Guide to the Records of the
Edward J. Flanagan, Class of 1906
Record Group 8: Priests

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ADMINISTRATIVE HISTORY

This Collection contains items related to Rev. Edward James Flanagan C’1906.

Father Edward Joseph Flanagan graduated from Mount St. Mary’s College in 1906 and was ordained by the Royal Imperial Leopold Francis University in 1912. In 1917, founded Boys Town of Boys Town, Nebraska, a non-profit organization designed to help children and families. Much of this collection contains materials discussing his time at Mount St. Mary’s, the founding and organization of Boys Town, and Rev. James T. Delaney’s 1979 response to his visit to Boys Town.

PROVENANCE

The following items were donated by Mark Daniels from the Hall of History and Father Flanagan House on 2/19/2004:

- “Flanagan Visits Mount St. Mary’s on Recent Trip,” *Boys Town Times*, 12/28/1945
- “Noted Priest Visits School: Father Flanagan Returns to Alma Mater after 40 Years,” *Baltimore Sun*, 11/24/1945
- Copy of Photograph of Msgr. Flanagan, MSM Flynn Hall, 11/1945
- Copy of Photograph of Flanagan, [other professor/faculty], 2 graduating students, N.D.
- Copy of Photograph of Flanagan in front of Bradley, 11/1945
- Copy of Photograph of Msgr. Flanagan, Msgr. Sheridan, Rev. James Burke, MSM Flynn Hall, 11/1945
- Copy of Photograph of Msgr. Flanagan, Msgr. Sheridan, MSM Grotto Cave, 11/1945
- Copy of Photograph of Photo of MSMU campus, 11/1945

PROCESSING

Flat materials were placed in acid-free folders and stored in chronological order.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

This collection consists of 0.4 linear feet ranging in date from 1906 to 2004. This collection includes articles, pamphlets, speeches, and photographs related to Flanagan and Boys Town. It also includes articles, stamps, and programs related to Flanagan’s USPS stamp. Finally, the collection contains articles, materials, and photographs specifically about Rev. Robert P. Hupp.

This collection is arranged in ten series:

- Series I: Articles
- Series II: Hall of History
- Series III: “Men of Vision” Exhibit at MSM
- Series IV: Boys Town Publications
- Series V: Boys Town Center for the Study of Youth Development
- Series VI: Year of Family Renewal
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Series VII: Postage Stamp
Series VIII: Rev. Robert P. Hupp
Series IX: Delaney Report
Series X: Photographs

SERIES DESCRIPTIONS

Series I: Articles, 1928-2004 (1 folder)
This series contains articles concerning Flanagan’s time at Mount St. Mary’s and Boys Town. The major portion of this series is articles from the school newspaper, *The Mountain Echo*.

Series II: Hall of History, 1988, 2004 (1 folder)
This series contains articles and photos of Flanagan and Boys Town donated by Mark Daniels from the Hall of History and Father Flanagan House.

Series III: “Men of Vision” Exhibit at MSM, 1990 (1 folder)
In 1990, Mount St. Mary’s held a “Men of Vision” exhibit which featured Father Flanagan and Henry Monsky’s social works and cooperation. This includes shipment information, panel setup, and pamphlets that coordinated with the exhibit.

Series IV: Boys Town Publications, 1980, 1982 (1 folder)
The “Boys Town Publications” series consists of articles, booklets, pamphlets, and quarterlies about Boys Town’s overall organization. These materials describe the broader facets of Boys Town.

Series V: Boys Town Center for the Study of Youth Development, 1980 (1 folder)
This series consists of booklets and pamphlets about the Boys Town Center for the Study of Youth Development, which works with students with disabilities. This organization is a central part of Boys Town’s work to help students succeed in classes and society.

Series VI: Year of Family Renewal, 1979 (1 folder)
The Year of Family Renewal was a year-long event sponsored by Boys Town to promote the importance of a family structure. This series contains a bumper sticker, booklet describing the event, and a pamphlet.
**Series VII: Postage Stamp, 1986 (1 folder)**

In 1986, Father Flanagan was honored with a United States postage stamp, and this series contains materials relating to that event. These include envelopes with his stamp, articles about the honor, a program from the event honoring him, and sheets of the stamps.


Rev. Robert P. Hupp was the director of Boys Town between 1973 and 1985, during which time Mount St. Mary’s worked to reconnect with the Boys Town organization. This series includes letters between Hupp and MSM president Robert J. Wickenheiser offering Hupp an honorary Mount St. Mary’s College degree, Mount articles and journals explaining the honorary degree, and speeches regarding the matter.

**Series IX: Delaney Report, 1979, 1980 (1 folder)**

In 1979, Reverend James T. Delaney visited Boys Town and wrote a report on his trip and how Mount St. Mary’s and Boys Town could reconnect. This series includes his report, his recommendation for reconnecting with Boys Town, photo of Delaney and Hupp, and a *Mountaineer Briefing* journal entry about Delaney’s visit.

**Series X: Photographs, 1906-2004 (1 folder)**

The series contains photos from 1906 to 2004. These photos consist of Father Flanagan at Boys Town, Flanagan visiting MSM, photos of Boys Town in the 70s, Rev. Robert P. Hupp, and cards of Flanagan.
BOX INVENTORY

Box 1

Series I: Articles, 1928 – 2004

“Alumni,” Echo vol V, #12, p8, 4/28/1928

“Alumni Gossip,” Echo vol VI, #5, p8, 11/24/1928

“Banquet Gleanings,” Echo vol XII, #13, p4, 5/10/1935 [2 pages]

“Alumni”, Echo vol XIV, #5, p5, 12/16/1936

“Four Honorary Degrees Will Be Bestowed at 130th Commencement,” Echo vol XV, #11, pg 1, 4/6/1938 [3 pages]

“Msgr. Flanagan,” Echo vol XVI, #3, pg 3 11/9/1938

“Msgr. E. J. Flanagan Visits Alma Mater During Past Week,” Echo vol XVI, #2, pg. 3 10/26/1938 [2 pages]

“Addresses Class of ’28 at Exercises,” Echo vol XV, #15, pg 1, 6/15/1938


“Alumni Notes,” Echo vol XVI, #13, pg3, 5/10/1939


“Fr. Flanagan ’06 Tells of New M. G. M. Film,” Echo vol XVII, #9, pg 3, 3/6/1940


“On the Home Front”, Echo vol XIX, #1, pg 4, 8/25/1941


“Father Flanagan Offers Prayer at U.S. Senate,” Echo vol XIX, #17, pg 3, 8/5/1942

“Echoes From Afar,” Echo vol XX, #9, pg 7, 3/31/1943

“Mountmon At War… Alumni Briefs,” Echo vol XXI #1, pg 3, 11/15/1943

“Father Flanagan Testifies Before Subcommittee,” Echo vol XXI, #2, pg 5, 12/13/1943
“Father Flanagan Visits Mountain,” Echo vol XXII, #1, pg 3, 12/19/1945

“Monsignor Edward Flanagan,” Echo vol XXIII, #4, pg 8, 12/18/1946


“Father Flanagan Subject of Recent Biography,” Echo vol XXVI, #4, pg 4, 12/16/1949

“In Memoriam Right Reverend Edward J. Flanagan,” Pridwin, 1949


“Boys Town-Backed Study Center Dedicated at CU” research facility financed by Boys Town, The Washington Post 10/14/1977

“Founder of Boys Town was alumnus of the Mount,” The Gettysburg Times, 12/28/1982

Robert J. Wickenheiser speech and corresponding newspaper article 12/21/1982

“Boys Town recalled as strict, caring: 3 found a home at Nebraska facility,” The Sun: Maryland, 1/28/1995

Series II: Hall of History, 1988, 2004

Letter: Joan Flinspach to Mr. T. Kelly Fitzpatrick, 9/7/1988

Letter: Joan Flinspach to Mr. T. Kelly Fitzpatrick, 10/5/1988

“Flanagan Visits Mount St. Mary’s on Recent Trip,” Boys Town Times, 12/28/1945

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Copy of Photograph of MSMU campus, 11/1945

Copy of Photograph of Flanagan, [someone next to him], 2 graduating students, n.d.

**Series III: “Men of Vision” Exhibit at MSM, 1990**

Shipment receipt from Archivist Specialist to “Boys Town Warehouse,” circa 1990

“Exhibition Material” consignee copy: Ship 5/21/90 from Boys Town; deliver 5/29/90 to MSM

Receipt “Freight Charges for Men of Vision Exhibit” and Receipt for transportation insurance, 5/31/90


“Set-up Instructions” GEM Systems, circa 1990

“Father Flanagan and Henry Monsky: Men of Vision: The special friendship between Boys Town’s founder and a great American Jewish leader” pamphlet, circa 1990 [11 copies]

**Series IV: Boys Town Publications, Circa 1979, 1982**

“Child Care Experts Applaud Boys Town,” *Boys Town Quarterly* excerpt, circa 1979

Bookmark labeled “Helping Youth since 1917”circa 1979 [3 copies]

Pamphlet, “Youth Helping Youth” by Dr. Jim Garbarino: Director of The Maltreatment of Youth Project, circa 1979 [2 copies]

Business card of Cindy J. Murphy, Public Relations Associate of Boys Town, circa 1979


Pamphlet, “Boys Town Visitors Welcome,” circa 1979

Pamphlet, “The Boys Town Philamatic Center,” circa 1979


*Boys Town Quarterly* Vol VII, Issue No. 4: 65th Anniversary, 10/31/1982
**Series V: Boys Town Center for the Study of Youth Development, Circa 1979**


Pamphlet, “The Boys Town Urban Program: Serving Inner-City Youth,” circa 1979

Pamphlet, “The Continuing Learning Center,” circa 1979

Pamphlet, “The Boys Town Institute for Communication Disorders in Children,” circa 1979

Pamphlet, “The Boys Town Center for the Study of Youth Development,” circa 1979


Program Files: The Boys Town Center for the Study of Youth Development, circa 1979

- Light blue- “Project: Looking at life: How successful are youth programs”
- Mustard- “Project: Teenage Alcohol and Drug Use”
- Light Yellow- “Training the Trainers”
- Taupe- “Project: St. Louis Experiment: a new approach to the rehabilitation of delinquent youth”
- Orange- “Library Services Division”
- Yellow- “The Continuing Learning Center”
- Tan- “Project: Day Care and Early Social Development”
- Grey- “Project: Social Change in the Family”
- Pink- “The Impact of Home Placement Versus Foster Care”

Pamphlet, “The Boys Town Center for the Study of Youth Development,” circa 1979

**Series VI: Year of Family Renewal, 1979**

“God Bless our Family: Boys Town Family Renewal Prayer” bumper sticker, 1979

“God Bless our Family: Father Flanagan’s Boy’s Home: Boys Town, Nebraska” Year of Family Renewal booklet, 1979 [3 copies]

“Love is a Family Affair” pamphlet, 1979

**Series VII: Postage Stamp, 1986**

Envelope “Official First Day of Issue” Postage to Boys Town, NE, 7/14/1986
Envelope containing first day stamp to MSMC Archives & Special Collections, 7/14/1986 [4 copies]

Sheet of 50 Flanagan 4 cent postage stamps, 1986

Sheet of 100 Flanagan 4 cent stamps, 1986 [2 copies]

“Father Flanagan, Founder of Boys Town, is Honored,” Hobbie, 7/21/1986

“First Day of Issue; Father Flanagan Stamp; Boys Town, Nebraska: July 14, 1986” US postal service program, 4/14/1986


Speech by James T. Delaney “Proposed Citation: Reverend Robert P. Hupp,” circa 1980

Speech by Robert J. Wickenheiser “Father Robert P. Hupp,” circa 1980

Rev. Robert P. Hupp, Commencement Speech, circa 1980

“Boys Town today: Once an orphanage, now a key to survival for many youths” Our Sunday Visitor, 3/17/1985

**Series IX: Delaney Report, 1975, 1979, 1980**

Letter: Dr. John W. Campbell to Rev James T. Delaney, 10/11/1975


- [attached photo] Rev. Hupp and Rev. Delaney

Series X: Photographs, 1906 -2004

Msgr. Flanagan & Choir Boys, circa 1906 – 1911
Msgr. Flanagan, Choir Boys, circa 1906-1911
First Five Boys of Boys Town, 1917
M. Rooney, S. Tracy, Msgr. Flanagan, 1938

“Father Flanagan: One of the Mount’s Most Famous Graduates,” The Frederick News-Post, 12/28/1982

Flanagan Portrait, circa 1940 [2 copies]
Msgr. Flanagan, Msgr. Sheridan, MSM Grotto Cave, 11/1945
Msgr. Flanagan, Mr. Clem Spring of Baltimore, MSM Bradley, 11/1945
Msgr. Flanagan, MSM Flynn Hall, 11/1945
Msgr. Flanagan, Msgr. Sheridan – MSM Corpus Christi Chapel, 11/1945

Framed copy of Photograph of Flanagan in front of Bradley, 11/1945
Boys Town Institute, 1978
Franciscan Circle, Boys Town, Nebraska, 11/1979

“Brother Statue” at Boys Town, 11/1979
Portrait Rev. Robert P. Hupp, Circa 1980
Flanagan Postcard, Flanagan as seminarian pictured, 1999

Thank you card & Mount St. Mary’s Flanagan Canonization Seminary Prayer card, Flanagan as seminarian pictured, 10/27/2004

“Boys Town Concert Choir,” n.d.

“Boys Town Concert Choir, formal dress attire,” n.d.
Boys Town Pylon, n.d.