

*Description and Finding Aid*

**FRANCIS HERBERT COSGRAVE FONDS**

**F2076**

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### Dates of creation

1888-1973

### Extent

20 cm of textual records

39 photographs

### Biographical sketch

Francis Herbert Cosgrave, educator and administrator, was born on 11 July 1880 in Kilsallaghan, County Dublin, Ireland, and died on 31 January 1971 at Central Park Lodge, Thorncliffe Park, Toronto. He was the son of Frederick Cosgrave and Martha Rogers Bullen. He attended Corrig School, Kingstown, Ireland, and Trinity College, Dublin, where he achieved a BA in 1902, a BD in 1907, and an MA in 1917. He was ordained deacon in 1904 and priest in 1905 at Durham, England.

His first post was as curate of Christ Church in West Hartlepool, near Durham, England, from 1904-1907. Cosgrave was appointed lecturer in Hebrew at Trinity College, Toronto, in 1907, professor in 1909, and Dean of Divinity in 1916. He took on work as an assistant at St Clement's Church in Toronto from 1923-1926. He was elected Provost of Trinity College on 21 July 1926, installed on 15 January 1927, and served until 1945. He was a lecturer at Huron College in London, Ontario, 1945-1948. He was honorary canon of Toronto from 1959 until his death in 1971.

Cosgrave married Annie Leila Metcalf on 4 September 1926 in Grimsby, Ontario. She died in 1966.

### Scope and content

The fonds includes personal papers of Provost Cosgrave, chronicles of the Kirkpatrick family, correspondence, genealogical information on the Colley, Foster, Kirkpatrick, and Cosgrave families, extracts from the diary of Captain Joseph Bull, Provost Cosgrave's visitors book, photographs, and an address written by Cosgrave for the memorial service of Gerard B. Strathy.

### *Contains series*

1. Genealogy Research
2. Personal Papers

### Notes

*Acquisition history:* Materials accrued in three accessions.

*Arrangement:* Materials arranged by the archivist in chronological order when possible.

*Restrictions on access:* None.

*Terms governing use and reproduction / publication:* Various copyright holders. It is the researcher's responsibility to obtain permission to publish any part of the fonds.

**Provenance access points:** Cosgrave, Francis Herbert, 1880-1971

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**SERIES 1: GENEALOGY RESEARCH**

**Dates of creation:** 1888-1973

**Extent:** 13 cm of textual records  
10 photographs

**Scope and content:** This series consists of research and correspondence regarding Cosgrave's genealogy. Files include photographs, family trees, writings/letters pertaining to the Foster, Kirkpatrick, Stock, Bull and Colley families, affidavits, and newspaper clippings.

**Location / File Listing:**

<b>FOLDER/UNIT TITLE</b>	<b>START DATE</b>	<b>END DATE</b>	<b>CONTENTS</b>	<b>BOX/ FILE #</b>
Correspondence	1933	1940	Genealogical correspondence 5 photographs : b&w ; 9 cm x 11.5 cm or smaller	1-1
Estate of Frederick Cosgrave	1938	1940	Will, correspondence	1-2
Cosgrave coat of arms	1940	1943	Research, confirmation of patent, correspondence with family member to purchase rights	1-3
The Colley, Foster and related families: notes by C.F.L Gilbert	1951	1951	Bound book; letters	1-4
Chronicles of the Kirkpatrick Family by Alexander de Lapere Kirkpatrick	[196-]	[196-]	Bound typed document, handwritten notes in margins	1-5
Genealogical correspondence and research	1938	1963	Correspondence; Cosgrave family tree; F.H. Cosgrave affidavit	1-6

			4 photographs : b&w ; 8 cm x 15 cm or smaller	
Bishop Joseph Stock information	1888	1964	Picture of the Stock family in 1773 and information on the people in it; correspondence	1-7
Genealogical correspondence and research	1888	1968	Correspondence; research 1 photograph : b&w ; 9 cm x 12 cm	1-8
Letters of Colonel Colley Foster	1973	1973	Typed letters with notes, letters from eighteenth and nineteenth centuries	1-9
The letters of Joseph, Luke, Frederick, and Samuel Stock	[19--]	[19--]	Bound book and unbound pages of letters from the eighteenth century	1-10
Extracts from the journal of the Late Captain Joseph Bull	[19--]	[19--]	Loose paper, typed	1-11

**SERIES 2: PERSONAL PAPERS****Dates of creation:** 1928-1971**Extent:** 7 cm of textual records  
29 photographs**Scope and content**

This series consists of personal photographs, correspondence, address and visitors books belonging to Cosgrave. Files also include documents related to Trinity College and memorial addresses given both by and for Cosgrave.

**Location / File Listing:**

<b>FOLDER/UNIT TITLE</b>	<b>START DATE</b>	<b>END DATE</b>	<b>CONTENTS</b>	<b>BOX/ FILE #</b>
Photo album	[192-?]	[193-?]	Small photo album containing photographs of St. Clement's Church, Toronto.	2-1
Photographs	[1934]	[1940]	26 photographs : b&w ; 13.5 x 9 cm or smaller	2-2
Photographs	1928	1954	3 photographs : b&w ; 8.5 x 11 cm or smaller;	2-3

and visitors book			visitors book	
Address book	[1958]	[1958]	Book with addresses written in	2-4
Memorial service address	2 Oct 1963	2 Oct 1963	Address by Cosgrave at memorial service held at Trinity College for the late Gerard B. Strathy	2-5
Trinity College and personal documents	1952	1971	Plan for building of Trinity College 1851-1852; Reviews for <i>A History of the University of Trinity College</i> 1952; Correspondence; St. Aidan's College pamphlet; Address given by the Reverend Canon Roland E. Palmer at the memorial Eucharist for the late Reverend Canon Francis Herbert Cosgrave on 7 February 1971	2-6