

# Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph in Canada

## Finding Aid - Stettler Hospital, Alta. fonds (F05)

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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>	Stettler Hospital, Alta. fonds
<b>Reference code:</b>	F05
<b>Date:</b>	1926-[19-] (creation)
<b>Physical description:</b>	0.5 cm of textual records
<b>Language:</b>	English
<b>Dates of creation, revision and deletion:</b>	June 23, 2014July 2, 2020

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## Administrative history / Biographical sketch

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### Note

In 1925, the Board of Trade passed a resolution that the leaders of Stettler should ask Archbishop Henry Joseph O'Leary to set up a "Sisters' Hospital" in Stettler, Alberta. In turn, the Archbishop sent for four sisters from the Sisters of St. Joseph in the Diocese of London to run the hospital: Sister Patricia Coughlin, Sister Virginia Lobban, Sister Austin Gurvine, and Sister Jane Francis O'Rourke. They arrived in March of 1926.

Due to religious factions in the community, soon after it was known that the Sisters would be running a hospital, another proposal was made to establish a public municipal hospital instead. Since the voting on this issue was dragged out, the Sisters went ahead and began work in a small existing hospital. Upon arrival, the Sisters cleaned the building and ordered new supplies because the hospital was in a poor state. The local parish was very supportive and a nearby cottage was rented for the purposes of storage and an oratory for the Sisters to celebrate mass and have community prayers.

Meanwhile, a vote was finally conducted but failed to pass. After the district boundaries were redrawn, another vote was held in favour of a municipal hospital. Also around this time, the hospital's cottage was burned down by opponents. Both these factors contributed to the Sisters closing the hospital and moving to Galahad where the Village of Galahad had asked them to establish a Sisters' Hospital.

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## Scope and content

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Fonds contains two essays about the history of the hospital and a copy of a letter.

## Notes

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### Title notes

- **Source of title proper:** Title based on the contents of the fonds.

### Immediate source of acquisition

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

### 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 [Sources]

P. O'Halloran (ed.), *The Bold Journey 1943-1993: An Alberta History of Catholic Health Care Facilities and of their Owners*. Edmonton, 1993.

M. Doyle (ed.) and C. Dignan (ed.), *Contributions of the Sisters of St. Joseph of the Diocese of London to the Hospital and Health Care Services in Canada*.

### Other notes

- **Publication status:** published
- **Level of detail:** Partial
- **Status description:** Revised
- **Institution identifier:** CA ON00279

## Access points

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- Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph in Canada (London, Ont.)
  - Textual record (documentary form)
  - Essays (documentary form)
  - Correspondence (documentary form)
  - Women and girls (subject)
  - Health care (subject)
  - Religion and religious people (subject)
  - Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph in Canada (London, Ont.) (subject)
  - Alberta (place)
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## Collection holdings

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### **Series: F05--S001 - Histories of Stettler Hospital**

Title: Histories of Stettler Hospital

Reference code: F05--S001

Date: [19-] (date of creation)

Scope and content: The series consists of two essays about the history of the hospital.

Physical description: 0.25 cm of textual records.

Publication status:

published

Access points:

- Textual record (documentary form)
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### **File: F05--S001--01 - Stettler Alberta Chronicles 1926-1927**

Title: Stettler Alberta Chronicles 1926-1927

Reference code: F05--S001--01

Publication status:

published

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**File: F05--S001--02 - Hospital-Stettler, Alberta 1926-7**

Title: Hospital-Stettler, Alberta 1926-7

Reference code: F05--S001--02

Publication status:

published

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**Series: F05--S002 - Correspondence**

Title: Correspondence

Reference code: F05--S002

Date: 1926-1926 (date of creation)

Scope and content: The series comprises a copy of a letter from the Sacred Heart Convent.

Physical description: 0.25 cm of textual records

Publication status:

published

Access points:

- Textual record (documentary form)
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**File: F05--S002--01 - Letter from Sacred Heart Convent**

Title: Letter from Sacred Heart Convent

Reference code: F05--S002--01

Publication status:

published

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