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

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OKLAHOMA, MUSKOGEE

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Access: Some restrictions apply

History: St. Joseph Church is a non-Indian parish, which has kept the records of Assumption Church, Muskogee, also a non-Indian parish that had a number of Creek Indian parishioners until ca. 1900s.

History of Assumption Church

1884-1892 Benedictines (now St. Benedict’s Abbey, Shawnee, Oklahoma) attended Muskogee station from St. Joseph’s, Krebs, and St. John’s, McAlester
1892-1894 Benedictines established and administered Assumption Church
1894-1900s (no longer Indian) Diocesan priests administered Assumption
1903-1920s (few Indians) Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet (St. Louis, Missouri) established and administered Nazareth Academy/Institute
1903-1930s (few Indians) Brothers of the Sacred Heart (Metuchen, New Jersey) established and administered St. Joseph/ Nazareth College

From 1892-1893, priests residing at Assumption Church attended the following Indian missions and stations:

1892-1893 (transferred to St. Mary's, Quapaw) Fairland Station (Cherokee)
1892-1893 (transferred to St. Mary's, Quapaw) Quapaw Reservation station
1892-1893 (transferred to St. Mary's, Quapaw) Modoc Reservation station
1892-1893 (transferred to St. Mary's, Quapaw) Ottawa Reservation station
1892-1893 (transferred to St. Mary's, Quapaw) Peoria Reservation station
1892-1893 (transferred to St. Mary's, Quapaw) Shawnee Reservation station
1892-1893 (transferred to St. Mary's, Quapaw) Seneca Reservation station
1892-1893 (transferred to St. Mary's, Quapaw)  Wyandot Reservation station
1892-1895 (transferred to Holy Ghost, Vinita)  Cayuga station (Cayuga)
1892-1895 (transferred to Holy Ghost, Vinita)  Chelsea station (Cherokee)
1892-1895 (became a parish)  Vinita station (Cherokee)
1892-1899 (transferred to Immaculate Conception, Pawhuska)  Bartlesville station (Cherokee)
1892-1899 (transferred to Holy Family, Tulsa)  Claremore station (Cherokee)
1892-1899 (transferred to Holy Family, Tulsa)  Red Fork station (Creek and Yuchi)
1892-1906 (transferred to St. Stephen's) (no longer Indian)  Okmulgee station (Creek), Holdenvilles
1892-1909 (transferred to Holy Cross, Wagoner)  Most Precious Blood Mission (Creek), Eufala
1892-1909 (transferred to Holy Cross, Wagoner)  Fort Gibson station (Cherokee)
1892-1909 (transferred to Holy Cross, Wagoner)  Tahlequah station (Cherokee)
1892-1895 (became a mission)  Wagoner station (Creek)
1892-1909 (transferred to Holy Cross, Wagoner)  Webber's Falls station (Cherokee)
1894-1907 (closed)  Briartown station (Creek)
1894-1907 (closed)  Coowees station (Creek)
1894-1909 (transferred to Holy Cross, Wagoner)  Checotah station (Creek)
1895-1897 (became a mission)  Lenapa station (Delaware)
1895-1899 (transferred to Holy Family, Tulsa)  Sapulpa station (Creek)
1895-1909 (became a parish) (no longer Indian)  Holy Cross Mission (Creek), Wagoner
1897-1899 (transferred to Holy Family, Tulsa)  St. Anthony Mission (Delaware), Lenapa
1901-1907 (closed)  Canadian River station (Delaware)
1917-1921 (transferred to Precious Blood, Eufala)  Webber's Falls station (Cherokee)
1917-1921 (transferred to Precious Blood, Eufala)  St. Mary Mission (Cherokee) Tahlequah
1925-1927 (closed)  Checotah station (Creek)
1925-1934 (closed)  St. Mary Mission (Cherokee) Tahlequah
1925-1941 (transferred to Precious Blood, Eufala)  St. Joseph Mission (Creek), Webber's Falls
1937-1941 (transferred to Precious Blood, Eufala)  Tahlequah station (Cherokee)
1954-1969 (transferred to St. Francis, Sallisaw)  St. Joseph Mission (Creek), Webber Falls
1958-1969 (transferred to St. Francis, Sallisaw)  St. John the Evangelist Mission (Cherokee), Cookson

Holdings of Catholic-related records about Native Americans:

Inclusive dates: 1890-1969

Volume: Several volumes
Description: Sacramental records for Assumption Church and schools and the Indian missions and stations attended from Assumption; baptisms, 1890-1969, and marriages, deaths, and confirmations, 1892-1969.