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Introduction

Papers of the Farrelly family of Allenton and St. Louis, Missouri, include correspondence, business papers, genealogy, photographs, poetry, religious material, and miscellaneous papers. The papers include material concerning Thomas Farrelly’s life as a monk in Kentucky, Utah, and Israel. Also included is genealogical material concerning the related Linton and Gross families. The family farm in Allenton was called “Pinook.”

Biographical Sketch

Thomas Francis Farrelly was born on August 12, 1926, in Normandy, Missouri, and he grew up in the St. Louis area. In 1945, he entered the Gethsemani Abbey of the Cistercians of the Strict Observance in Kentucky. Two years later he was among a group of 40 monks that started a new monastery near Huntsville, Utah. In 1964, he went to Israel to help establish a Lavra Netofa, a Melkite-Christian hermitage near Deir Hanna. His younger brother, Mark Farrelly, was a Benedictine monk at St. Anselm’s abbey in Washington, DC for more than fifty years.

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