

Sister Mary Gonzaga Research Collection / Barbara Gibson (collector)

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Collection Description

Sister Mary Gonzaga Research Collection / Barbara Gibson (collector). – 1966-1976.

32 cm of textual records.

26 photographs.

Collector's Biographical Sketch

Barbara Gibson was a faculty member of the University of British Columbia's School of Librarianship (later the School of Library, Archival and Information Studies, now the iSchool). She was also a UBC's graduate of the Class of '35, and left in 1936 to pursue a career in nursing.

In 1966 and 1967, Woodward Library acquired the Sister Mary Gonzaga letters, which came together with a collection of Florence Nightingale letters, from Goodspeed Dealers in Boston. These letters were later transferred to Rare Books and Special Collections in 2013. At the time of the acquisition, Gibson became interested in the life of Sister Mary Gonzaga, a Canadian nurse, born in 1825, who spent most of her life in Britain. During the following years, Gibson compiled research materials from various other sources, mostly from the United Kingdom, in order to write a biography of Sister Mary Gonzaga.

Custodial History

The collection was transferred from the Woodward Library to the University Archives in 2014.

Scope and Content

Collection consists of Barbara Gibson's correspondence, manuscript, notes, and a notebook. The bulk of the research materials also contains photocopies of letters, newspapers clippings, journals and books, as well as photographs relating to Sister Mary Gonzaga.

Notes

File list available.

The [Sister Mary Gonzaga collection](#) is held in UBC Rare Books and Special Collections.

File List

- 1-1 [Manuscript, notes, and transcripts] [n.d.]
- Transcribed and photocopied materials are dated 1834, 1854-56, 1866, 1943.
- 1-2 SR Mary Gonzaga - Correspondence [of Barbara Gibson] 1967-1968
- 1-3 Sr. Mary Gonzaga - transcripts - typescript copies of letters [n.d.]
- Letters are dated 1834-1866
- 1-4 SR Mary Gonzaga - [Barbara Gibson's] Correspondence [with] T.L. Brock
1966-1968
- 1-5 Xeroxes [of letters and newspapers] 1968-1975?
- Letters and clippings are dated 1834-1899?
- 1-6 [Kuleli Crimean War 1856] 1911-1973
- Transcribed letters are dated 1856
- Include photographs concerning Florence Nightingale, sent by Dr. Ünver
from Istanbul, Turkey, rehoused to 97.1/1-14
- 1-7 Sister Mary Gonzaga notes 1970?
- 2 prints of Convent of Our Lady of Mercy, rehoused to 97.1/15a-b,
duplicates were removed
- 1-8 [Xeroxes of letters from 1854-1856] [n.d.]
- 1-9 Nightingale, Florence - Florence Nightingale letters in the possession of the
Hospital of St. John and Elizabeth, London, and the Convent of Our Lady of
Mercy, Chislehurst, Kent 1971-1975
- Letters are dated 1854-1865
- 1-10 Letters - Gonzaga (London) xerox copies 1971-1975
- Letters are dated 1856-1865
- 1-11 To F.N. (i.e. Florence Nightingale) 1914, 1965
- Copies of journals, newspapers cutting from The Indian Ambulance Gazette
- 1-12 Pages from a doctor's diary July 1855 - Scutari Jan 1972?

- 1-13 [Photocopies of the book Reminiscences of Scutari Hospitals in Winter 1854-55] [n.d.]
- Book was published in 1898; copy of a journal published in 1948
- 1-14 [Sister Mary Gonzaga - Scutari Hospitals and her father Commissioner Robert Barrie] 1969-1976
- Photocopied materials are dated 1854, 1856
- A black folder titled H. M. Dock Yard Kingston, under Commissioner Robert Barrie 1819-1834
- 1-15 Soyer, Alexis. Soyer's Culinary Campaign (in part) 1857 1968
- 1-16 Sr Mary Gonzaga (xerox) [n.d.]
- letters are dated 1834-1866
- 1-17 [Sr Mary Gonzaga (xerox) and portrait] 1968
- A b&w print of Sister Mary Gonzaga portrait, rehoused to 97.1/16
- 2 negatives of Convent of Our Lady of Mercy were removed, duplicates of 97.1/15a-b
- 1-18 Original undated transcripts, Sr MG (undated, 1855-56, 1866) [n.d.]
- 1-19 Sr Mary Gonzaga - correspondence, Bermondsey with Sr Mary Joan 1968-1970
- 1-20 [Transcripts of Sr Mary Gonzaga letters 1834-1866, and notes] [n.d.]
- 1-21 Barbara Gibson's notebook 1975
- Loose notes are enclosed
- 1-22 [Xeroxes of correspondence and newspapers clippings] 1971-1975
- Letters are dated 1836-1896
- Newspapers are dated 1910, 1913

PHOTOGRAPHS

- 97.1/1 The bust of Florence Nightingale - 1973 - 9 x 11.5 cm b&w print. [sp]

- 97.1/2 Nightingale, with the doctor, visiting the patients at the Selimiye Barracks - 1973 - 9 x 11.5 cm b&w print. [sp]
- 97.1/3 The Kuleli Barracks and the summer palace of Icadiye - 1973 - 9 x 11.5 cm b&w print. [sp]
- 97.1/4 The Kuleli Sinasi Barracks as seen at the time of Sultan Mahmut II - 1973 - 9 x 11.5 cm b&w print. [sp]
- 97.1/5 Kuleli Barracks during the Kirim War - 1973 - 9 x 11.5 cm b&w print. [sp]
- 97.1/6 Kuleli Barracks as viewed from Ortaköy - 1973 - 9 x 11.5 cm b&w print. [sp]
- 97.1/7 The mosque, Kuleli Barracks - 1973 - 9 x 11.5 cm b&w print. [sp]
- 97.1/8 The embassy building of England, on the Bosphorus at Tarabya. The building was used during summertime - 1973 - 9 x 11.5 cm b&w print. [sp]
- 97.1/9 The road on the Bosphorus, in front of the embassy building of England at Tarabya - 1973 - 9 x 11.5 cm b&w print. [sp]
- 97.1/10 The Kuleli Barracks and the summer palace of Icadiye - 1973 - 18.5 x 24 cm b&w print. [p]
- duplicate of 97.1/3
- 97.1/11 The Kuleli Barracks? - 1973 - 18.5 x 24 cm b&w print. [p]
- 97.1/12a-b [Grave in a cemetery in Turkey] - [n.d.] - 2 9 x 9 cm color prints. [sp]
- 97.1/13 [Kuleli Barracks?] - [n.d.] - 9 x 9 cm color print. [sp]
- 97.1/14 [Tablet casted in 1954 honouring Florence Nightingale in Turkey] - [n.d.] - 9 x 9 cm color print. [sp]
- 97.1/15a-b Convent of Our Lady of Mercy, Bedmondsey: from a drawing by Francis D Bedford - 1968 - 6 20.5 x 25.5 cm b&w prints. [p]
- 97.1/16 Sister Mary Gonzaga portrait - 1968? - 20.5 x 25 cm b&w print. [p]

97.1/17a-h Contact sheets of A.W. Morton's Crimean sketchbook, [water colors of Florence Nightingale in Scutari 1855-56] – 1976 - 8 20x25 cm color prints.
[p]

- duplicate negatives were removed;

- 97.1/17a captions:

1&2. Miss Nightingale's house at Scutari-with Mrs Woodward & Mrs Eslip & the Russian boy Peter & the sailor William Jones.

3. Miss Nightingale's room June 2nd 1856. Mrs Smith visiting, Miss N reading and Mrs Roberts getting a paper from the divan.

4&5. The Hall with the nurses at dinner.

6. The Linen Store 5th Division in C Corridor, Barracks Hospital. The abode of A.W. Morton from Sept 5th to Oct 28th 1855.

7&8. A sick ward in F Corridor.

9. Sketch of F Corridor – the men at their dinner and nurses returning from work in the linen store June 16th.

10&11. Sketch of A Corridor June 14th 1856.

12. The Main Guard entrance of the Barrack Hospital Scutari June 23rd 1856.

- 97.1/17b captions:

1. Saloon in Miss Nightingale's house. AW Morton teaching the nurses in an evening – Mrs S [?Smith] just come up from the hospital attended by Roberts.

2&3. A.W. Morton's bedroom in Miss N's house. This room had been occupied by F.N. when recovering from her illness 1855.

4. Mrs. Smith's bedroom.

5&6. View from the window of the salon of Miss Nightingale's house May 1856. A descendant of the Prophet in green with his chibouk in one hand & his colomboloid (or rosary) in the other.

7. View from another window in the saloon – Prince's Island & Mt. Olympus in the background Oct 28th 1855.

8&9. View of the Nightingale Tower from the road into the cemetery June 1856.

10. Sketch in the great Turkish Cemetery looking east.

11&12. Sketch looking west in the great Turkish Cemetery May 12th 1856.

- 97.1/17c captions:

1&2. Room in the Tower where the soldiers widows Mrs Buckle and Mrs Mara worked at mending the Hospital linen Sept 1855.

3. View of the Prince's Isles.

- 4&5. The road to Lower Scutari, part of the great cemetery June 1856.
- 6. Castle of Roumelia. The sweet waters of Asia – Friday in September 1855. Castle of Anadol – Asia.
- 7&8. Sketch taken from the hill from above Kululi – the Castle of Europe in the distance on the Bosphorus June 13th 1856.
- 9. Lord Chewton's in the British cemetery May 20th 1856.
- 10&11. Sketch of the Bosphorus on the Koululi road.
- 12. Illuminations of the Mosque during the Feast of Ramagan June 13th 1856.

- 97.1/17d captions:

- 1. Illuminations of the Mosque during the Feast of Ramagan June 15th 1856.
- 2&3. Sketch in the Turkish Cemetery Pera.
- 4. View from the hill of Bulgenlu.
- 5&6. Evening – The Maiden's Tower March 1856. "Kir Koulesoi".
- 7. View into a Turkish garden opposite my bedroom window – Scutari May 1856.
- 8&9. Near Scutari – May 1856.
- 10. British Burying Ground at Scutari May 1856.
- 11&12. View of Constantinople looking out of F Linen store May 1856.

- 97.1/17e captions:

- 1&2. A Turkish Cottage in an open space in the great Cemetery 12th June 1856.
- 3. A Turkish Mausoleum in ruins in the Cemetery at Scutari June 6th 1856.
- 4&5. A Marble Fountain on the road to Hajdis Pasha June 12th 1856.
- 6. View looking south out of Miss Nightingale's room window June 1856.
- 7&8. A farewell view of the Barrack Hospital Scutari, on board the "Ottawa"? sailing away to England Thursday evening July 5th 1856.
- 9. Passing Cape Bon, Africa July 11th 1856.
- 10&11. Sunset scene in the Grecian Archipelago August 1855.
- 12. Wreck of the Spartan off the Cain Rocks Mediterranean [sic]. The city of London Steamer taking the passengers back to Matta July 9th 1856.

- 97.1/17f captions:

- 1. The Hermit's cell at Cape Malio, Greece, Sept 1st 1855.
- 2&3. Island of Imbros with Samothrea and Mt. Athos in the distance Sept 3rd 1855 – and July 5th 1856.
- 4. Sunrise on Sept 3rd – passing Mytelama with Scio in the distance.
- 5&6. Entrance to the Dardanelles Sept 3rd 1855.

7. Rugged rocks in Negropont by twilight – Sept 2nd 1855.
- 8&9. Island of Teredos with its windmills – Sept 3rd 1855.
10. The grave of Thos Kyd Morgan L^t. 63^d. – wounded at Inkerman – sketched at request of bereaved mother.
- 11&12. Distant view of the Temple of Minerva – Point of Suiva [?]

- 97.1/17g captions:

- 1&2&3. Athens from the Piraeus – Sunday morning Sept 2nd 1855.
- 4&5. The Plain of Troy with the 3 Tumuli [sic] Mt. Ida in the distance Sept 3rd. The Tumuli are supposed to be the graves of Patrochus, Ajay & Achilles.
6. Sestos and Abydos in the Dardanelles. Sept 3rd 1855 and July 5th 1856.
- 7&8. Near view of the Tempe of Minerva at Surimmis [?]
9. The Bay of Besika with the British fleet at Anehov?
- 10&11. Turkish lady.
12. Turkish porter with his pack Scutari May 28th 1856. A.W. Morton.

- 97.1/17h captions:

1. Sailing past the Coast of Granada, Spain on the evening of July 13th 1856. The Sierra Nevada.
- 2&3. First view of the Rock of Gibraltar after sunset July 13th 1856.
4. Leaving Gibraltar on the morning of July 14th 1856.
- 5&6. Lea Hurst, Derbyshire – the seat of – Nightingale Esq.
7. Embley, Hants the seat of – Nightingale Esq.
- 8&9. Off Cape Bon, Africa on the Orinoco? July 1856.
10. Scutari Nov/54 (cutting from Illustrated London News).
- 11&12. View of the common looking east out of Miss Nightingale's room window May 1856.