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Correspondence to Middleton, 1883-1917. Memorabilia.  
Manuscript of S.M. Sener's Catholic Church in Lancaster.  
Newspapers Clippings, 1883-1894.

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Thomas Cooke Middleton, Historian; b. Philadelphia, Pa., March 30, 1842; d. Villanova, Pa.; November 19, 1923. He was the oldest of the nine children of Joseph and Lydia (Cooke) Middleton. The Middletons were Quakers before the family was received into the Catholic Church in April 1854.

Thomas studied at Villanova College (later University) from 1854 to 1858, when he was sent to the Augustinian novitiate at Tolentino, Italy. He made his vows there on Oct. 10, 1859. After completing his theology in San Agostino in Rome, he was ordained at the Basilica of the Holy Savior (Basilica of St. John Lateran), on Sept. 24, 1864. He returned to the U.S. in 1865 and was assigned to Villanova College, where he remained for the next 58 years.

Between 1866 and 1914 he was professor, Vice President, and President (1876-78) of the college; prior of the Monastery, counselor (definitor) and regent of studies for the American Province, and associate and Secretary to the provincial. In 1884 he was one of the founders of the American Catholic Historical Society of Philadelphia; he served from then until 1890 as its President. From 1899 to 1905 he was director of the society's publications and editor of its Journal Records of the American Catholic Historical Society.

A partial list of his writings includes his Historical Sketch of Villanova (1893), Augustinians in the United States (1909), articles on Augustinian hagiography, accounts of prominent churchmen, descriptions of Philadelphia churches, and lives of priests of his Order. His papers now in the Archives of Villanova University, exemplify his contribution to Augustinian and Pennsylvania Historiography.

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	
1	1	Correspondence to Middleton 1883-1917 re: letter of a request from Ohio to appoint Rev. Fr. Flood Chairman of the Sub-Committee on Historical Research in that town. Also re: Baltimore Archives not open to the public. Also Mr. Aster asking for Relic from Middleton.
	2	Correspondence to Middleton and Undated. Re: Secretary of State advising that Sidney is a small Post Office village in township of Franklin, Hunterdon Co., state of N.J. Also atty. Sylvester Malone asking for further info. on Fr. O'Donnell on History of Catholicity. Printed sheet from the Augustinian Academy of Our Lady of Good Counsel re: reception and opening of the Academy Sept. 10, 1899 .
	3	Correspondence from Middleton 1859-1899. Re: Letters from the Amer. Cath. Historical Soc. of Phila. on historical research. etc.
	4	"Copy" used in Vol. X, No. 2 of Records; 1899. re: the wall of the library were enriched with portrait of the society's first President, Rev. Thomas Cooke Middleton. Papers of the annual address of the President.
	5	Memorabilia of Sebastian Martinelli's appointment of second Apostolic Delegate of the U.S. 1896-97. Booklet with picture of Archbp. :Martinelli programme, Springfield, Mass. Several complimentary booklets of Young Mens Cath. Assoc. of Boston College. Two separate photos of Rev. Martinelli. Two Martinelli Supplement newspapers.
	6	Catholic Periodicals published in the U.S. Re: a hard cover booklet periodicals published from the earliest in 1809 to the close of the year 1892.
2	1	S.M. Sener's "Catholic Church in Lancaster" (Manuscripts)". showing pew registers of St. Mary's church 1787-1791. Also list of pew rents. Second batch of papers re: resources of St. Mary's Orphan Asylum.etc.
	2	Newspaper clippings and notes, 1883-1896 "A-H" such as "History of the Cath. Church in Indiana, Another Copy of "Facts" fpr Aug. 4, 1894, etc. Another "Evening Telegraph of Phila. May 1892., funerals of Hon J. Barbour senator of Va., and other papers on historical Magazine.

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2	3	Newspaper clippings and notes. such as great range of topics in Summer School. Man kills Sister in hospital over a glass of milk. Newspaper clipping of picture of The New St. Patrick's Church in Rome, and another of Old St. Josephs church in Phila. etc.
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