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Raymond Sullivan, SJ and the Brown's Town Mission and Holy Name Homestead, (Bamboo, St. Ann's)

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

Series Name: **Raymond Sullivan, S.J. and the Brown's Town Mission and Holy Name Homestead, (Bamboo, St. Ann's)**

Dates of Collection: **Inclusive: 1930-1996, Bulk: 1940s**

Size of Collection: **.25 linear feet: 1-2.5" boxes**

Historical Background:

Fr. Raymond Sullivan, S.J., "Ray", (born 1895, ordained 1928, died 1978) was a very active builder for the Church and the people of Jamaica. Between 1941 and 1946, Ray was joined by his brother Harold J. Sullivan, S.J., "Hal", (born 1901, ordained 1932, died 1968) in Jamaica, where they served together at the Brown's Town mission station, a rural area. While in Jamaica, Hal organized the building of a lime kiln to supply work for the inhabitants and products for Jamaica's agricultural needs. Following his assignment in Jamaica, Hal served as the Assistant Procurator for Missions in the New England Jesuit Foreign Mission Offices from 1947-56. Ray was instrumental in the construction of churches, chapels, schools, rectories, a seminary building, and water supplies. His dream was the Holy Name Homestead, built in Bamboo, St. Ann, to provide good Catholic homes for the poor people in Jamaica. Fr. Ray Sullivan raised the money, designed and supervised building the Holy Name Homestead. The records range in date from the 1930s to the 1970. By 1948, the Holy Name Homestead consisted of 22 homes, a chapel, a rectory and a convent.

Ray and Hal were actively supported in their missionary work by their family. There were at least 8 siblings: Daniel, Harold, Raymond, Russell, Sidney, Grace, Lilly and Mary. Four of the brothers became Jesuit Priests: Daniel H. (born 1886, ordained 1910, died 1954), Raymond R. (born 1895, ordained 1915, died 1978), Russell M. (born 1896, ordained 1915, died 1962), and Harold J. (born 1901, ordained 1919, died 1968). Two of the sisters: Lilly and Mary, became nuns, both members of the School Sisters of Notre Dame. Grace married John (last name unknown) and Sidney also married. His son, Daniel H., born in 1930, also became a Jesuit, was ordained to the priesthood in 1947, and left the order in 1981 as a priest. The correspondence between the family members, held as a Special Collection in the New England Jesuit Archives, also contains a great deal of information about the Brown's Town Mission and the Holy Name Homestead, especially fund-raising.

Note: John Peter Sullivan is not related to this Sullivan Family.

Scope and Content:

This collection consists of reports, correspondence and newsletters, and sketches of the Brown's Town Missions and the Holy Name Homestead in the rural areas of the island of Jamaica. Frs. Ray Sullivan and Hal Sullivan did much to improve the Brown's Town Mission.

Access / Restrictions: This collection is open to researchers.

Processing Notes:

This material was transferred to the New England Jesuit Archives in Worcester when Jamaica Mission / Region records in 2003. The documents appear to have been grouped together by subject and have been processed as a special collection.

See also:

RG 11.2 Jamaica Mission / Region, Special Collections, Sullivan Family Letters, 1929-1952

This collection contains a great deal of information about fund-raising and details about both the Brown's Town Missions and the Holy Name Homestead.

RG 11.2 Jamaica Mission / Region Records, Places / Works Series.

A great deal of Fr. Raymond Sullivan's correspondence about various mission stations and works was already included in that series. It is possible that additional family correspondence may also be found among those papers.

RG 12 Audiovisual: Photographs

Province Authors Collection.

"The Holy Name Homestead", Chapter 3, pages 12-17, in *Jesuitana Jamaica: Historical Profiles, 1937-1996* by Gerard L. McLaughlin, S.J.

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