



The following is the finding aid for the Rev. Maximilian Gaetner collection located at the Archdiocese of Milwaukee Archives. A finding aid is a catalog tool used in archives that briefly describes the material found in a collection. These records are not available digitally unless otherwise noted.

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Maximilian Gaetner, 1801-1877

Papers, 1846-1875

MC 34

Volume

0.75 cubic feet

Access

Open/unrestricted.

Biographical Note

Rev. Maximilian Gaetner, O.Praem. was an Austrian Norbertine missionary priest ministered in Wisconsin from 1846 to 1858. His focus was on ministering to the German immigrants of southern and southwestern Wisconsin.

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

This collection contains several original letters written by Maximilian Gaetner. The collection also includes a folder of biographical information, several photostats of diary sketches, and a folder of miscellaneous items. Also included are typescripts of his diary. [However, the original 10 diaries are located at the St. Norbert Abbey in Green Bay and have been fully digitized.](#) The diaries record his work and travels from 1846 until he returned to Wilten Abbey in Austria in 1858. Materials in the collection are in German.

Box and Folder List *This is a list of folders names within the collection. The folders have been arranged alphabetically. "B" is an abbreviation for box and "F" is an abbreviation for folder. This list will help the researcher narrow down exactly what folder they want to look at.*

Box	Folder	Folder Title
B 1	F 1	Biographical Information
B 1	F 2	Correspondence, 1855, 1875
B 1	F 3	Correspondence - Letter to Joseph Rainer, 1875 (German typescript and translation)
B 1	F 4	Diary, 1846-1848 (German typescript)
B 1	F 5	Diary, 1849-1850 (German typescript)
B 1	F 6	Diary, 1851-1852 (German typescript)
B 2	F 1	Diary, 1853-1854 (German typescript)
B 2	F 2	Diary, 1853-1854 (German typescript)
B 2	F 3	Diary, 1855-1856 (German typescript)
B 2	F 4	Diary, 1857 (German typescript)
B 2	F 5	Diary, 1858 (German typescript)
B 2	F 6	Diary - Notes on Ottawa and Baraboo, Wisconsin, 1848-1858
B 2	F 7	Diary - Photostats of Sketches
B 2	F 8	Miscellaneous