

C DIFB Papers of Honorary Alderman Frances Brady 1961-2008
and Councillor Charles Brady

Accession number: 12/44

Biographical Background: Frances was born in 1916, the only daughter of Lawrence and Kate Grogan, whose families had come over from Ireland. Lawrence was a stone mason, and his work includes the scroll decoration on the original entrance to Paragon Station on Anlaby Road. They would eventually become the stewards of the Irish Club on Pryme Street. Frances lost both her parents in 1922, her mother in child birth and father to silicosis just 16 weeks later. After a short time in a children's home in Hull, Frances went to live with other members of the extended family in Batley, West Yorkshire. The family, Frances included, eventually moved to Hull.

In 1937, both aged 21 years-old, Frances married Charles Brady in Hull's Sacred Heart Church. It was through him perhaps Frances would become deeply involved in the city's political life. Unable to have children of their own, Frances and Charles would adopt Paul in 1945, and Rita, who was born the same year. In 1964 Frances was elected to the council for Sutton Ward, serving on several committees and becoming the first woman chairman of the governors of Marist School. Charles would become the regional representative of the International Confederation of Trade Unions; this resulted in both of them moving to south east Asia in 1968.

1970 saw them return to Britain, with Frances again elected to the city council, this time for Holderness Ward, and in 1979 she became chair of the Housing Committee. Charles was elected to Humberside County Council, where he would serve on the Police Committee, eventually becoming chairman. Frances became Deputy Lord Mayor for Hull in 1983-1984 and was the first Catholic woman to be Lord Mayor in 1984-1985. In 1987, Frances was made an Honorary Alderman. After Charles died in 1992, Frances stood down from the council but continued her involvement in local politics and the church, before she died in February 2013, aged 96. Her nephew, Steve Brady, would go on to become leader of the city council and her niece, Mary Glew would become Lord Mayor in 2014.

Custodial history: The collection was deposited by Patrick Doyle on behalf of Frances Brady in September 2012

Description: Includes papers regarding Frances Brady's role as Deputy Lord Mayor for Hull in 1983-1984 and Lord Mayor in 1984-1985; papers regarding her work in the Far East with her husband, Charles Brady, fostering the Trade Union Movement; and papers relating to the Catholic Church in Hull, particularly relating to the Catholic Social Guild and later the Rerum Novarum Group.

Arrangement :-

C DIFB/1	Records concerning the Roman Catholic Church and related organisations	1961-1994
C DIFB/2	Papers relating to activities in Hong Kong, Singapore and Malaysia	1968-1981
C DIFB/3	Letters of Honorary Alderman Councillor Frances Brady	1968-2008
C DIFB/4	Records relating to offices held by Councillor Frances Brady	1983-1985
C DIFB/5	Writings of Honorary Alderman Councillor Frances Brady	1971-c.1990s

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C DIFB/6	Papers of and papers relating to Councillor Charles Brady	1968-1998
C DIFB/7	Prints of sketches and paintings of Hull	c.1980s-1986

Extent: 2.5 boxes

Related material: Council minutes at the History Centre will give details of the work of Frances Brady as a councillor. Numerous articles, particularly relating to Frances' time as Lord Mayor can be found in the Hull Daily Mail, which are available on microfilm at the centre. Other news papers such as the Catholic Herald will also provide information. Records relating to Charles Brady as a Humberside county councillor can be accessed at the East Riding Archives in Beverley.

Access conditions: Access will be granted to any accredited reader

C DIFB/1	Records of Frances Brady concerning the Roman Catholic Church and related organisations 3 bundles	1961-1994
C DIFB/1/1	Records of Councillor Frances Brady relating to the Roman Catholic Church and similar organisations Includes records relating to the (Roman) Catholic Social Guild, Hull Branch and the Hull Rerum Novarum Group, with letters, minutes of meetings, posters and newsletters 1 bundle	22 Feb 1961- May 1994
C DIFB/1/2	Records of Councillor Frances Brady concerning her involvement with organisations as part of the Roman Catholic Church Includes material relating to the (Roman) Catholic Social Guild, Roman Catholic Church in education, The Hull and District Pastoral Council, Young Christian Workers and Frances Brady's attendance at the Bishop's Conference on public life, with letters, minutes of meetings, posters and newsletters 1 bundle	3 Jun 1962- 14 May 1992
C DIFB/1/3	3 issues of the 'Hull Catholic Magazine' with articles from Frances Brady February 1969, 'Greeting from Sunny Malaysia'; February 1970 'News from Malaysia' and June 1975 'Greatfield Community Care Association' 1 bundle	1969-1975
C DIFB/2	Papers relating to the activities of Frances and Charles Brady in Hong Kong, Singapore and Malaysia 2 volumes 9 bundles	1968-1986

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C DIFB/2/1	Diaries compiled by Frances Brady 2 volumes	1969-1970
C DIFB/2/1/1	Diary and notebook compiled by Frances Brady during her tour of India, Japan, Hong Kong, Manila and Singapore Covering the activities within the Roman Catholic Church and the promotion of trade union activity 1 volume	17 Jul 1969- 25 Oct 1969
C DIFB/2/1/2	Diary of France Brady compiled whilst in Malaysia Listing activities within the day and appointments, with a few additional comments 1 volume	1969-1970
C DIFB/2/2	Letters and newsletters regarding the Assunta Hospital, (Rumah Sakit Assunta) and the Assumption Church, Pelaling Jaya in Selangor, Malaysia 1 bundle	13 Jul 1969- Nov 1986
C DIFB/2/3	Letters relating to the activities of Frances and Charles Brady in Singapore and Malaysia 6 bundles	1968-1981
C DIFB/2/3/1	Letters to Frances and Charles Brady from Olive and Tony Rose in Singapore 1 bundle	21 Jul 1968- 11 Feb 1981
C DIFB/2/3/2	Letters to Frances and Charles Brady from Rev. P Grogan, Wah Yan College, Hong Kong 1 bundle	25 Dec 1970- 18 May 1979
C DIFB/2/3/3	Letters to Frances and Charles Brady from Rev. Fr.P. Decroocq, Jesus Caritas Church, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia 1 bundle	6 Oct 1970- Apr 1979
C DIFB/2/3/4	Letters to Frances and Charles Brady from Yeoh Teck Che and Swee Neo, Petaling Jaya, Malaysia Yeoh Teck Che was President of the Malaysian Trade Union Congress (from 1962-1963 and then again from 1965-1972) and of the National Union of Bank Employees, Malaysia 1 bundle	22 Nov 1974- 1 Jun 1981
C DIFB/2/3/5	Letters to Frances and Charles Brady from members of the St. Francis Convent, Assunta, Malaysia 1 bundle	15 Apr 1976- 19 Jan 1977

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C DIFB/2/3/6	Miscellaneous letters sent to Frances and Charles Brady from various colleagues in Malaysia 1 bundle	9 Jan 1975- 20 Nov 1978
C DIFB/2/4	Letters sent by Frances Brady to groups in Hull regarding her activities in Malaysia, Singapore, Hong Kong, Japan and South Korea 1 bundle	May 1968- Nov 1969
C DIFB/2/5	Photographs and postcards relating to the activities of Frances and Charles Brady in Hong Kong, Singapore and Malaysia 1 bundle	1968-1969
C DIFB/3	Letters of Frances Brady 2 items 2 bundles	1968-2008
C DIFB/3/1	Letters sent by Elizabeth Halsall to Frances Brady regarding her activities in Malaysia 1 item	8 Aug 1968- 17 Dec 1968
C DIFB/3/2	Letters to Frances regarding talks to Women's groups Includes the Co-Operative Women's Guild Yorkshire Section, National Council of Women of Great Britain Hull and District Branch and Hull and District Labour Women's Luncheon Club 1 bundle	19 Mar 1970- 9 Oct 1970
C DIFB/3/3	Letter from Frances Brady to Baroness Lockwood Requesting if she would visit Hull to address women members of the local Labour Party 1 item	c.1985
C DIFB/3/4	Letters to MP from France Brady regarding the Abortion and the Human Tissue and Embryos Bill	2 Aug 1996- 14 Jan 2008
C DIFB/4	Records relating to offices held by Frances Brady 2 volumes 5 bundles	1968-1997
C DIFB/4/1	Letters of congratulations to Frances Brady on election as Deputy Lord Mayor Includes letters from ward members bringing other items to the attention of Councillor Brady 1 bundle	6 Jan 1983- 8 Apr 1983
C DIFB/4/2	Records relating to Frances Brady as Deputy Lord Mayor 1 volume 1 bundle	1983-1984

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C DIFB/4/2/1	Diary of Frances Brady as Deputy Lord Mayor 1 volume	3 Jan 1983- 26 Oct 1983
C DIFB/4/2/2	Invitations, programmes, speeches and letters of Frances Brady as Deputy Lord Mayor 1 bundle	10 May 1983- 10 Mar 1984
C DIFB/4/3	Records relating to Frances Brady as Lord Mayor 1 volume 1 bundle	1984-1985
C DIFB/4/3/1	Diary of Councillor Frances Brady as Lord Mayor 1 volume	24 May 1984- 4 Sep 1984
C DIFB/4/3/2	Invitations, programmes, speeches and letters of Frances Brady as Lord Mayor 1 bundle	24 May 1985- 8 May 1985
C DIFB/4/4	Records relating to other offices and activities of Councillor Frances Brady Includes details of appointment as a Justice of the Peace and an Honorary Alderman, her involvement with the International Trade Union Movement and Drypool Green Community Centre, meeting Cardinal Hume at the Guildhall and an invitation to a Royal Garden Party at Buckingham Palace. 1 bundle	29 Jan 1968- 8 Oct 1997
C DIFB/4/5	Photographs of events attended by Frances Brady as Lord Mayor and Deputy Lord Mayor Includes meeting their HRHs, the Prince of Wales, Princess Margaret and Princess Alexandra as well as various civic events and presentations 1 bundle	19 Jul 1984- 13 Nov 1984
C DIFB/5	Writings of Honorary Alderman Councillor Frances Brady 2 bundles	1971- c.1990s
C DIFB/5/1	Frances Brady, a fascinating life story told mainly in her own words 1 bundle	c.1990s
C DIFB/5/2	Short stories written by Frances Brady regarding her activities in Malaysia, Singapore and Hong Kong Includes related correspondence 1 bundle	3 Aug 1971- 5 Jul 1973
C DIFB/6	Papers of and papers relating to Councillor Charles Brady 1 volume 3 bundles	1968-1998

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C DIFB/6/1	Letters from Charles Brady to Frances Brady Written from Geneva, whilst he was involved in the International Federation of Commercial, Clerical and Technical Employees 1 bundle	4-8 Mar 1968
C DIFB/6/2	Letters, articles and leaflets relating to the involvement of Charles Brady with international trade unionism 1 bundle	20 Mar 1968- 8 Dec 1972
C DIFB/6/3	Embossed and engraved book entitled 'Introducing Humberside' presented to Councillor Charles Brady 1 volume	1988
C DIFB/6/4	Records relating to the naming of Charles Brady Court and the Charles Brady Suite at the Humberside Police Training Centre 1 bundle	1 Mar 1993- 19 Jan 1998
C DIFB/7	Prints of sketches and paintings of Hull collected by Frances Brady 2 items	c.1980s-1986
C DIFB/7/1	Black and white prints of sketches by P.D.H. of the River Hull from Drypool Bridge and Queens Gardens From the Scenes of Hull Series 1 item	1986
C DIFB/7/2	Colour print of a painting by Dennis Chinnery of The Guildhall, Hull 1 item	c.1980s