

New Orleans, LA – Female Orphan Asylum

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Title: New Orleans, LA – Female Orphan Asylum
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Subjects: Female Orphan Asylum (New Orleans, LA)
Catholic history - history
Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul
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Haughery, Margaret Gaffney
Orphan Asylums
Orphanages
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Historical Note

The Daughters of Charity first arrived in New Orleans in 1830 to work at the Poydras Asylum, an orphanage run by a combination of Catholic and Protestant laywomen. In 1836, the Daughters withdrew from Poydras and started their own orphanage. It was originally known as St. Patrick's before being incorporated as the New Orleans Female Orphan Asylum. Girls older than 14 were separated in 1855 and sent to the newly established St. Elizabeth's House of Industry for vocational training. The Female Orphan Asylum merged with St. Elizabeth's in 1921, and the reunited institution officially became incorporated as St. Elizabeth's in 1955.

Scope and Contents

Manuscripts, Correspondence, Financial Reports

System of Arrangement

Arranged in 4 series: 1) Administration, 2) History, 3) Correspondence, 4) Financial, 5) Legal, 7) Newspaper Clippings, 10) Personnel, and 11) Daughter of Charity Documents

Series 5) Legal has two subseries: 1) Constitutions and Bylaws and 2) Board of Trustee Minutes

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Inventory

The below inventory does not include materials that are restricted at this time.

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11-4-1-5	Property - Deeds	Administration		2	1	1861	1876
11-4-2	History General - Correspondence, Notes, etc.	History		1	3		
11-4-2	History - Compilation of Notes, Correspondence, Newspaper Clippings, etc.	History		1	4		
11-4-3	Correspondence	Correspondence		1	5	1830	1928
11-4-3	Correspondence Related to the Dispute Between Sisters and Archbishop of New Orleans/Rector of St. Theresa's Over Maintenance and Financial Obligation	Correspondence		1	6		
11-4-4-3	Financial Reports & Statistics	Financial		1	7	1880	1904
11-4-5-1	Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws	Legal	Constitution, Charter, Bylaws	2	2	1843	1962
11-4-7	Newspaper Clippings	Newspaper Clippings		2	5		
11-4-10-1	Personnel - Sister Servants	Personnel		2	6	1839	1978