



INSTITUTE OF JESUIT HISTORY COLLECTION
1920-1964 (1500-1937) (BULK 1920-1952 (1660-1890))

MIS.3.006

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Collection Summary

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Extent: 23 linear feet (19 record cartons and 2 oversize boxes)

Creator: Burrus, Ernest J.

Creator: Delanglez, Jean, 1896-1949

Creator: Garraghan, Gilbert J. (Gilbert Joseph), 1871-1942

Creator: Jacobsen, Jerome V. (Jerome Vincent), 1894-

Creator: Shiels, W. Eugene (William Eugene), 1897-

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Abstract: The Institute of Jesuit History was founded on June 11, 1936 by president of Loyola University, Chicago Samuel Knox Wilson and Jesuit Father Jerome J. Jacobsen. The Institute attempted to trace the roots of the Jesuits in America through the discovery and collocation of primary source documents as well as historical scholarship. Institute of Jesuit History Collection contains the administrative papers of the Institute as well as the professional papers of its Jesuit members, namely, Ernest J. Burrus, Gerardo Decorme, Jean Delanglez, Gilbert J. Garraghan, Jerome V. Jacobsen, and William E. Shiels.

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Additional finding aids: An index to the microfilm series is available online on the Jesuit Archives website.

Historical note

The Institute of Jesuit History was founded on June 11, 1936 by president of Loyola University, Chicago Samuel Knox Wilson and Jesuit Father Jerome J. Jacobsen. The Institute attempted to trace the roots of the Jesuits in America through the discovery and collocation of primary source documents as well as historical scholarship. Jesuit fathers William Eugene Shiels, Jean Delanglez, Gilbert J. Garraghan, as well as layman José Manuel Espinosa soon joined Jacobsen as the Institute's founding members.

The Institute took over *Mid-America* magazine, a publication originally geographically focused on historical topics pertinent to the watershed of the Mississippi River, but whose scope was soon extended the Southwest of the United States, including the northern part of Mexico, and the French-speaking part of Canada.

The Institute sponsored the publication of six books and twenty-nine articles by its staff, as well as many other articles on the history of Society by other Jesuits. In 1942, *Mid-America* began to include articles on non-Jesuit topics, and, from 1958 onward, few of the contributions to the magazine were authored by members of the order.

Mid-America remained under the direction of the Institute for Jesuit History until the 1980s. The emergence of other organizations engaged in parallel research, the fatigue of the members of the editorial board, and the deaths and departures of some key members cause the Institute to close in 1981.

Source

Translation by Ralph C. Renner, SJ, of the Spanish summary of the article by Walter Krolkowski, SJ, "The Institute of Jesuit History at Loyola University in Chicago," *Archivum Historicum Societatis Jesu* 63, no. 125 (Jan.-Jun. 1994), 100.

Scope and content note

Institute of Jesuit History Collection contains the administrative papers of the Institute as well as the professional papers of its Jesuit members, namely, Ernest J. Burrus, Gerardo Decorme, Jean Delanglez, Gilbert J. Garraghan, Jerome V. Jacobsen, and William E. Shiels.

The Administrative Papers contains business papers, financial records, as well as the correspondence of *Mid-America* magazine and the Institute of Jesuit History.

The professional papers of Ernest J. Burrus and Gerardo Decorme are very limited in scope. Burrus' papers contain handwritten notes on the *Historia de la Provincia de la Compania de Jesus de Nueva Espania* on three by five notecards. Decorme's papers contain an offprint on Catholic education, notes, and a manuscript entitled "La Historia de la Iglesia del P. Cuevas." Jean Delanglez's professional papers include biographical materials, collected copies archival sources, notes, indices, maps, and subjects. Much of the microfilm in this collection was compiled by Delanglez.

The professional papers of Gilbert J. Garraghan contains photo static copies of archival sources from various Jesuit provinces in America and around the world. Sources from California, the Kentucky Mission, Maryland, the New Orleans Mission, the New York Mission, and the Rocky Mountain Mission, as well as France and the Turin Province are represented. Copies of records of the Indian Office in Washington, DC, materials on the Indian Territory, journals, publications, and general subject files are also included.

The professional papers of Jesuit Jerome V. Jacobsen represent his scholarly work, including articles, journals, and bibliographies, as well as his educational work, including classroom resources, maps, and various student papers.

William E. Shiels's professional papers contain photo static copies of archival documents from a variety of sources, including the Archives of the Province of Mexico, the Regis College Archives, the Archivum Generale Societatis Jesu, the Archivo General de Indias, and the Archives of the German Province. Folders of reference source materials, and research materials are also included. Additional folders on Pedro de Molina (1725), on the Jesuits of the Missouri Province, excerpts of João Lúcio de Azevedo's book *Os jesuítas no Grão-Pará: suas missões e a colonização* are included as topic files.

The microfilm in this collection consists of documents copied from various archives, primarily in Montreal and Paris, by Jean Delanglez.

Arrangement note

The Institute of Jesuit History Collection in arranged in three series:

1. Administrative papers
2. Professional papers
3. Microfilm

Series 2, professional papers, is arranged alphabetically in six subseries:

- 2.1. Ernest J. Burrus
- 2.2. Gerardo Decorme
- 2.3. Jean Delanglez
- 2.4. Gilbert J. Garraghan
- 2.5. Jerome V. Jacobsen
- 2.6. William Eugene Shiels

Collection Contents

[Series 1. Administrative papers, 1923-1964](#)

Scope and content note:

Administrative Papers contains business papers and financial records of the Institute of Jesuit History, *Mid-America* magazine correspondence, and Institute of Jesuit History correspondence.

Arrangement note:

This series is arranged in topical groupings.

Business and financial papers, 1938-1953	Box 3.0183
Mid-America correspondence, 1934-1948	Box 3.0183
Institute of Jesuit History correspondence, 1923-1964	Box 3.0183

[Series 2. Professional papers, 1920-1952 \(1500-1937\)](#)

Scope and content note:

The professional papers series contains the intellectual and professional work of the Institute of Jesuit History's religious members, namely, Jesuit fathers Ernest J. Burrus, Gerardo Decorme, Jean Delanglez, Gilbert J. Garraghan, Jerome V. Jacobsen, and William E. Shiels. The professional papers of Ernest J. Burrus and Gerardo Decorme are very limited in scope, consisting primarily of notes and manuscripts. Jean Delanglez's professional papers include biographical materials and several folders organized by topic. The professional papers of Gilbert J. Garraghan contains photo static copies of archival sources from various Jesuit provinces in America and around the world. Copies of records of the Indian Office in Washington, DC, materials on the Indian Territory, journals, publications, and general subject files are also included. The professional papers of Jesuit Jerome V. Jacobsen represent his scholarly work, as well as his educational work. William E. Shiels's professional papers contain photo static copies of archival documents from a variety of sources, including the Archives of the Province of Mexico, the Regis College Archives, the Archivum Generale Societatis Jesu, the Archivo General de Indias, and the Archives of the German Province. Folders of reference source materials, and research materials are also included. Additional folders are included as topic files.

Arrangement note:

This series is arranged alphabetically in six subseries:

- 2.1. Ernest J. Burrus
- 2.2. Gerardo Decorme
- 2.3. Jean Delanglez
- 2.4. Gilbert J. Garraghan
- 2.5. Jerome V. Jacobsen
- 2.6. William Eugene Shiels

The Ernest J. Burrus and Gerardo Decorme papers are arranged in their original order. The papers of Jean Delanglez, Gilbert J. Garraghan, Jerome V. Jacobsen, and William Eugene Shiels have been arranged in topical groupings. Large card indexes for the archival sources collected by Garraghan and Shiels are included as part of their collections.

Subseries 2.1. Ernest J. Burrus, 1935-1952

Scope and content note:

The professional papers of Ernest J. Burrus consist of one folder containing handwritten notes on the *Historia de la Provincia de la Compania de Jesus de Nueva Espania* on three by five notecards.

Arrangement note:

This folder is in its original order.

Box 3.0183

Subseries 2.2. Gerardo Decorme, circa 1920s-1940s

Scope and content note:

The professional papers of Gerardo Decorme consist of one folder containing an offprint on Catholic education, notes, and a manuscript entitled “La Historia de la Iglesia del P. Cuevas.”

Arrangement note:

This folder is in its original order.

Box 779

Subseries 2.3. Jean Delanglez, 1927-1947 (1500-1766)

Scope and content note:

Jean Delanglez’s professional papers include biographical materials, several folders organized by topics, namely, archival sources, documents and notes, indices, maps, and subjects.

Arrangement note:

This subseries is arranged in topical groupings.

Biographical material, 1927-1947	Box 3.0184
Archival sources, circa 1920s-1940s (1660-1683)	Box 3.0184
Documents and notes, circa 1920s-1940s (1673-1675)	Box 3.0184
Indices, circa 1920s-1940s	Box 3.0185, 779
Maps, circa 1920s-1940s (1500-1749)	Box 3.0185, 779
Subjects files, circa 1920s-1940s (1682-1766)	Box 3.0186

Subseries 2.4. Gilbert J. Garraghan, 1920-1942 (1813-1890)

Scope and content note:

The professional papers of Gilbert J. Garraghan contains photo static archival sources from various Jesuit provinces in America and around the world. Sources from California, the Kentucky Mission, Maryland, the New Orleans Mission, the New York Mission, and the Rocky Mountain Mission, as well as France and the Turin Province are represented. Copies of records of the Indian Office in Washington, DC, materials on the Indian Territory, journals, publications, and general subject files are also included.

Arrangement note:

This subseries is arranged in topical groupings

Jesuit province archival sources, circa 1920s-1940s (1813-1890)	Boxes 3.0187-3.0190, 779
<i>Scope and content note: A card index created by Garraghan for these sources is included.</i>	
Indian Office archival sources, Washington DC, circa 1920s-1940s (1825-1861)	Box 3.0191
Research journals, 1925	Box 3.0191
Publications, 1920-1936	Box 3.0191, 779
<i>Ventures in Americana</i> , unpublished manuscript, 1934-1942	Box 3.0191

Subseries 2.5. Jerome V. Jacobsen, 1921-1952

Scope and content note:

The professional papers of Jesuit Jerome V. Jacobsen comprise a subseries representing his scholarly work—articles, journals, and bibliographies—as well as his educational work—classroom resources, maps, and various student assignments.

Arrangement note:

This subseries is arranged in topical groupings.

Journals and offprints, 1922-1950	Box 3.0192
Bibliographies and syllabi, 1939-1943	Box 3.0192
Examinations and teaching material, 1924-1952	Box 3.0192
Maps, 1921-1938	Box 3.0193

Student papers, 1927-1952

Boxes 3.0193-3.0194

Subject files, 1930-1952

Box 3.0195

Subseries 2.6. William Eugene Shiels, 1920s-1940s (1582-1937)

Scope and content note:

In the subseries of Jesuit William E. Shiels's professional papers are found documents from a variety of archival sources—the Archives of the Province of Mexico (documents from the Superior General, 1582-1659), the Regis College Archives (Toronto), the Archivum Generale Societatis Jesu, the Archivo General de Indias (indices, manuscripts, and maps), and the Archives of the German Province. Also in this subseries are folders of reference source materials, research materials, and documents found by Shiels on a trip through the Midwest United States in 1936. There are three additional folders: one of materials on Pedro de Molina (1725), one of materials on the Jesuits of the Missouri Province, and one with photocopied excerpts of João Lúcio de Azevedo's book (in Portuguese) *Os jesuitas no Grão-Pará: suas missões e a colonização* [The Jesuits in the Grão-Pará (Amazon Region of Brazil): Their Missions and the Settlement] (Coimbra: Imprensa da Universidade, 1930; first edition, Lisbon: T. Cardoso, 1901).

Arrangement note:

This subseries is arranged in topical groupings.

Archives of the Province of Mexico,

Boxes 3.0196-3.0198

Superior Generals' documents, circa 1920s-1940s (1582-1659)

Scope and content note: Index cards to received documents of Father Generals (by manuscript number) done at "Isleta College," copied and catalogued by Shiels.

Regis College Archives, circa 1920s-1940s (1867-1891, 1936-1937)

Boxes 3.0266-3.0267

Archivum Generale Societatis Jesu, circa 1920s-1940s (1660-1762)

Boxes 3.0267, 779

Archivo General de Indias, circa 1920s-1940s (1750s-1770s)

Boxes 3.0267-3.0268

Scope and content note: This section includes four different manuscript sections and one map section. Indices for these sections are available at the beginning of this folder group.

Subject Files, circa 1920s-1940s (1699-1772)

Box 3.0268

Indices for collected Jesuit documents, circa 1920s-1940s

Box 778

Scope and content note: Indices for collected Jesuit documents consist of one large, flat box of index cards grouped chronologically, alphabetically, and topically.

Series 3. Microfilm, circa 1920s-1940s (1634-1906)

Scope and content note:

Preserved on over 80 rolls of microfilm, mainly from various Canadian archives, are materials that pertain mostly to Jesuits working in French and Spanish controlled areas of Canada and the United States in the 17th and early 18th centuries.

Arrangement note:

A full index to the microfilm in the Institute of Jesuit History Collection is [available here as a .pdf.](#)