

# Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph in Canada

## Finding Aid - Mount Hope Motherhouse series (F01- S125)

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## Summary information

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<b>Repository:</b>	Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph in Canada
<b>Title:</b>	Mount Hope Motherhouse series
<b>Reference code:</b>	F01-S125
<b>Date:</b>	1868-2005, predominant 1929-1980 (creation)
<b>Physical description:</b>	6 cm of textual records 1 post card : col. 2 maps : photocopies, b&w 10 photographs : b&w negatives 32 photographs : b&w 1 scrapbook ; 25 x 36 cm
<b>Language:</b>	English
<b>Dates of creation, revision and deletion:</b>	November 13, 2018July 2, 2020May 22, 2023

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## Scope and content

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Series contains correspondence, deeds, photographs, and newspaper articles about Mount Hope Motherhouse in London, Ontario before its purchase and while it was operating. Earliest records include a report card from 1868, a letter dated 1869, and an original deed of land dated 1883. Records from the late 1920s to 1960s include original newsclippings. Many of the records are undated photographs, photocopies, or typed histories and biographies. The latest record dated 2005 is email correspondence.

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## Notes

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### Title notes

- **Source of title proper:** Title is derived from the contents of the series.

### Immediate source of acquisition

Records were transferred from the Congregation to the Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph in Canada Archives - London site.

### Location of originals

The records are stored off-site in London, Ontario.

## Restrictions on access

The Archives reserves the right to restrict access to the collection depending on the condition of the archival material, the amount of material requested, and the purpose of the research. The use of certain materials may also be restricted for reasons of privacy or sensitivity, or under a donor agreement. Access restrictions will be applied equally to all researchers and reviewed periodically. No researcher will be given access to any materials that contain a personal information bank such as donor agreements or personnel records, or to other proprietary information such as appraisals, insurance valuations, or condition reports.

## Finding aids

There is a series and file list.

## Related material

Permission to study archival records does not extend to publication or display rights. The researcher must request this permission in writing from the Archives.

## Accruals

No further accruals are expected.

## Note [General]

Mount Hope was the first Catholic institution in the Diocese of London to offer refuge and a home for the sick, infirm, destitute, and forsaken. The property that was originally the Barker House, was purchased by Bishop John Walsh and opened in 1869 as a Motherhouse and orphanage for the Sisters of St. Joseph. By 1870, the number of orphans living at Mount Hope grew. The elderly also moved to Mount Hope from Victoria Hospital and the Municipal Home for the Aged. The residents helped with domestic duties, gardening and other tasks. In 1877, the original building was extended and renamed Mount Hope Mother House, Orphanage and Home for the Aged. The only source of revenue were the salaries earned by Sister teachers and donations. By the late 1890s, Mount Hope became overcrowded. For health reasons, the orphans were moved to a new location and the elderly stayed at Mount Hope which was then renamed House of Providence. In 1951, St. Mary's Hospital was built on one side, and in 1966, Marian Villa was built on the other side. The elderly were moved from the House of Providence to Marian Villa over time. In 1980, the House of Providence was demolished.

## Other notes

- **Publication status:** published
- **Level of detail:** Partial
- **Status description:** Revised

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## Access points

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- Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph in Canada (London, Ont.)
- Multiple media (documentary form)
- Correspondence (documentary form)
- Photographs (documentary form)

- Maps (documentary form)
  - Health and social services (subject)
  - Women and girls (subject)
  - Religion and religious people (subject)
  - Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph in Canada (London, Ont.) (subject)
  - London (place)
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## Collection holdings

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### Subseries: F01-S125--01 - History

Title: History

Reference code: F01-S125--01

Date: 1868-1869, 1948-1980, 2005 (date of creation)

Scope and content: This subseries documents the history of Mount Hope and the House of Providence from 1857 to 1980. There is a chronological history of Mount Hope. Other histories document the construction of Mount Hope and its transition into the House of Providence. Also included is correspondence from 1869 between Frank Smith and Bishop John Walsh regarding the purchase of Mount Hope. There is also an 1868 report card from an orphan who attended Mount Hope. There are two aerial maps, one of which is a photocopy of an 1840 map depicting the planned area for Mount Hope, and the other a photocopy showing London West in 1897.

Physical description: 4 cm of textual records

1 post card : col.

2 maps : photocopies, b&w ; 22 x 36 cm

Publication status:

published

Access points:

- Multiple media (documentary form)
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### **File: F01-S125--01--01 - Mount Hope 1869-1900 and House of Providence 1900-1966 Histories**

Title: Mount Hope 1869-1900 and House of Providence 1900-1966 Histories

Reference code: F01-S125--01--01

Publication status:

published

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**File: F01-S125--01--02 - Mount Hope History**

Title: Mount Hope History

Reference code: F01-S125--01--02

Publication status:

published

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**File: F01-S125--01--03 - Report Card 1868 – Mother of Mrs. Helen Loughlin – attended Mount Hope**

Title: Report Card 1868 – Mother of Mrs. Helen Loughlin – attended Mount Hope

Reference code: F01-S125--01--03

Publication status:

published

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**File: F01-S125--01--04 - Bishop John Walsh - Letter**

Title: Bishop John Walsh - Letter

Reference code: F01-S125--01--04

Publication status:

published

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**Subseries: F01-S125--02 - Property**

Title: Property

Reference code: F01-S125--02

Date: 1883, 19-? (date of creation)

Scope and content: This subseries contains correspondence, municipal registration records, and deeds related to the conveyance of lands where the Mount Hope Motherhouse would later be located, all of which are reproductions, apart from one original deed of land dated 1883 transferring land from John Pope to William Thompson the Younger. This subseries also contains a biography of William Barker, the original owner of the Mount Hope property.

Physical description: 2 cm of textual records

Publication status:

published

Access points:

- Textual record (documentary form)
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**File: F01-S125--02--01 - Contracts and Agreements 1853-1949**

Title: Contracts and Agreements 1853-1949

Reference code: F01-S125--02--01

Publication status:

published

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**Subseries: F01-S125--03 - Photographs and Newsclippings**

Title: Photographs and Newsclippings

Reference code: F01-S125--03

Date: 1929-1932, 1960-1966 (date of creation)

Scope and content: This subseries contains photographs of the Mount Hope Motherhouse and surrounding landscape, taken at some time after the 1877 renovations. There is a scrapbook, titled "Ancient Collection from Mount Hope," which contains newspaper clippings related to Bishop Fallon of London, St. Peter's Seminary, the London Schools of Catechetic, Henry Edward Dormer, Bishop-Elect Dennis O'Connor, Father Frank Forster, the Canonization of Jesuit Martyrs, and Bishop Alexander MacDonnell. Bishop Fallon of London convalesced at Mount Hope. Three newspaper articles from 1961, 1962, and 1966 reference the Sisters of St. Joseph in London.

Physical description: 10 photographs : b&w negatives

32 photographs : b&w

1 scrapbook ; 25 x 36 cm

Publication status:

published

Access points:

- Graphic material (documentary form)
  - Textual record (documentary form)
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**File: F01-S125--03--01 - Mount Hope and Landscape 1877-**

Title: Mount Hope and Landscape 1877-

Reference code: F01-S125--03--01

Publication status:

published

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**File: F01-S125--03--02 - Newsclippings/Scrapbook 1920-1932, 1960-1966**

Title: Newsclippings/Scrapbook 1920-1932, 1960-1966

Reference code: F01-S125--03--02

Publication status:

published

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