

Grey Friars - room 3 through the ages



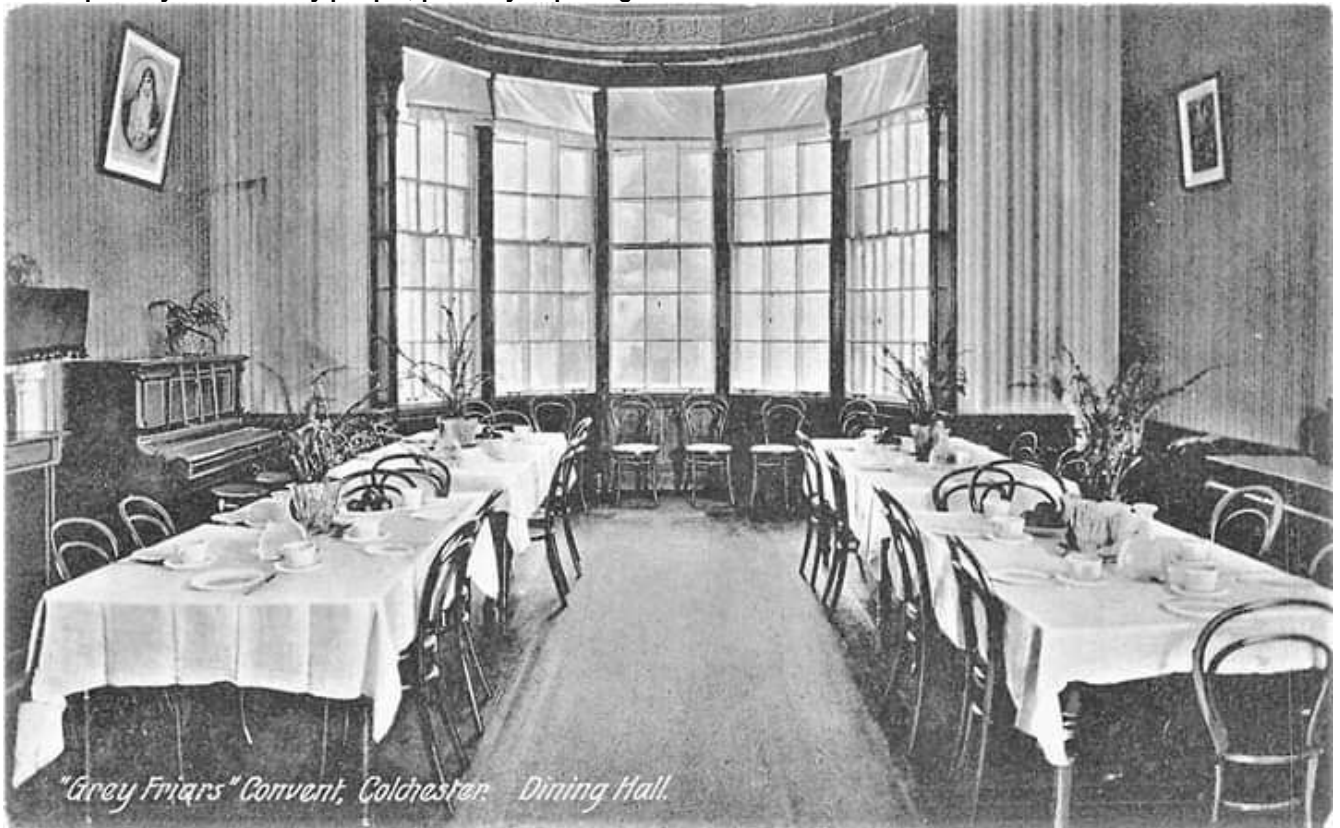
The elegant Georgian fireplace with classical muses, possibly Erato (love song) and Euterpe (music, song, poetry)



The exquisitely-carved ivory plaque, possibly depicting Ariadne.

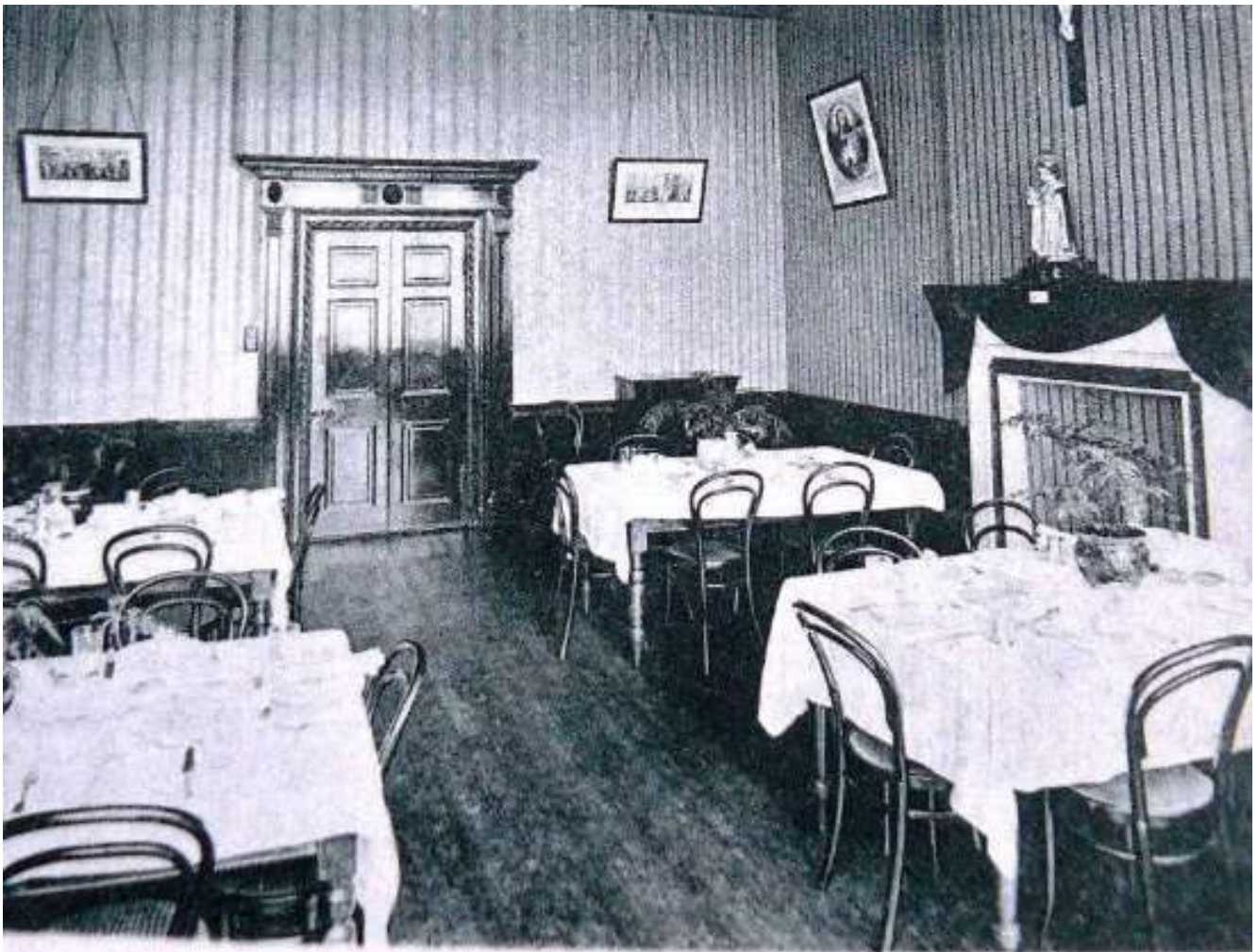


Elaborate door case decoration



"Grey Friars" Convent, Colchester. Dining Hall.

In the time of the Convent School of the Ladies of Nazareth (1904-1919)



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Another view at the time of the Convent School – note the classical carvings are covered by a thick black cloth



During the time of the Colchester County High School for Girls, Lower School (1920-1957) - After the CCHS moved to Norman way, various schools and adult education shared the premises. When all the temporary users (including the Institute and Philip Morant and Monkwick schools) moved on, it became the town's college for adult education.



All adult college principals 1968-2005 at a reunion in the room which was favoured for special events and much requested by visiting lecturers



Members' Association addressed by college governor Janet Fulford



Everyone's favourite classroom -Italian class in action



As it is now – the bar of the GreyFriars Hotel



Before Dr Liveing Fenn sold the house to the Ladies of Nazareth, the room was the family's 'drawing room' which he refers to in a letter of 1896 as providing the venue for "our Shakespeare reading ... much the same as two years ago ... the bow window a bank of flowers for the stage". He sold to the nuns in 1903. CCHS moved in when the nuns returned to Europe in 1919 and thereafter the room became known as 'room 3' – everybody's favourite classroom from the time of the Girls' High through to the adult college.

Much more information on www.GreyFriarsColchester.org.uk