Guide to Catholic-Related Records in the West about Native Americans

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Hours: By appointment only
Access: Some restrictions apply
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History:

1804-1850 (Indian declined) Franciscans (Santo Evangelico Province, Mexico City, Mexico) established and administered Santa Inés Mission (Chumash)
1850-1851 Congregation of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary (South American Province, Peru) administered Santa Inés
1851-1924 Diocesan priests administered Santa Inés
1924-present Capuchins (formerly Irish, now Our Lady of Angels-Western American Province, Burlingame, California) have administered Santa Inés

Franciscans from Santa Inés attended La Purisima Concepcion de Maria Santisima Mission (Chumash), Lompoc, 1836-1845

Holdings of Catholic-related records about Native Americans:

Inclusive dates: 1804-present

Volume: Approximately 1.9 cubic feet

Description: The records at Santa Inés Mission are not arranged according to a classification scheme. Consequently, description is by type of record.

A. Correspondence
Inclusive dates: 1913-1960s
Volume: Approximately .4 cubic foot
Description: Annual reports of Indian missions and schools in Mendocino County (Pomo) with St. Dominic Mission, Pinoleville Rancheria; St. Patrick Mission, Yokayo [Yokaia] Rancheria; and St. Mary of the Angels Church, Ukiah and Round Valley Reservation with Round Valley School (Pomo, Yuki, and Wailaki), Coyelo and maintenance for Santa Inés Mission; notable
correspondents include the Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions (Charles S. Lusk and Monsignor William M. Hughes), Bureau of Indian Affairs (Superintendent W.W. McConihe), Reverend Sebastian Brennan, O.F.M. Cap., and the Diocese of Los Angeles and San Diego (Chancellor Bernard Dolan and Secretary John J. Devlin).

B. Parish Census
Inclusive dates: 1904-1990
Volume: Approximately 10% of 1 cubic foot
Description: Population data in 3 volumes plus approximately 25 index cards (4 x 6 inches) arranged by families; the 1911 census lists parishioners’ ethnicity and includes some Chumash, Opata, and Yaqui Indians.

C. Photographs
Inclusive dates: ca. 1900-present
Volume: Several prints within approximately 7 cubic feet
Description: 20 albums, re: Santa Inés Mission and Chumash Indians.

D. Sacramental Records
Inclusive dates: 1804-present
Volume: Possibly 50% within approximately 1 cubic foot
Description: Records (some copies) of baptisms, first communions, confirmations, marriages, and burials; includes La Purísima Mission, 1836-1845; from Franciscans Santa Barbara Province Archives, Santa Barbara, California.

E. Clippings Files
Inclusive dates: ca. 1925-present
Volume: Approximately 10% within .5 cubic foot
Description: Chumash Indians.

F. Capuchin Biographical Files
Inclusive dates: n.d.
Volume: Approximately 10% within .3 cubic foot
Description: Arranged alphabetically by surname; includes a few articles, re: Chumash Indians.