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

Series Name: **St. George's College and St. George's Extension School**

Dates of Collection: **1917-2000, with facsimile copies of documents from the 1800s.**

Size of Collection: **3.5 linear feet, 9 boxes: 5-5" boxes + 4-2.5" box**

Historical Sketch:

The following historical sketch is largely drawn from "St. George's College, 1850-2000", Chapter 6 of *Jesuitana Jamaica: Historical Profiles, 1837-1996* by Rev. Gerard L. McLaughlin S.J. and "A Brief History of St. George's College", circa 1999, in the collection.

St. George's College was founded in 1850 by Colombian Jesuits who had fled from persecution in their own country. Two years later, the Spanish-speaking Jesuits left for Guatemala and the English Jesuits, who had been serving the Jamaican mission since 1837, took over the school. For almost 15 years, the school struggled, closing and opening as the focus of the mission in Jamaica changed. In 1868, St. George's College reopened at the secondary school level for boys. In 1894, the English Jesuits left Jamaica to concentrate on their missionary work in Africa and their replacements came from the Maryland-New York Province. In 1929, the newly formed New England Province of Jesuits assumed responsibility for the Jamaica Mission. The American Jesuits already had much experience in secondary and university education and they recreated the standard classical curriculum at St. George's College staffing the school with Jesuits.

St. George's College became a grant-in-aid school in 1936, becoming part of the government's educational system, and allowing for the Jamaican Government to pay the salaries of the teaching faculty and administration. This new status, however, forced the Jesuits to give up some of the control of the school. In 1956, the Ministry of Education established a common entrance examination, ending the College's own entrance examination and selection of its students. In the 1940s and 50s, St. George's College built science laboratories, adding Chemistry, Physics and Biology to its curriculum and developing a reputation for excellence in the physical sciences. In 1942, St. George's College introduced an Extension Course focused on general adult education. Soon the St. George's Extension School was offering pre-professional courses in medicine and law. By the 1950s, St. George's Extension School was involved in training for the Cooperative Credit Unions. The Extension School closed in 2000.

Over the years the student population grew steadily. In 1905 when the College moved to Winchester Park, the student population was approximately 100 students. By 1942 the student enrollment had slowly risen to 235 students; by 1952, 452 students and in 1962 enrollment had risen to excess of 800. In 2010, there were 1450 students. Correspondingly, the size of the faculty has also grown steadily. In 1905 there were eleven teachers (six Jesuits and five lay men), but by 1942 it had risen slightly to thirteen faculty (twelve Jesuits and one layman). In 1952 there were twenty-six teachers (eighteen Jesuits and eight laymen), and in 2010 there were 75 lay teachers. Most administrators had been foreign Jesuits, but in 1945, after ninety-five years of existence, the College welcomed its first Jamaican headmaster, Fr. Dennis Crutchley, S.J., who was an Old Boy of the College. He assumed the leadership of the College and remained in office for the next five years. By the 1980s, the Jesuit presence at St. George's College was diminished due to a lack of vocations, shortage of funds, and the

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theology of the missions. In September, 2005 the College admitted girls to its sixth form program, and appointed its first Headmistress in 155 years. In 2010, there were no Jesuits on the faculty, although the Regional Superior is the Chairman of the College.

Scope and Content:

The collection consists of records of the St. George's College Jesuit Community, Rector's Correspondence, Rector's Board of Managers/Directors material, Financial Reports and Fund-raising Campaigns, Planning materials, Historical and Anniversary materials, Graduation and other programs, publications: The Blue and White magazine and some issues of The Lance, the college yearbook, records of the Home-School Association, 1972-81, and records of the Old Boys [alumni] Association. Records consist of correspondence, meeting minutes, financial reports, publications and anniversary materials.

Records of the St. George's College Extension School including a diary, reports, enrollment statistics, and course descriptions are also included in this collection.

The records cover the time period of 1917 to 2000. Some facsimile photocopies from the Archives of the English Province, sources dating from the 1800s are also included.

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Province Authors Collection.

"St. George's College, 1850-2000", Chapter 6, pages 33-40, in *Jesuitana Jamaica: Historical Profiles, 1937-1996* by Gerard L. McLaughlin, S.J.

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Access / Restrictions: This collection is open to researchers.

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Folder Title	Dates	Box	Folder
St. George's College, SJ Community:			
An Entertainment Honoring Jubilarians, Program	1917	1 – 5"	1
<i>Litterae Annuae, 1926</i>	1927	1	2
<i>Historia Domus</i>	1930-1933, 1935, 1942- 1945	1	3
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St. George's College SJ Community – Community Meetings	1988-1991	1	5
St. George's College SJ Community – Community Meetings	1991-1992	1	6
St. George's College SJ Community – Community Meetings	1992-1993	1	7
St. George's College SJ Community – M-W-F Agenda, and Minutes	1992	1	8
St. George's College SJ Community – M-W-F Meetings	1993	1	9
St. George's College SJ Community – Monthly Calendars	1987-1993	1	10
St. George's College SJ Community – Reflections (Rector to Community)	1993	1	11
St. George's College SJ Community – Community Prayers, 2 copies	1988	1	12
St. George's College SJ Community – Homily on vacating the Residence at the College after 83 years by Fr. Richard H. Roos, S.J.	1993	1	13
St. George's College SJ Community – Newsletters of Fr. Brian S. Duffy, S.J.	1967-1968	1	14
St. George's College SJ Community – Varia		1	15
St. George's College, Rector's Correspondence:			
Annual Letters to Fr. General from Fr. Rector	1960-1969	2 – 5"	1
Replies to Annual Letters from Roman Curia to Fr. Rector [Damaged]	1959-1969	2	2
Letters to Fr. Provincial from Fr. Rector, mostly Annual Letters	1959-1969	2	3
Correspondence, Fr. Provincial and Fr. Rector	1953-1963	2	4
Correspondence, Fr. Rector and Provincial Curia	1954-1962	2	5
Correspondence, Fr. Rector and Provincial Curia [some damaged]	1970-1971	2	6
St. George's College, Board of Managers/Directors:			
Board Correspondence	1948-1978	2	7
Government Circulars and Form Letters	1948-1981	2	8
Board of Governors Attendance Record Book	1965-1967	2	9

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St. George's College, Board of Managers/Directors, continued:			
Board Meetings, Agendas and Minutes	1960-1974	2	10
Board Meeting Material, Sept. 29, 1999, includes Minutes of March 25, 1999 and Principal's Report	1999	2	11
Reports of the Headmaster [almost complete set from 1951-1960]	1945-1968	2	12
Bylaws of St. George's College	1965, circa	2	13
Various Reports	1948-1971	2	14
Varia	1964-1994	2	15
St. George's College, Financial:			
Receipts and Expenditures, 1870-1871, photocopies from English Jesuit Province Archives	1870-1871	3 – 5"	1
Finances – Various Reports, 1944-1982	1944-1982	3	2
School Finances, 1978-1979	1978-1979	3	3
School Finances, 1979-1980	1979-1980	3	4
School Finances, 1980-1981	1980-1981	3	5
School Finances, 1981-1982	1981-1982	3	6
Contract for Industrial Arts Building, 1973	1973	3	7
Development Fund, 125 th Anniversary, Headmaster's Files	1975-1982	3	8
Fly a Flag for George's, Campaign 85	1985-1987	3	9
St. George's College, Planning:			
Plans for the Future, Kick off Day Booklet	1971, March	3	10
Planning Program Voting Congress	1971, June	3	11
Planning and Development Committee, Meeting Minutes	1985-1986	3	12
St. George's College, Historical and Anniversaries:			
Transcripts of 1850 Newspaper articles regarding founding	1850	4 – 2.5"	1
List of Students of St. George's College, 1907-1929	1980, circa	4	2
75 th Anniversary, Speech of Bishop William O'Hare, S.J., photocopy of publication in <i>Catholic Opinion</i>	1926	4	3
Newspaper Article on history of St. George's College and St. George's College Extension School from <i>Catholic Opinion</i> , April 23, 1950	1950	4	4
Record of Old Boys of St. George's College with Degrees, 110 th Anniversary	1960	4	5
Dedication of Auditorium Complex (Fly a Flag Campaign)	1986	4	6
100 th Anniversary, 1950	1950	4	7
100 th Anniversary Booklets, 2 copies	1950	4	8
125 th Anniversary, 1975	1975	4	9

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St. George's College, Historical and Anniversaries, continued:			
Fr. General's Talk at St. George's College, Student Assembly, September 2, 1991	1991	4	10
Brief Historical Sketch of St. George's College	1999	4	11
150 th Anniversary, 2000	2000	4	12
St. George's College, Programs:			
Graduation Programs, originals: 1953, 1961, 1963, 1965, 1981, 1997-2c., 1998-3c., 1999-2c., 2000-4c., 2002-4c.	1953-2002	5 – 5"	1
Graduation Programs, photocopies: 1945-1999, missing 1946, 1947, 1953, 1981, 1995, 1996	1945-1999	5	2
Other Programs and brochures	1947-2000	5	3
Newspaper clippings	1985-2000	5	4
St. George's College, Publications:			
The Blue and the White, magazine, 2 bound volumes	1927-1928	5	5
The Blue and the White, magazine, loose issues, list in folder	1960-1998	5	6
Typewritten "prospectus"	1946-1947, circa	5	7
Prospectus: 1920-21, 1972-2c., 1977	1920-1977	5	8
The Lance, yearbooks: 1969-2 c., 1970, 1975 (125 th Anniversary), 1976, 1991	1969-1991	6 – 2.5	
St. George's College, Home-School Association:			
Meeting Minutes and other materials	1972-1979	7 – 2.5"	1
Meeting Minutes and other materials	1979-1981	7	2
St. George's College, Old Boys Association [alums], founded 1947, Fr. Rector's files:			
Minutes and other documents, incomplete series	1947-1955	8 – 5"	1
Minutes and other documents, incomplete series	1956-1970	8	2
Minutes and other documents, incomplete series	1981-1985	8	3
Newsletters from Kingston, incomplete series	1947-1996	8	4
The Good & True Newsletter from Toronto, Canada, incomplete series	1994-2008, 2011	8	5
[Toronto] Old Boys Jamaica-Jesuit Reunion	1999-2000	8	6
Varia	1950-1998	8	7

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St. George's College Extension School			
St. George's College Extension School – Diary	1970-1975	9 –2.5"	1
St. George's College Extension School – A Source Paper and Article by Joseph Connell, S.J.	1971, 1972	9	2
St. George's College Extension School – Annual Report	1985	9	3
St. George's College Extension School – Course and Student Enrolment statistics	1942-1973	9	4
St. George's College Extension School – Course Descriptions	1946-1947	9	5
St. George's College Extension School – Course Descriptions and Prospectus, 1952-53, 1964-65, 1965-66, 1970-71-3c., 1971-72, 1972-73-2c., 1974-75, 1976-77, 1985-86, 1993-94-3c., 1998-99-3c.	1952-1999	9	6
St. George's College Extension School – Financial Triennial Report 1953, 1954, 1955	1953-1955	9	7
Letter regarding closure of St. George's College of Continuing Education	2000	9	8