet: 17-5” boxes**

Historical Background:

John Peter Sullivan was born on June 30, 1904 in Charlestown, MA. He entered the Society of Jesus at Shadowbrook in Lenox, MA, in 1924, following his graduation from Boston College High School in Boston, MA. He completed his novitiate and juniorate at Shadowbrook between 1924 and 1928. He then attended Weston College in Weston, MA studying Philosophy from 1928 to 1931, and Theology from 1933-1937. The year between his Philosophy and Theology studies was spent teaching Latin and Greek at the College of the Holy Cross in Worcester, MA. During his Theology studies he was ordained to the priesthood by Bishop Thomas A. Emmet, SJ at Weston College on June 21, 1936. When he finished his Theology studies, he taught Latin and Greek at Shadowbrook for a year and then completed his Tertianship at St. Robert’s Hall in Pomfret, CT in 1939. At that time, he was assigned to the Jamaica Mission. While in Jamaica, he taught Mathematics at St. George’s College in Kingston. He then became the Director of the Cooperative and Credit Union Movement from 1940 to 1973. He was the first director of the Social Action Center in Kingston, Jamaica, serving from 1965-1970, and continuing as Assistant Director from 1970 to 1973. His work with the Social Action Center continued his involvement with cooperatives and credit unions. He returned to Massachusetts in 1973 because of health issues. He died at Glover Hospital in Needham, MA on February 26, 1975 at the age of 70. He had been a Jesuit for 50 years and a priest for 38 years. He is buried in the Jesuit Cemetery at Campion Center, the former Weston College, in Weston, MA.

Scope and Content:

The collection contains biographical material, diaries, correspondence, publications and a scrapbook. Much of the material is related to Cooperatives and the Credit Unions in Jamaica. The material dates from 1934 to 1995. The bulk of the material is from 1945 to 1970. John Peter Sullivan’s publications can also be found in the New England Province Authors Collection. There is a scrapbook and photographs in RG 12 Audiovisual.

Access / Restrictions: This collection is open to researchers.

See also:

- New England Province Authors Collection
- RG 11.1 Missions Offices, New England Jesuit Foreign Missions—Jamaica, Places/Works, Social Action Center
- RG 12 Audiovisual, Scrapbooks and
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Record Group 11.2.1 Jamaica (SC200) 1934-1971, 1995
Rev. John Peter Sullivan, SJ/Cooperative Credit Union 8.5 linear ft.: 17-5" boxes

Folder Title	Dates	Box	Folder
<i>Biographical Information:</i>			
"A Boston Jesuit's Third World Apostolate" by Rev. Francis J. Osborne, S.J., 11 typed pages	1989	1	1
"The Dream of John Peter Sullivan" by Rev. Francis J. Osborne, S.J. 19 typed pages	1991	1	2
Newspaper articles	1995	1	3
<i>Diaries:</i>			
Daily Diary	1944-49	1	4-7
Daily Diary	1950-52	2	1-5
Daily Diary	1953-63	3	1-5
Daily Diary	1963-70	4	1-2
Personal Diary	1970-71	4	3
<i>Correspondence:</i>			
Letters to and from	1939	1	1-12
Letters to and from	1939-44	2	1-16
Letters to and from	1944-45	3	1-11
Letters to and from	1945	4	1-15
Letters to and from	1956	5	1-14
Letters to and from	1959	6	1-18
Letters to and from	1972	7	1-18
<i>Personal Correspondence:</i>			
Letters to and From Devon, Rita	1954-59	1	1
Credit Union League Director Meetings	1958	1	2
Credit Union League – General	1958	1	3
Letters to and from Sisters	1960-62	1	4
Letters to and from	1961	1	5
CUNA Expenses	1961-68	1	6
Letters to and from Minnesota	1962-70	1	7
Letters to and from	1964	1	8
Letters to and from	1969	1	9
Letters from Zeller, William	1934	2	1
Letters to and from N. Sullivan	1946-66	2	2-3
Letters to and from Sisters	1953-58	2	4-9
Letters to and from Fr. Clarence Ryan S.J.	1962-67	2	10
Letters to and from	1964	2	11
Letters to and from Fr. Superior	1951-65	3	1
Letters to and from Miller, Merlin G.	1956-60	3	2
Letters to and from Hallinan	March 1959	3	3
Gov. Grants- App. Standing	1959	3	4
Letters to and from	1959	3	5
Letters to and from	1967	3	6
Letters to and from Coop Bank	1967	3	7
Letters to and from Madigan, Eleanor	1966-70	3	8-9

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<i>Publications:</i>			
Newsletters: <i>Jamaican Cooperator</i> [Vol. IV]	1949	1	1
Newsletters: <i>Jamaican Cooperator</i>	1950	1	2
Newsletters: <i>Jamaican Cooperator</i>	1951	1	3
Newsletters: <i>Jamaican Cooperator</i>	1952	1	4
Newsletters: <i>Jamaican Cooperator</i>	1953	1	5
Newsletters: <i>Jamaican Cooperator</i>	1954	1	6
Newsletters: <i>Jamaican Cooperator</i>	1955	1	7
Newsletters: <i>Jamaican Cooperator</i>	1957	1	8
Newsletters: <i>Jamaican Cooperator</i>	1958	1	9
Newsletters: <i>Jamaican Cooperator</i>	1959	1	10
Newsletters: <i>Justice</i> , bound volume	1971-75	1	11
<i>Blueprint of Jamaica's Tomorrow, 3 copies</i>			
by John Peter Sullivan, S.J.	1944	1	12
Pamphlets by John Peter Sullivan, S.J.	1940s, circa	1	13
Pamphlets published by St. George's College			
Extension School, Dept. of Co-operatives	1940s-1950s	1	14
Pamphlets, other Jamaican Co-ops	1950s-1960s	1	15
Pamphlets, other co-operatives	1950s-1960s	1	16
Rules of the Sodality Co-operative Credit			
Union Limited	n.d.	1	17
Newspaper articles, photocopies	n.d.	1	18
<i>Varia:</i>			
[Co-op Publicity]	1941-64	1	1
[Co-op Correspondence]	1943-44	1	2
Co-op Publicity	1952-73	1	3
Jamaica Credit Union League	1952-58	1	4
[Jamaican Cooperation]	1953-57	1	5
Contributions of the Catholic Church	1962-70	1	6
Early Days – St. George/ JA CUL	1940-65	2	1
St. George's Extension School History	1943-64	2	2
Jamaica Poultry & Farmers Coop LTD	1943	2	3
All Island Conference	1946	2	4
Correspondence	1947	2	5
JA Gov't Subsidiary	1953-66	2	6
Gov't Grants	1955	2	7
Gold Mass Cathedral	Oct. 1963	2	8
Israel Scholarship to Israel Co-ops	1971	2	9
[Social Action Center Correspondence]	1971	2	10