

Final Text of Information about STS Archive on STS website

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Representative examples (are not exhaustive and the contributors are free to expand the meaning of these categories) of these different kinds of archival material are given below.

1. Textual sources

Admission registers, annual reports, magazines, commemorative volumes, notices, fee-bills, syllabus, school diary, calendar of events, invitation card of any event, textbooks, certificates, time-table, teachers' diaries, homework and test copies, memos, examination result, attendance registers, plan of any event or visit of any dignitary or school picnic, speeches during School's annual day or any other event, visitor's book, newspaper clippings, school inspection reports, files related to budget, expansion of school premises, affiliation, grants from government and Church organizations, minutes of meetings as well as decisions on significant events, donation registers, advertisements about admission to school, etc.

2. Audio-visual sources

The visual resources may include photographs of different events in possession of the school authorities as well as teachers, parents, students and the alumni, and tape/VHS/CD/DVD recordings of any event or interview in audio or audio-visual format. These may include events like annual function, annual fete, sports as well as other events which were organized or participated outside the school. Images of Church services, lectures of dignitaries, meetings of management, etc.

3. Memoirs

These memoirs may be in written and/or oral form. They may relate to any one or more of the following:

- Key routine/significant events of school (morning assembly, recess, announcements, celebrations, sports day, community work, examinations etc.), memories of collective worship and celebrations.
- Life and interaction with friends, teachers, colleagues, principals, other employees, management, founders of the school; memories about any of these people or conversations, any letters from any of the above or a copy of a letter sent by you to them.

- Memories of being in school in different spaces and situations: school building, classroom, ground, canteen, staffroom, garden, library, art class, medical room, coaching, examination hall, staircases, lobby, interaction with the outside world, transportation, any crisis situation within school or outside that influenced school or your interaction with, in competition at other schools, member of school co-curricular or sports team, way teachers taught, member of the editorial board of school magazine, recollections of childhood educational experiences and classroom observations
- School, your colony and Delhi of the time of your stay in school
- Memories of school discipline, uniform, drill and other exercises that regulated behaviour,
- Institutional structures of school and holding responsible positions, challenges faced and how were they negotiated e.g. as House tutors, prefects, house captain, Head girl, monitor, member of school team, examination in-charge, department head,
- Memoirs of important missionaries like Miss Helen Jerwood and other early missionaries, their association with institutions outside India.

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