

Marc Frenaye Papers

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Summary Information

Repository	Catholic Historical Research Center (CHRC) of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia
Title	Marc Frenaye Papers
Date [inclusive]	1807-1868
Extent	0.4 Linear feet 1 Box
Language	English
Abstract	This collection contains correspondence to and from Marc Freyane, collected by the American Catholic Historical Society of Philadelphia. It also contains correspondence that likely added at a later date, including correspondence that is neither to nor from Freyane.

Preferred Citation note

[Description and date of item], [Box/folder number], Marc Frenaye Papers, Catholic Historical Research Center of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.

Biographical/Historical note

Mark Anthony Frenaye was born February 5, 1783. According to his own written and repeated statements, he built up a competent fortune by careful methods and attention to business, as a merchant in Philadelphia. By a generous loan of thirty thousand dollars, he enabled Bishop Kenrick to begin the building of the church of St. John the Evangelist under the pastoral direction of the Rev. John Hughes, 1831. From the early thirties until a short time before his death, Frenaye lived at St. John's Rectory. Mr. Frenaye died in St. Joseph's Hospital, Philadelphia, January 4th, 1873.

Scope and Contents note

The collections contains correspondence to and from Marc Freyane, collected by the American Catholic Historical Society of Philadelphia. A number of the letters are in French.

Series I contains Frenaye correspondence with numerous clergy and laypeople, including most of the bishops around the country, such as Bishop Peter Kenrick of St. Louis and Michael O'Connor of Pittsburgh. Topics cover finances and fundraising, with many asking for or repaying Frenaye. Letters also include discussions of books, social matters, and the spread of Catholicism.

Series II contains correspondence to and from Freyane that were added at a later point as well as some that were likely taken from other collections, namely the correspondence with the Rodrigue family. There is also correspondence that is neither to nor from Freyane but were part of the collection when it was originally processed and assigned numbers.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

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Conditions Governing Use note

This collection is open for research use.

Custodial History note

Accession Number 1990.016

Existence and Location of Copies note

A number of the letters have been published in various issues of the Records of the American Catholic Historical society, including: Vol XIII no. 4; Vol XIV no. 1 and 2; Vol XXII no. 1; Vol XXX no. 4.

Related Materials

Related Archival Materials note

See also MC 101 Marc Frenaye Lettes; MC 46 Rodrigue Family Papers; MC 72 Bishop Kenrick

Controlled Access Headings

Family Name(s)

- Rodrigue family

Genre(s)

- Correspondence
- Financial records

Personal Name(s)

- Amat, Thaddeus, Bishop, 1811-1878
- Barry, John, Bishop, 1799-1859
- England, John, Bishop, 1786-1842
- Hughes, John, Archbishop, 1797-1864

- Kenrick, Francis Patrick, 1796-1863
- Kenrick, Peter Richard, Archbishop, 1806-1896
- McGill, John, Bishop, 1809-1872
- O'Connor, Michael, (Bishop), 1810-1872
- O'Donnell, James, OSA, Father, 1806-1861
- Rosati, Joseph, Bishop, 1789-1843
- Sourin, Edward J., S.J.
- Timon, John, Bishop, 1797-1867
- Tornatore, John B., C.M.

Subject(s)

- Catholic Church--Philadelphia (Pa.)
- Catholic Church--United States--History--19th century.
- Catholic Church. Archdiocese of Philadelphia (Pa.)
- Catholic Church. Archdiocese of Philadelphia (Pa.)--History--19th century.
- Family life--Pennsylvania--19th century.

General note

Collection has an itemized list of each letter with brief discription on index cards.

Series I: Frenaye Material Original to Collection

Collection Inventory

Series I: Frenaye Material Original to Collection

Correspondence: A

	Box	Folder
Text	1	1

Correspondence: B

	Box	Folder
Text	1	2

Correspondence: C

	Box	Folder
Text	1	3

Correspondence: D

	Box	Folder
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Series I: Frenaye Material Original to Collection

Text

1

4

Correspondence: E

Text

Bin**Folder**

1

5

Correspondence: F

Text

Box**Folder**

1

6

Correspondence: G

Text

Box**Folder**

1

1

Correspondence: H-I

Text

Box**Folder**

1

7

Correspondence: J-K

Series I: Frenaye Material Original to Collection

	Box	Folder
Text	1	9

Correspondence: L

	Box	Folder
Text	1	10

Correspondence: M

	Box	Folder
Text	1	11

Correspondence: Mc

	Box	Folder
Text	1	12

Correspondence: N-O

	Box	Folder
Text	1	13

Series I: Frenaye Material Original to Collection

Correspondence: P-Q

	Box	Folder
Text	1	14

Correspondence: R

	Box	Folder
Text	1	15

Correspondence: S

	Box	Folder
Text	1	16

Correspondence: T

	Box	Folder
Text	1	17

Correspondence: V-W

Series II: Frenaye and Other Material Likely Added to Collection from Othe...

	Box	Folder
Text	1	18

Series II: Frenaye and Other Material Likely Added to Collection from Other Collections

Misc Correspondence: Unnumbered

	Box	Folder
Text	1	19

Misc Non-Frenaye Correspondence: Numbered

	Box	Folder
Text	1	19

Account Books

	Box	Folder
Text	1	20

Frenaye to Aline Rodrigue Maguire 1841-1842

	Box	Folder
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Series II: Frenaye and Other Material Likely Added to Collection from Othe...

Text	1	21
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Frenaye to Aline Rodrigue Maguire 1842-1846

	Box	Folder
Text	1	22

Frenaye to Aline Rodrigue Maguire 1847-1872

	Box	Folder
Text	1	23

Misc Rodrigue Correspondence: Numbered

	Box	Folder
Text	1	24