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**Durward Family  
Papers, 1823-1929  
MC 2**

**Access**

Open/unrestricted.

**Biographical Note**

Bernard I. Durward was an instructor of English and elocution at St. Francis Seminary from 1856 to 1866. To help subsidize his meager salary, he painted portraits and sketched, and also gave drawing lessons outside the seminary. He was widely known through his critical writing for the St. Louis Leader Catholic newspaper. He also acquired some fame as a poet, particularly for his Wild Flowers of Wisconsin. (Johnson, Peter Leo, Halcyon Days: Story of St. Francis Seminary, Milwaukee: 1856-1956. (Milwaukee: Bruce Publishing Co., 1956), pp. 88-89). Bernard I Durward was also founder, editor, and, it seems, publisher of the Milwaukee Catholic Magazine which ran monthly for one complete year – 1875.

Bernard I. Durward passed his talents on to his son, John T. Durward, who studied at St. Francis Seminary and was ordained into the priesthood in 1870. In addition to his pastoral duties, John T. Durward authored a number of works including The Durward Madonnas, Sonnets of Holy Land, and A Casket of Joys.

For further information see description by J.J. Barry in “The Durward letters” and “The Patmore Letters,” Salesianum, v. 28(4) 1933, pp. 27-31, v. 29(1) 1934, pp. 11-16; v. 30(2) 1935, pp. 31-39, v. 30(3) 1935, pp. 19-26.

**Scope and Content Note** *a brief description of the types of materials in the collection.*

Collection contains published works by John T. Durward. It includes correspondence from Aubrey de Vere, a Catholic poet of the English Romantic movement; the Patmore family; Eliza Allen Starr, a poet, essayist, art critic, lecturer; William A. Verboort and John Verboort; and several other individuals. Some of the letters deal with the problems of creative writing; others with the private lives of those involved. The collection also contains biographical information and several papers of Aubrey de Vere, the Patmore family, and Eliza Allen Starr. Typewritten copies of the Patmore family and de Vere letters exist alongside the originals.

**Box and Folder List** *A list of the folder titles in the collection. The first half of box 1 contains general files and published works by Bernard I. Durward and John T. Duward. The remainder of the collection is correspondence to the Durward family in alphabetical order by correspondent.*

**Box 1**

F 1 Biographical Information - "B. I. Durward: Professor and Poet"

- F 2 A Casket of Joys, by Rev. J. T. Durward, 1917
- F 3 Contract to convey J. T. Durward from Jerusalem to Nazareth, March 1910
- F 4 The Durward Madonnas, by Rev. J. T. Durward, n.d.
- F 5 Excerpt from letter written by J. T. Durward to his sister Mary J. Durward, July 1910
- F 6 Extract from diary of J. T. Durward, June 1889
- F 7 Memorial Poem for the Silver Jubilee of St. Francis Seminary, by B. I. Durward, 1881
- F 8 Miscellaneous
- F 9 Photographs, unidentified
- F 10 Sermon notes - J. T. Durward, n.d., 1906, 1908
- F 11 Short Course in Catholic Doctrine: for Non-Catholics Intending Marriage with Catholics, by Rev. J. T. Durward, 1911
- F 12 Travel Documents - J. T. Durward, 1889
- F 13 Wild Flowers of Wisconsin, Bernard I. Durward, 1872
- F 14 Aubrey de Vere - Catholic Herald article on, 1929; photo of, n.d.
- F 15 Correspondence to Aubrey de Vere from Charles Elliot Norton, May 1860 - March 1867
- F 16 Chronological index and contents of letters from Aubrey de Vere, August 1872 - June 1896?
- F 17 Correspondence from Aubrey de Vere, August 1872 - June 1896? (2 Copies)
- F 18 Correspondence from Alice Meynell, August 1912
- F 19 Correspondence from William J. Onahan, n.d., 1875 - 1910.

#### Box 2

- F 1 The Angel in the House, by Coventry Patmore, 1887
- F 2 Chronological index and contents of Patmore letters, January 1879 - January 1924; Chronology, 1823 -1925
- F 3 Correspondence from Patmore family, December 16, no year, January 1879 - January 1924
- F 4 Correspondence from Patmore family, January 1879 - January 1924 (Copy 2)

#### Box 3

- F 1 Eliza Allen Starr - Biographical information and newspaper photo
- F 2 Correspondence from Eliza Allen Starr, n.d., December 1879 - September 1900
- F 3 Correspondence from Caroline D. Swan, n.d., 1917
- F 4 Correspondence from G. Trentanove, May 1875 - 1894
- F 5 Correspondence from William Augustine Verboort and John Verboort, n.d., November 1872 - October 1888
- F 6 Draft of letter to Archbishop about Rev. William A. Verboort, June 1876