Guide to Catholic-Related Records in the Midwest about Native Americans
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Access: Some restrictions apply

History:

1839, 1866 Reverend Pierre-Jean de Smet, S.J., visited the Yankton Indians
1840 Reverend Christian Hoecken, S.J., visited the Yankton Indians
1877 Reverend Martin Marty, O.S.B., visited the Yankton Indians
1880-1881 (closed) Reverend John F. Malo and the Sisters of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Aberdeen, South Dakota) established and administered St. Ann Chapel and School (Yankton), Wheeler
1884-1887 (closed) Yankton Indian Industrial School (Yankton), Yankton, Yankton Reservation
1884-1888 Diocesan priests visited the Yankton Reservation (Yankton) from St. Vincent, Springfield
1911-1913 Reverend Henry J. Westropp, S.J., visited the Reservation (Yankton) from St. Francis, St. Francis
1914-1916 Reverend Henry J. Westropp, S.J., established and administered St. Paul Mission (Yankton), Ravinia, Yankton Reservation
1917-1921 Reverend Sylvester Eisenman, O.S.B., and the Benedictines attended St. Paul Mission, St. John Mission (Yankton), Greenwood, and St. Francis Solano Mission (Yankton), White Swan, from Immaculate Conception, Stephan
1920 An Indian day school opened at Ravinia
1921-1984 Benedictines (since 1954, Blue Cloud Abbey, Marvin, South Dakota) administered St. Paul Church
1924-1974 (transferred to a community corporation) Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament for Indians and Colored People (Bensalem, Pennsylvania) and Oblate Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament (Marty, South Dakota) staffed St. Paul School, in part to 1980s
1935 Reverend Sylvester Eisenman, O.S.B., founded the Oblate Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Paul’s
1985-1996 A priest of Congregation of Priests of the Sacred Heart (Hales Corners, Wisconsin) from St. Mark’s, Lake Andes, attended St. Paul’s with a local Oblate Sister of the Blessed Sacrament and a Permanent Deacon have administered St. Paul’s

1997-present A Regular Franciscan (Most Sacred Heart of Jesus Province, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania), from St. Mark’s, Lake Andes, with a local Oblate Sister of the Blessed Sacrament and a Permanent Deacon have administered St. Paul’s

Jesuits and Benedictines from St. Paul's attended the following Indian missions, stations, and schools in South Dakota and Nebraska:

1915-1916 (transferred to Immaculate Conception, Stephan) St. John Mission (Yankton), Greenwood, South Dakota
1915-1916 (transferred to Holy Rosary, Pine Ridge) Sacred Heart Mission (Santee and Ponca), Santee, Santee Reservation, Nebraska
1921-1978 (closed) St. Francis Solano Mission (Yankton), Lake Andes/White Swan, South Dakota
1921-1980 (closed) St. John Mission (Yankton), Greenwood
1931-1957 (closed) Sacred Heart Mission (Santee), Santee
1934-1948 (closed) St. John Day School (Yankton), Greenwood, South Dakota
1938-1958 (closed) St. Gregory Mission (Brulé), Greenwood/Missouri Bottom, South Dakota
1939-1946 (closed) St. Placid Home for Homeless Indian Babies (Yankton), Marty, South Dakota
1940-1965 (closed) St. Catherine of Sienna Mission (Yankton), Rising Hail Colony, South Dakota
1941-1957 (closed) Sacred Heart Mission (Santee and Ponca), Niobrara, Nebraska
1948-1957 (transferred to Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Lynch, Nebraska) St. William Mission (Santee and Ponca), Niobrara, Nebraska

Holdings of Catholic-related records about Native Americans:

Inclusive dates: 1839-present

Volume: Approximately 1 cubic foot

Description: The records at St. Paul Mission are not organized according to a classification scheme. Consequently, description is by record type.
A. Sacramental records, 1839-present, 6 volumes: baptisms, 1839-present; marriages, 1922-present; deaths, 1918-present; first communions, 1944-present; baptisms from 1839 to ca. 1870s were recorded by Reverend Henry Westropp, S.J., in ca. 1910s
B. Census record, 1940s, 1 folder: lists members of each household in the parish
C. Financial records, 1920s-present, 1 folder; primarily deeds, abstracts, and other documentation dealing with land transactions