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

Archdiocese of San Antonio
TEXAS, SAN ANTONIO

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Open: By appointment only, Monday-Friday, 8:00–5:00
Access: No restrictions
Copying facilities: Yes

Holdings of Catholic-related records about Native Americans:

Inclusive dates: 1722-1974?
Volume: Approximately 8 cubic feet
Description: 5 collections include Native Catholic records, which are further described in A Guide to the Bexar County Archives in the Office of the County Clerk, James W. Knight, compiled 1972 and revised 1975.

/1 “Records of the Spanish Missions”
Inclusive dates: 1722-1836
Volume: 8 cubic feet
Description: Correspondence, sacramental, and cemetery records, re: San Antonio de Valero [El Alamo], San Juan Capistrano, San José y San Miguel de Aguayo, Nuestra Señora de la Purísima Concepción de Acuña, and San Francisco de la Espada Missions, all San Antonio, Texas, and Nuestra Señora del Refugio Mission, Refugio, Texas.

/2 “Lands Outside Bexar County”
Inclusive dates: Unknown
Volume: Few documents
Description: Includes land grant and petition records for Nuestra Señora del Espíritu Santo de Zúñiga (La Bahía) Mission, Goliad, Texas.

/3 “Records of the San Fernando Archives”
Inclusive dates: Unknown
Volume: 6 reels of microfilm
Description: Unknown
“Spanish Archives of Laredo”
Inclusive dates: Unknown
Volume: Several reels of microfilm
Description: In part, pertains to Indian missions of Texas.

“Map Collection”
Volume: 13 maps
Description: Maps (copies), primarily of present-day Bexar County and the San Antonio areas, including the following:
   a. “A-1, San Fernando de Bexar by Fray Juan Augustin de Morfi,” 1778, 1 item; from Library of Congress, Washington, District of Columbia
   b. “A-5, Map of San Antonio de Bexar,” n.d., 1 item
   c. “A-7, Map showing Mission Roads,” n.d., 1 item; includes names of property owners
   d. “B-1, Map of Spanish Texas,” n.d., 1 item; from History of Texas (copy) by Yoakum
   e. “B-3, Tracing of Plan of San Fernando de Bexar,” n.d., 1 item
   f. “B-9, Map Showing Terrain Comprised in the Siege of the Alamo, March 6, 1836,” n.d., 1 item
   g. “B-10, La Bahia Area,” n.d., 1 item; from the Alfred Carvajal Collection (copy)
   h. “B-11, San Fernando de Bexar,” n.d., 1 item; details the original settlement and San Antonio de Valero and San José y San Miguel de Aguayo Missions
   i. “C-7, San Antonio,” ca. 1835, 1 item; notes property owners, plazas, and church locations
   j. “C-8, Map of Texas and Adjacent Regions in the 18th Century,” n.d., 1 item; Herbert E. Bolton, compiler
   k. “C-9, Map of Texas,” 1837, 1 item; Stephen F. Austin, compiler
   l. “C-10, Map of Texas,” 1959, 1 item; Bill Alicorn, compiler
   m. “C-11, Map of Texas showing boundaries of May 1837,” 1974, 1 item; Molly Madden, compiler