



The following is the finding aid for the Msgr. John Gehl and Malcolm Rosholt Research 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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**Msgr. John Gehl, 1894-1979 and Malcolm Rosholt, 1907-2005
“Florimond J. Bonduel, Missionary to Wisconsin Territory” Research, 1973-1976
MC 175**

Volume

1.10 cubic ft

Access

Open/unrestricted

Biographical

Malcolm Rosholt was born on September 28, 1907 in Rosholt, Wisconsin. At age 14 he started working in his grandfather's sawmill. He obtained his B.A. degree at St. Olaf College, after which he became a reporter on an English-language newspaper in Shanghai, China. Rosholt covered the Sino-Japanese wars in 1932 and 1937 and in 1938 he returned home to lecture and write about his experiences. During World War II he was commissioned a 1st Lieutenant in the U.S. Army Air Force, returned to China on a troop transport, and joined the Flying Tigers of the 14th Air Force. After the war, he returned to Rosholt where he became deeply interested in state and local history. Since 1948 he published or contributed to 11 books on Wisconsin history and 2 on his experiences in China with the Air Force. He also collaborated with his wife on several books, including co-writing two children's books. Rosholt has twice won the Award of Merit from the State Historical Society of Wisconsin for his books. He died on February 21, 2005 in Rosholt, Wisconsin.

Rt. Rev. Msgr. John Britten Gehl was born on February 9, 1894. He was ordained on May 25, 1918 and served in the Green Bay Diocese in several parishes from St. Patrick Parish in Lanark, Wisconsin to serving as pastor of St. Francis Xavier Cathedral from 1944 to 1964. He then asked the Bishop for a smaller parish and was given St. Patrick Parish in Stephenville, Wisconsin until his retirement in 1970. He died on March 7, 1979 and is buried in Hilbert, Wisconsin. He was known as an avid diocesan historian and had written a number of parish histories.

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

This is a collection of correspondence and research resources collected by John Gehl and Malcolm Rosholt between the years of 1973-1976 pertaining to the book, *Florimond J. Bonduel, Missionary to Wisconsin Territory*, which was published in 1976. Much of the collection consists of resources, both photocopied and typed transcriptions, obtained from archives, libraries, books, and other sources. There are handwritten notes on many of the pages.

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	Correspondence, 1973-1976
B 1	F 2	Illustrations for book, n.d.
B 1	F 3	Photographs and negatives, n.d.
B 1	F 4	Resources about the Lost Child and the Partridge family’s history, 1852-1931 with additional information gathered through 1976
B 1	F 5	Resources copied from books, 1855-1892
B 1	F 6	Resources from the Chicago Historical Society, 1880
B 1	F 7	Resources from unknown archives, 1840-1972
B 1	F 8	Resources from unknown archives, 1836-1959
B 1	F 9	Resources with notes, 1835-1976
B 2	F 1	Handwritten notes, 1973-1976 regarding sources from 1834-1855
B 2	F 2	Resources from the Indiana State Library, 1850-1852
B 2	F 3	Resources from the University of Notre Dame Archives, 1832-1857
B 2	F 4	Resources from the University of Notre Dame Archives, 1836-1857
B 2	F 5	Resources from the University of Notre Dame Archives, 1834-1844
B 2	F 6	Resources with notes, various sources between 1829-1859 with notes written between 1973-1976
B 3		Resources from unknown archives, 1849-1924