Guide to Catholic-Related Records outside the U.S. about Native Americans

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History: The Jesuits Canadian Province was established in 1907 by Jesuits from the French Province and divided in 1939 into the English-speaking Province of Upper Canada and French-speaking French Canadian Province. Previous Canadian-based (then Nouvelle-France and British North America) Jesuit evangelization was administered from France (Lyon Province, Lyon, France) and later New York. Jesuits from the Lyon Province, based in Canada, administered the following Indian mission and evangelization in the United States:

before 1698-ca. 1773 Jesuits evangelized Apalache, Chickasaw, Choctaw, Tunica, and other American Indians in lower Louisiana and western Florida

1647-1684 (destroyed) Jesuits established and administered a mission at Ossernenon (now Auriesville), New York, a Mohawk village where Saint Isaac Jogues, S.J. (1607-1646) and 2 other Jesuits were martyred (1646) and Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha (Mohawk, 1656-1680) was born

1660 Pére Claude Dablon, S.J. and the Jesuits established missions at Sault Sainte Marie, Michigan and elsewhere among the Ojibwa, Ottawa, and other American Indians in the western Great Lakes region

1673-1675 Pére Marquette, S.J. visited Indian villages in the western Great Lakes and upper-middle Mississippi River regions

1686-1767 Jesuits intermittently evangelized the Miami and Wyandot Indians in Michigan and Indiana
Holdings of Catholic-related records about Native Americans in the United States date from the 17th century, but are not known in detail.