

Letter books relating to children in care, Garden Point Mission

1941 –

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Records Location

These records are part of [Garden Point Collection \(1941 - current\)](#)

Details

This series of Letter books consists of two sets of binders, referred to as books. Each book includes correspondence and other documents relating to children who were in care at the Garden Point Mission from 1941. These letter books are held by the archives of the Roman Catholic Church, Diocese of Darwin.

Access Conditions

Because of the potentially private and personal content of records in this Archival Series, it is only open only to family relations and people who experienced 'care' through the Garden Point Mission upon request.

You may be directed to a digital copy of records in this Archival Collection due to the condition of the original records. Some records deteriorate due to age and may be no longer in one piece (they may literally fall apart), become faded, or suffer from mould or water damage etc. In these instances the original record may no longer be legible. Digital copies are used not only to prevent damage to the fragile original records by reducing the amount of handling, but also to present records in readable format.

For access to these records, please contact the archives of the Roman Catholic Church, Diocese of Darwin. People who lived at the Garden Point Mission or at other missions or institutions run by the Catholic Church in the Northern Territory may be able to amend records about them.

Records

The information contained in the books is referenced by two sets of Index Cards. These are arranged alphabetically by surname of children and they provide a list of the documents in the books which relate to each child. This system was presumably implemented by volunteers to improve accessibility to information about children who were accommodated at the Garden Point Mission. Provenance and original order were largely lost, because the binders consist of compilations of documents from a number of sources, including correspondence and invoices. This means that sometimes not all records that relate to an individual will be together or in date

order, but may be distributed amongst the 'books'.

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