

A Calendar of the Papers

of

Rev. Francis Byrne (1807 - 1904)

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PROVENANCE:

These papers of Rev. Francis Byrne, Episcopal clergyman in Colorado from 1867 to 1904, were presented to the State Historical Society of Colorado by Arthur F. Smith, on January 13, 1944, at the suggestion of Robert C. Hanington, vestryman of St. John's Cathedral, Denver.

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FRANCIS BYRNE (1807 - 1904)

BIOGRAPHICAL DATA:

- 1807, May 4 Born of Scottish parents in Carlow, Ireland
- 1825, Aug. 20 Enlisted in 64th Regiment of Foot, Dublin
- 1834, Apr. 4 Port Royal, Jamaica
- 1838, Feb. 27 Discharged, with rank of Flag Pay Sergeant
- 1838 - 1840 Agent of the English Missionary Society
in various parishes of Jamaica
- 1839, June 18 Married at Kingston to Henrietta Woods
- 1839, July 11 Made Lay Reader ^{by} Christopher, Lord Bishop of Jamaica
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- 1841 - 1843 Superintendent of "The Normal Institute,"
to train young Jamaican men for "The
African Civilization Society of England."
- 1844 - 1854 Missionary of various parishes in Jamaica
- 1850, Apr. 25 Ordained Deacon, by Aubrey, Bishop of Hamaica.
- 1854, Apr. 4 Sailed for New York with wife; daughter Henrietta;
and sons Samuel S. and Aubrey
- 1854, July -
1867 Family settled at Dedham, Massachusetts;
served at Great Barrington, near Boston;
Lewiston, Maine; and as Chaplain of General
Hospital, City Refuge, and Soldiers Home, Boston.
During Civil War, Chaplain of a Massachusetts
regiment near Boston.

- 1867, May 16 Left Boston as missionary to Colorado
with Bp. George M. Randall
- 1867, July - Missionary at Nevadaville, Colorado, and adjacent towns
Apr. 1871
- 1869, July 14 Ordained priest by Bp. Randall at Nevadaville
- 1871, Apr.13 - Chaplain, Superintendent and Librarian at
Aug. 1872 Jarvis Hall, Golden
- 1872, Aug.15 - Nevadaville
Apr.25,1875
- 1872 Helped start church at Longmont
- 1875, May 2 - Fort Collins, Colorado, also serving Longmont,
Arp. 1882 La Porte, Livermore, and Burlington
- 1880, Jan.1 Daughter Emily married Leonard Allen Smith
of Fort Collins
- 1881, June 10 Bp. Spalding appointed him Chaplain of Hospital,
South Denver, But: Byrne refused the appointment
- 1882, Mar. - Missionary at Rosita
1883, May
- 1883, June 3 - Missionary at Silver Cliff, also serving Rosita,
1886 Querida, Ula, and Wet Mountain Valley
- 1886 - 1891 Littleton, Colorado, also serving Castle Rock and
Sedalia
- 1892 Pitkin

- 1892 - 1900 Assistant Canon, St. John's Cathedral, Denver.
- 1892 - 1893 Lived at 826 18th Street, Denver
- 1894 - 1899 Lived at 1954 Pearl Street
- 1900 - 1904 Retired, lived with daughter, Mrs. Leonard Allen Smith, in Littleton
- 1904, June 26 Died at Littleton, aged 98
- 1904, June 27 Buried Littleton Cemetery

Survived by wife, Henrietta (who died Nov. 28, 1909, aged 89); daughter, Mrs. L.A. Smith; son Aubrey of Brooklyn; and son S.J. Byrne of Winship, Washington

NOTE:

Dates to Feb. 1886 taken from Memoirs, which stops with the Feb. 28th issue.

After 1886, approximate dates taken from:

- Breck, A. du P. The Episcopal Church in Colorado 1860 - 1963 (Denver, Big Mountain Press, 1963)
- Leslie, George History of the American Church in Colorado (Longmont, Ledger, 1899)
- Contemporary newspaper articles
- Denver City Directories
- Littleton Cemetery records

CORRESPONDENCE:

FF No.	To:	From:	Place:	Date:	Form:	Description:
1 1	F. Hoffman, Old Cambridge College, Boston	G. Arnaboldi	Kingston, Jamaica	Apr.12,1854	ALS	Introducing Francis Byrne
1 2	Rev. Herman C. Duncan, Kansas City, Mo.	F. Byrne	Fort Collins	Mar.10,1877	ALS	States date Byrne was made Deacon

MEMORABILIA:

1 3 An eight verse poem printed on large sheet of white paper with black border. M.O. Byrne, brother of Francis Byrne, author. Title: "On the occasion of Rev. Francis Byrne's appointment as Governor of 'The Normal Institute.'" Dated Sept.1 [1841]

CLIPPINGS

1 4	[Paper ?]	[Boston]	[1870's]	Reprint from Christian Witness Letter to editor from Byrne telling of labors in and out of Denver since he left Boston
1 5	[Paper?]	Boston	Apr.27, 1867	Reprint from <u>Christian Witness</u> of Byrne's resignation as City Missionary of Boston.
1 6	[Paper?]	Boston	Apr.29, 1867	Quarterly and annual report of Byrne as City Missionary, Boston, to April 1, 1867
1 7	[Paper?]	[Denver]	[1897]	"Ripening Years." a poem affectionately dedicated to Father and Mother Byrne [aged four score], by C.W. Stewart
1 8	[Paper?]	[Denver]	May 10,1897	Report of sermon by Father Byrne at St. John's Cathedral on his 90th birthday
1 9	[Paper?]	[Denver]	[1899]	St. John's Cathedral will celebrate Byrne's 92nd birthday

DOCUMENTS:

FF No.	Date:	Form:	Description:
2 1	Aug. 31, 1836	1p. seal ADS	Capt. George A. Browne, King's House, Jamaica, certifies that Francis Byrne served 10 years in his company of the 64th Regiment of Horse Foot
2 2	Feb. 27, 1838	1p. parchment ADS	Discharge of Color Sgt. Francis Byrne from 64th Regiment, signed Capt. D.H. Lamm [?], Jamaica
2 3	July 11, 1839	1p. seal DS	Francis Byrne given authority as Lay Reader by Christopher, Lord Bishop of Jamaica
2 4	Apr. 25, 1850	1p. parchment DS	Francis Byrne made Deacon by Aubrey, Bishop of Jamaica, at St. Andrews, Manchester, Jamaica
2 5	Sept. 13, 1850	1p. ADS	George Edward Vernon, Rector (Resigned) of Carlow Parish, Ireland, certifies that he knew parents of Francis Byrne, Protestants, and that Francis was a well conducted young man.
2 6	July 14, 1869	1p. ADS	George Maxwell Randall, Missionary Bishop of Colorado, confers Holy Order of Priest on Francis Byrne, at Christ Church, Nevada, Colorado Territory
2 7	[Date ?]	AMs 2 pieces 64, 60p.	<u>Memoir</u> of Francis Byrne, from his birth in 1807 to Sept. 28, 1886, as missionary at Silver Cliff, Colorado.