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

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Holdings of Catholic-related records about Native Americans:

Volume: .15 cubic foot and 6 reels of microfilm
Description: 8 collections include Native Catholic records:

/1 "History-Indian Mission Schools"
Inclusive dates: 1837-1873
Volume: .1 cubic foot
Description: Reports (copies) by Indian agents and Catholic missionaries to the U.S. Commissioner of Indian Affairs on the following tribes and schools: Kickapoo, School, 1837; Miami, St. Francis Regis School, 1847-1848, 1850-1857; Osage, St. Francis Institute, 1845, 1873; Potawatomi, St. Mary School, 1839-1871.

/2 "History-Indians-Osage"
Inclusive dates: 1867
Volume: 2 letters
Description: U.S. General Land office correspondence, re: settlements and patents on the Osage Mission land.

/3 "Miscellaneous, Snyder"
Inclusive dates: 1850
Volume: 1 letter
Description: From John F. Snyder to his brother describing St. Mary Mission.

/4 "Microfilm (MS 59), Gailland, Maurice, Diary"
Inclusive dates: 1848-1877
Volume: 286 pages on 1 reel of microfilm
Description: The Diary of Reverend Maurice Gailland, S.J., translated by Reverend James M. Burke.
Inclusive dates: 1820-1885
Volume: 1 reel of microfilm
Description: From the Chancery Office, Diocese of Wichita, Kansas.
A. "Osage Nation": baptisms, 1820-1846; marriages, 1830-1847
B. "Osage Mission": baptisms, 1847-1862, deaths, 1847-1876
C. "Osage Missions": baptisms, 1862-1882
D. "Quapaws and Cherokees": baptisms (Quapaw), 1847-1880; baptisms (Cherokees), 1867-1885; deaths (Quapaw), 1853-1863; marriages (Quapaws), 1854-1877
E. "Kansas Territory (includes both Indians and Whites)": baptisms, 1854-1871; marriages, 1860-1871; deaths, 1860-1871
F. "Missouri (includes both Indians and Whites)": baptisms, 1859-1871; marriages, 1858-1869

Inclusive dates: 1832-1894
Volume: 2 reels of microfilm Indian related
Description: Selected records of St. Mary Mission and College from the Midwest Jesuit Archives, St. Louis, Missouri.
A. Diaries and histories, 1838-1887, .5 cubic foot:
1. Diary of Reverend Christian Hoecken, S.J., 1838, 1848-1850, 1 Volume; translated and annotated by Reverend J.J. O'Meara
2. Diary of Reverend Maurice Gailland, S.J., 1850-1871, 1 volume; translated and annotated by Reverend J.J. O'Meara, S.J.
3. Diary, 1848-1849, 1877-1887, 1 volume; by Reverend Maurice Gailland, S.J., and others
4. "House Diary," 1854-1862, 1 volume
B. Sacramental records, 1832-1887, .75 cubic foot
1. "Reverend Charles F. Van Quickenborne's Register," 1832-1834, 1 volume; baptisms and marriages
2. "Westport Register," 1839-1845, 1 volume; baptisms and marriages
3. "Kickapoo and Council Bluffs Register," 1835-1839, 39 pages; baptisms and marriages
4. Marriages, 1836-1882, 1 volume; various places in Kansas, Montana, and the Dakotas
5. Sugar Creek and St. Mary Missions, 1838-1887, 9 volumes
C. School records, 1858-1894, 3 volumes: register of students

Inclusive dates: 1832-1910, n.d.
Volume: 2 reels of microfilm
Description: From the Midwest Jesuit Archives, St. Louis, Missouri.
A. Correspondence, 1832, 1845-1849, 1852, 1855, 1857, 1867-1868, 1870-1872, 1875, 1883-1888, 1910, 55 letters; major correspondents include Reverend Pierre-Jean de Smet, S.J., Reverend Paul M. Ponziglione, S.J., and William Medill, U.S. Commissioner of Indian Affairs
B. "Historia Domus, Littarae Annuae," 1854-1863, 1865-1867, 1869, 1871-1891, 2 folders, in Latin; most in Reverend Paul M. Ponziglione's hand
C. "Status Temporalis and Fructus Ministerii," 1861-1878, 18801892, 1 folder
D. "Writings of Reverend Ponziglione," 1853-1897, 1 cubic foot:
1. Osage Indian language records, 1853, 1856, 1862, 1885, n.d., 25 items; includes a dictionary, catechisms, prayers, dialogues, and collections of
Epistles and Gospels translated into Osage by Reverend Paul Ponziglione, S.J.
2. "Annals, Osage Mission," 1824-1889, 3 volumes
3. "The Osages and Fr. John Schoenmakers, S.J. Interesting Memoirs Collected from Legends, Traditions, and Historical Documents," dedicated in 1897, 561 pages; contains 51 chapters plus appendix; includes a history of the Osage Indians, beginnings of Catholic evangelization among the Osage, 1820s-1830s; and the Osage Mission, 1846-1884
4. "Journal of the Western Missions Established and Attended by the Fathers of the Society of Jesus Residing at the Osage Mission, Neosho County, Kansas, Beginning from August 11, 1867," 1867-1896, 10 volumes; correspondence (includes copies) and histories
5. Notebook, 1880s-1890s, 1 volume; contains a necrology for Osage Mission, 1852-1887, a history of St. Stephen Mission, Wyoming, 1884-1894, and an historical account of Jesuit missions, 1883
6. "Status Animarum of the Western Missions," 1870
8. "Record of the Sodality of the Immaculate Heart of Mary," 1865, 1867, n.d., 3 volumes
E. "Maps, Surveys, Plats," 1871, 1877, 1881, n.d., 9 items

/8 Photograph Collection
Volume: 17 prints
Description: Arranged alphabetically by subject or Indian tribe, including:
A. Osage Mission, Kansas, 1870, 1940s, n.d., 8 prints
B. St. Mary Mission, Kansas, 1867, 1870s, 1950, n.d., 9 prints