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New England Province of the Society of Jesus

Francis J. Osborne SJ

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New England Jesuit Archives Series Description



- Record Group:** 11.2, Records of Jamaica Mission / Region
- Series Name:** SC 700, Special Collection of Rev. Francis J. Osborne, S.J. (1903-1998)
- Dates of Collection:** Inclusive: 1655-2000, Bulk: 1970s
Notes: material from the 1600s is a transcription of a manuscript,
material from the 1800s consists of facsimile photocopies
- Size of Collection:** 4 linear feet: 8-5" boxes and 1-2.5" box

Biographical History:

Francis J. Osborne, the son of William and Elizabeth (McCarthy) Osborne, was born in Everett, MA on November 24, 1903. He graduated from Everett High School in 1923 and while working he matriculated at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) and also took additional language courses at Boston College High School to prepare for the Jesuit Novitiate. He entered the Society of Jesus on August 14, 1925 at Shadowbrook in Lenox, MA where he completed both his novitiate (1923-25) and juniorate (1925-29). In 1929, he entered Weston College to study philosophy, completing this in 1932. He then taught at Boston College High School until 1934 when he returned to Weston College for theological studies that he completed in 1938. He was ordained to the priesthood on June 20, 1937 at Weston College by Bishop Thomas A. Emmet, S.J. During 1938 and 1939, he did his tertianship at St. Robert's Hall in Pomfret, CT.

In 1939, he began 55 years of missionary work in Jamaica, West Indies, serving as pastor in several parishes throughout the island, and in the capitol city, Kingston. He also taught at St. George's College. In addition, he researched the history of Jamaica and was an amateur archaeologist who carried out several excavations throughout Jamaica. He published numerous articles about the history and archaeology of Jamaica and was honored by the Governor General of Jamaica for his book the *History of the Catholic Church in Jamaica*. Health problems obliged him to return to Campion Center, the former Weston College, in Weston, MA in 1994 where he continued his writing until incapacitated by his illness. He died of a stroke on May 5, 1998 at Campion Center, Weston, MA and is buried in the Jesuit Cemetery there. He was 94 years old at the time of his death. He was a Jesuit for 72 years and a priest for 61.

Scope and Content:

This special collection was largely assembled by Rev. Gerard L. McLaughlin, S.J. in Jamaica and transferred to the New England Province Archives in 2003. Additional material previously acquired by the New England Province Archives was incorporated into the collection during processing in 2008. Materials related to the acquisition or transmittal of the documents has been included at the front of the corresponding folder.

The collection consists of biographical and personal materials, awards and medals, writings, the transcription of Edward D'Oyley's Journal, research notes and materials, publications and photographs. Correspondence or memoranda related to the documents in the collection were already filed with the appropriate documents and that arrangement was maintained.

Fr. Osborne's autobiographical writings consist of travel diaries and reminiscences of his work. There are also typescripts of published and unpublished works, sometimes with drafts and manuscript corrections or annotations. His writings also include sermons, reports, papers and a play, "Gold in the Furnace" about the English Jesuit and martyr, Edmund Campion, that was written and produced by Rev. William J. Leonard, S.J. and Fr. Osborne when they were at Shadowbrook, the New England Province Novitiate in 1927.

The collection contains Part 3 of a transcription Fr. Osborne made of Edward D'Oyley's Journal, a manuscript in the possession of the British Museum (Additional Manuscripts 12,423). D'Oyley's Journal covers the period 1655 to 1662. The manuscript is a record of administrative acts carried out by Colonel Edward D'Oyley, (1617-1675), who was a leading figure of the English invasion and occupation of Jamaica. For a time, D'Oyley was commander-in-chief of the English army and fleet, and the Chief Commissioner who also carried out the functions of a civil governor. Parts 1 and 2 were published by *The Jamaican Historical Review*. See the New England Province Authors Collection for these articles. (N.B. The Library of Congress name authority file does not include the apostrophe in D'Oyley, therefore, search for "doyley".)

The Research Notes and Materials contain documents Fr. Osborne created or used. It includes facsimile photocopies of the Correspondence between the Jesuit Mission Superior in Jamaica and the Society of Jesus Curia in Rome, 1837-1872. The main correspondents are Rev. James Dupeyron, S.J. and Rev. William Cotham, S.J. of the Jamaica Mission and the Jesuit Superiors General in Rome, Rev. Jan Roothaan, S.J. (1829-1853), followed by Rev. Pieter Beckx S.J. (1853-1887). The correspondence is in Latin, English, French, Italian, and Spanish. Fr. Osborne probably photocopied the documents while in Rome in the 1970s and used them when writing his book *History of the Catholic Church in Jamaica*. Included with the correspondence is an inventory, description and analysis of the documents completed in 2000 by Jonathan Dalby who was then the Dean of History at the University of the West Indies in Jamaica. Also included are facsimile photocopies of the Correspondence between the Jesuits in Jamaica and the English Province of Jesuits, 1837-1911.

The collection contains a privately bound volume "A Collection of Essays on Jamaican History" written or edited by Fr. Osborne and published in *The Jamaica Journal*, *The Jamaican Historical Review*, *The Jamaican Historical Society Bulletin* or *The Lance*. Information to provide specific citations was not included but can often be derived from articles in the New England Province Authors Collection or the other publications in this special collection. A complete listing of the contents is included in the box/folder list. Fr. Osborne's copies of Volumes 1-5 of *The Jamaican Historical Society Bulletin*, 1952-1972, a publication of the Jamaican Historical Society, and *Archaeology—Jamaica*, 1969-1985, the publication of the Archaeology Society of Jamaica, are included in the collection. These publications include articles written or edited by Fr. Osborne. Fr. Osborne served on the executive committees of both organizations, holding several positions, including that of president and editor.

There are four folders of photographs and a few negatives. They consist of a few family photographs, prints of possible illustrations for his book, *History of the Catholic Church in Jamaica*, some of which were used in the 1977 edition published by Ginn and Co., other photographs of historical and archaeological sites in Jamaica and photographs of Turks Island. See RG 12 Audiovisual, MS Photographs. Fr. Osborne's photographs are filed in a 2.5" box along with the ms photos of Fr. Vincent DePaul O'Brien, S.J.

See also:

- New England Authors Collection for published of books and articles
- RG 12 Audiovisual, MS photographs for photographic prints. Filed in a 2.5" box along with the ms photos of Fr. Vincent DePaul O'Brien, S.J.
- RG 12 Audiovisual, Photographs>Mission Photographs and Jamaica "Books"
- SC 200 includes two papers by Fr. Osborne about Fr. John Peter Sullivan, S.J.:
 1. "A Boston Jesuit's Third World Apostolate" 11 typed pages
 2. "The Dream of John Peter Sullivan" 19 typed pages
- RG 11.1 Jesuit Foreign Missions—Jamaica, Historical for articles by Fr. Osborne.

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Access / Restrictions: This collection is open to researchers.

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Record Group 11.2.1 Jamaica (SC700)

Rev. Francis J. Osborne, S.J. 1903-1998

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Title	Dates	Box	Folder
<i>Biographical and Personal</i>		2.5"	
Obituaries and vita	1998	1	1
Invitations and greeting cards from Jamaican Government Officials	1982-1986	1	2
Awards, Appointments and Related Correspondence	1979-1994	1	3
<i>Medals, Jamaican</i>			
Order of Distinction (Officer)	1984	1	
Institute of Jamaica Centenary Medal	1980	1	
Institute of Jamaica, Sir Anthony Musgrave, Silver Award	1992	1	
<i>Writing</i>			
<i>Writing: Autobiographical</i>		5"	
Travel Diary, San Juan, September 1-9, no year given	n.d.	2	1
Travel Diary, Daily Account of my European Trip – Holy Year, 1975	1975	2	2
Reminiscences – The Jamaica Mission, 1939-1979	1980, circa	2	3
Reminiscences – The Jamaica Mission, 1939-1979, or Forty Years on the Jamaican Mission, Drafts, SEE RG 11.1 Missions, Jamaica, Historical box for clean typescript of finished copy.	1980, circa	2	4
Reminiscence – Archaeological Life and Ceremony of Presentation of Insignia of National Honours and Awards	1984	2	5
Retreat Reflection	1992	2	6
Reminiscence – Research and writing book <i>History of Church</i>	n.d.	2	7
Reminiscence – My Ecumenical Experiences	n.d.	2	8
<i>Writing: Typescripts</i>			
The Archaeology of Jamaica, W.I., includes correspondence regarding article	1978-2000	2	9
Christ, Son of the Living God, Books I-V, 119 pages	1990, circa	2	10
The Immaculate Heart of Mary, includes drafts	1985	2	11
Mary, Mother of God Speaks to Our Modern World, 108 pages	1990, circa	3	1
Polygenesis – Monogenesis / Original Sin	1977-1978	3	2
Towards a Scientific / Theological Solution of Fossil Hominids: Polygenesis – Monogenesis / Original Sin	1980	3	3
Polygenesis – Monogenesis / Original Sin, Drafts	1976, circa	3	4
The Society of Jesus in Jamaica, 1837-1991	1991, circa	3	4a
Spanish Church, St. Ann's Bay	1970, circa	3	5
<i>Writing: Sermons</i>		5"	
Sermons, Folder 1 of 3	1970, circa	3	6
Sermons, Folder 2 of 3	n.d.	3	7
Sermons, Folder 3 of 3	1980s	3	8

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<i>Writing: Others</i>			
Gold in the Furnace, A Play Produced at Shadowbrook by Francis J. Osborne, n.S.J. and William J. Leonard, n.S.J.	1927	3	9
Turks Island Reports	1955 & n.d.	3	10
Provincial Synod of 1622 – Dominican Republic with drafts	1978, circa	3	11
Joseph Dupont, S.J.	1991	3	12
The Man with the Heavy Black Bag [Rev. William F. MacHale, S.J., 1887-1974]	n.d.	3	13
The Phenomenon of Man: Pierre Teilhard de Chardin, S.J.	n.d.	3	14
Sister Mary Clotilde Williams, R.S.M.	n.d.	3	15
Chinese in Jamaica	1965, circa	3	16
<i>Transcription</i>		5"	
Edward D'Oyley's Journal, Part III: Introduction by S.A.G. Taylor, Folder 1 of 4	1970s	4	1
Edward D'Oyley's Journal, Part III: 1658-1659, pages 1-133 / 54v [verso] to 75r [recto] of source, Folder 2 of 4	1970, circa	4	2
Edward D'Oyley's Journal, Part III: 1659-1662, pages 134-264 / 75r [recto] to 111r [recto] of source, Folder 3 of 4	1970, circa	4	3
Edward D'Oyley's Journal, Part III: wrapper	1970, circa	4	4
<i>Research Notes and Materials</i>			
Archaeology: Analysis of Dental Remains from Cinnamon Hill, Jamaica by Texas A & M University	1986	4	5
Archaeology: Fossils	1980, circa	4	6
Archaeology: Spanish Jamaica	1980-92, circa	4	7
Archaeology: West Indies	1969-92	4	8
Jamaica History, outlines	n.d.	4	9
Original Sin	1965-88	4	10
Provincial Synod of 1622 – Dominican Republic	1938-71	4	11
<i>Facsimile Photocopies of Correspondence of Jamaica Superior and Society of Jesus Curia in Rome, 1837-72</i>		5"	
Correspondence of Jamaica Superior and Society of Jesus Curia in Rome, 1837-72: Material related to photocopies: Description and Inventory of Letters by Dr. Jonathan Dalby	2000, 2007	5	1
Correspondence of Jamaica Superior and Society of Jesus Curia in Rome, 1837-72: Documents 1-4, Mission Reports and statistics, 1841-72	1841-72	5	2
Correspondence of Jamaica Superior and Society of Jesus Curia in Rome, 1837-72: Letters Numbered 5-39, 1837-44	1837-44	5	3
Correspondence of Jamaica Superior and Society of Jesus Curia in Rome, 1837-72: Letters Numbered 40-79, 1844-53	1844-53	5	4

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Correspondence of Jamaica Superior and Society of Jesus Curia in Rome, 1837-72: Letters Numbered 110-158, 1863-72	1863-72	5	6
<i>Facsimile Photocopies of Documents from the Archives of the English Province of the Society of Jesus, collected by Fr. Frank J. Osborne, S.J., in 1960</i>			
Chronological Folders:		5"	
Folder I, 1837-1838	1837-1838	6	1
Folder II, 1839	1839	6	2
Folder III, 1840-1841	1840-1841	6	3
Folder IV, 1842-1843	1842-1843	6	4
Folder V, 1844-1845	1844-1845	6	5
Folder VI, 1846-1847	1846-1847	6	6
Folder VII, 1848-1850	1848-1850	6	7
Folder VIII, 1851-1853	1851-1853	6	8
Folder IX, 1854-1855	1854-1855	6	9
Folder X, 1856-1858	1856-1858	6	10
Folder XI, 1860-1863	1860-1863	6	11
Folder XII, 1865-1869	1865-1869	6	12
Folder XIII, 1870	1870	6	13
Folder XIV, 1871	1871	6	14
Folder XV, 1872	1872	6	15
Folder XVI, 1872-1873	1872-1873	6	16
Folder XVII, 1874	1874	6	17
		5"	
Folder XVIII, 1875-1878	1875-1878	7	1
Folder XIX, 1879-1881	1879-1881	7	2
Folder XX, 1882	1882	7	3
Folder XXI, 1883-1890	1883-1890	7	4
Folder XXII, 1891-1892	1891-1892	7	5
Folder XXIII, 1895-1898	1895-1898	7	6
Identified folders:			
Odds and Ends, English Province		7	7
Last Will of Fr. Benito Fernandez, Vicar Apostolic of Jamaica and Belize, to Fr. James Dupeyron, S.J.	1855, Sept. 20	7	8
Last Will of Fr. James Dupeyron, S.J. to Frs. Joseph Dupont, S.J., Fr. Joseph S. Wollett, S.J., (Jamaica) and Fr. George Alvaro (Belize)	1862, July 1	7	9
Works of the Mission, January to December 1864	1864	7	10
Conveyance of Land on Corner of North Street and Chancery Lane: Mary Brandon to Rev. James Jones, S.J.	1867	7	11
Last Will of Rodolphus Buchanan, leaving Reading Pen to Fr. Provincial Alfred Weld, S.J.	1870	7	12

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Diary of Fr. James Splaine, S.J.	1872	7	13
Letter from Provincial Fr. James Jones, S.J. on matters	1872, July 29	7	14
Transfer of Land at North Street/Orange Street/ Chancery Lane from Fr. James Jones, S.J. to Fr. Joseph Wollett, S.J.	1872	7	15
Petition of Jamaica's Catholic and English Provincial re: Catholic High School, with Provincials' Response and future Petition to Jesuit General, Fr. Bechx, S.J.	1873	7	16
Law to Allow Immigration of People from Malta	1873	7	17
Correspondence: Fr. Sydney Woollett, S.J. re: Kingston, Browns Town, Reading and Frs. Hathaway and Di Pietro (Honduras)	1873-1874	7	18
Letter to English Provincial from Fr. I. Jaeckel, S.J., re: Dispute about School Funds and Fr. Dupont	1874	7	19
Letter to Provincial Peter Galway, S.J. from Fr. Joseph Baldwin, S.J. from Georgetown	1875, April	7	20
? [Letters]	1879	7	21
Fr. Thomas Porter, S.J., Financial and Ministry Statements	1879-1885	7	22
Letters of Fr. Provincial (Purbrick) to Jamaica	1880-1882	7	23
Letter from Fr. Jones in England re: Certain properties and their ownership in Jamaica	1890	7	24
Death of Bishop Gordon, S.J. according to Fr. Francis Bowman, S.J.	1911	7	25
Description of Archives of the English Province of Jesuits	1983	7	26
<i>Facsimile Photocopies of Documents from various sources:</i>			
Apostolic Letter to Catholics of British West Indies	1770	7	27
Letters of Thomas Clarkson re: Abolition of the Slave Trade	1815	7	28
<i>Missio Jamaicae</i> , 1837-1842	1837-1842	7	29
Antigua, 1843, Recollections of the Earthquake, Morning and Evening Prayers on a Plantation	1843	7	30
Letter re: Morant Bay Rebellion, Fr. James Jones, S.J., Jesuit Superior	1865	7	31
Two Letters in Italian, British Honduras (Belize), 1883, 1891, Fr. Parisi, S.J.?	1883, 1891	7	32
Dr. Robert Love vs. Fr. William Pardow, S.J., Jamaica Advocate, December 1894	1894	7	33
<i>Publications</i>		5"	
A Collection of Essays on Jamaican History by Francis J. Osborne, S.J. Compiled from:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>The Jamaica Journal</i>, • <i>The Jamaican Historical Review</i>, • <i>The Jamaican Historical [Society] Bulletin</i>, and • <i>The Lance</i> 	1970s	8	Bnd.vol.

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<i>The Jamaican Historical Society Bulletin, Vol. I-V</i>	1952-1972		
<i>The Jamaican Historical Society Bulletin, Vol. I</i>	1952-1956	8	Bnd.vol.
<i>The Jamaican Historical Society Bulletin, Vol. II</i>	1957-1960	8	Bnd.vol.
<i>The Jamaican Historical Society Bulletin, Vol. III</i>	1961-1964	8	Bnd.vol.
<i>The Jamaican Historical Society Bulletin, Vol. IV</i>	1965-1968	9	Bnd.vol.
<i>The Jamaican Historical Society Bulletin, Vol. V</i>	1969-1972	9	Bnd.vol.
<i>Archaeology—Jamaica</i> , the publication of the Archaeology Society of Jamaica, 1969-1985. Also contains meeting minutes and reports.	1969-1985	5"	
<i>Archaeology—Jamaica</i> , Folder 1 of 4	1969-1975	9	1
<i>Archaeology—Jamaica</i> , Folder 2 of 4	1976-1978	9	2
<i>Archaeology—Jamaica</i> , Folder 3 of 4	1979-1980	9	3
<i>Archaeology—Jamaica</i> , Folder 4 of 4	1980-1985	9	4