

# Peter Whelan certification

## Descriptive Summary

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## Biographical/Historical Note

Reverend Peter Whelan (ca. 1800-1871) was born in County Wexford, Ireland. He was ordained to the priesthood by Bishop England of the Diocese of South Carolina and Georgia and served in several missions in North Carolina and Georgia. He was made Vicar General of the Diocese by Bishop Barry. During the Civil War, he was General Chaplain in Georgia to Tybee Island. He was captured with the Confederate troops at the fall of Fort Pulaski in 1862 and was a prisoner for several months. He is best known for his ministry to the prisoners at the Andersonville, Georgia, stockade from 1864 until the end of the war.

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## Scope and Content Note

This collection consists of certification by the Ordinary's Office in Chatham County, Georgia, that Rev. Peter Whelan is the Executor of the late Rt. Rev. John Barry, Roman Catholic Bishop of Savannah. The certification is dated 1861.

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## Index Terms

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Decedents' estates.  
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## Administrative Information

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Certifying that the Rev. Peter Whelan is the Executor of the late Rt. Rev. John Barry, Roman Catholic Bishop of Savannah.