



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

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Access: Some restrictions apply

Copying facilities: Yes

Holdings of Catholic-related records about Native Americans:

Inclusive dates: 1721-present

Volume: Approximately 35 cubic feet

Description: 28 collections include Native Catholic records:

/1 "Breve explicación de las Facultades concedidas por el Yllmõ. Señor  
á los Curas, y Vicarios de esta Diócesis: y resolución de las  
dificultades, que pueden ocurrir en la práctica, MS 129"

Inclusive dates: ca. 1725-1767

Volume: 1 item

Description: Instructions to clergy within the diocese detailing the  
faculties newly conferred on them by the bishop or archbishop, primarily  
concerning penance and marriage; ends with a Jesuit motto, "Ad majorem Dei  
gloriam."

/2 "Catholic Church, Diocese of Tucson Records, MS 296"

Inclusive dates: 1721-1957 (bulk 1863-1903)

Volume: Approximately 1.8 cubic feet

Description: Indian and non-Indian sacramental records (baptisms,  
confirmations, marriages, and burials) from Benson, Calabasas/ Calabazas,  
Florence, Solomonville, Tubac, Tumacacori, Tombstone, and Yuma, Arizona;  
mostly photocopies.

/3 "Chihuahua and Sonora Mission Documents, MS 180"

Inclusive dates: 1698-1798

Volume: 1 item

Description: Includes Indian mission reports and lists of missions;  
Photocopies from the University of Texas-Austin, Benson Latin American  
Collection, Austin, Texas; Spanish transcriptions and English translations.

/4 "Derrotero y jornada a las misiones, MS 191"

Inclusive dates: 1752-1754

Volume: 1 item

Description: Visitations to Jesuit missions in Northern Mexico, including  
Sinaloa, Chihuahua, Nayarit, and Sonora; Photocopy from the University of  
Texas-Austin, Benson Latin American Collection, Austin, Texas.

/5 "Debere y obligaciones temporeles de los misioneros en el norte de la  
Neuva Espana, MS 189"

Inclusive dates: 1780

Volume: 1 item

Description: Financial report of Franciscan missionaries in Northern Mexico;  
photocopy.

/6 "Documents relating to Southwest History, AZ 207"

Inclusive dates: 1736-1795

Volume: 7 volumes

Description: Correspondence on discovery of silver in Arizona with sites in  
Yaqui possession; the governorship of Juan Bautista de Anza, particularly  
his policies toward Hopi Indians; and the career of José de Zúñiga; notable  
authors: Bishop D. Benito Crespo, Pueblo, Mexico, Padre Cristóbal de Canas,  
S.J., Padre José Toral, S.J., Padre Juan de Echagoyan, S.J., Don Juan  
Bautista de Anza, New Mexican Governor, and Don José de Zuniga

/7 "Franciscans, Queretaro College Archives, MS 194"

Inclusive dates: ca. 1650-1800

Volume: 4 volumes

Description: Mostly correspondence (English typescripts), re: Indian missions  
in California, Guatemala, Sonora, Mexico, and Texas; notable  
correspondents: Fray Diego Bringas, O.F.M., Antonio María de Bucareli y  
Ursúa, Viceroy of New Spain, Fray Juan Marcelo Diaz, O.F.M., Fray Florencio  
Ibáñez O.F.M., Fray Francisco Iturralde, O.F.M., Fray Fernando Madueño,  
O.F.M., Fray Bartolomé Socies, O.F.M., Fray Diego Ximenez, O.F.M., and the  
Spanish Crown; from the Civezza Collection, Pontifical Antonianum  
University Library, Rome, Italy.

/8 "Franciscans, Records of Province of St. John the Baptist, AZ 500"

Inclusive dates: 1868-1978 (bulk 1906-1965)

Volume: Approximately 18 cubic feet

Description: Correspondence, financial records, photographs, maps,  
publications, and personal papers created and/or collected by Franciscans  
of St. John the Baptist Province and categorized by notable authors and  
subjects.

- A. Boxes 1-2. Papers of Reverend Anselm Weber (1862-1921), O.F.M.
- B. Box 3. Papers of Reverends Leopold Ostermann (1864-1930), O.F.M.,  
Marcellus Troester (1879-1936), O.F.M., and other Franciscans
- C. Box 4. Reverend Berard Haile (1874-1961), O.F.M. and Archbishop of Fe,  
New Mexico Rudolph A. Gerken (1887-1943), O.F.M.
- D. Boxes 5-16. St. Michael's Mission, St. Michaels, Arizona
- E. Box 17. *Navajo Saga*; primarily correspondence and related financial  
records for this 1949 history of Franciscan evangelization on the  
Navajo Reservation based on research by Reverend Haile, O.F.M.

- F. Boxes 18-21. Other Franciscan Indian Missions in the Southwest; includes Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Church, Fort Defiance, Arizona, St. Eleanor Chapel, Fort Wingate, Arizona, St. Joseph Mission, Keams Canyon, Arizona, St. Isabel Church, Lukachukai Arizona, and St. Anthony Mission, Shiprock, New Mexico, all on the Navajo Reservation
- G. Boxes 22-25. Records, re: Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions, Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament for Indians and Colored People, Preservation Society, and other Catholic organizations
- H. Boxes 26-32. Land records
- I. Boxes 33-35. Franciscans, St. John the Baptist Province
- J. Boxes 36-37. General Franciscans, including funding appeals, policies, and Navajo-Catholic relationships
- K. Box 38. Catholic Church, including Santa Fe Archbishop J.B. Pitaval, Gallup Bishop Bernard T. Espelage, and Tucson Bishops Henry Granjon and Daniel J. Gercke
- L. Box 39. United States Government and Indian Organizations
- M. Box 40. Indian Education, including Catholic religious instruction at government Indian schools:
  - 1. Albuquerque School, Albuquerque, New Mexico
  - 2. Intermountain School, Brigham City, Utah
  - 3. Ute Mountain School, Towaoc, Colorado
- N. Boxes 41-42. Navajo Indians, including marriage, military service, and biographical
- O. Box 43. Legislation and government publications regarding Indians
- P. Box 44. Navajo Tribal Council
- Q. Box 45. Articles about Navajo Indians
- R. Box 46. Estates, guardianships, and wills
- S. Boxes 47-53. Reverend Emanuel Trockur, O.F.M., Reverend Marcellus Troester, O.F.M., and other Franciscans
- T. Box 54: *Anselm Weber, O.F.M.: Missionary to the Navaho , 1898-1921, by Robert L. Wilken*
- U. Box 55. Oversize items, including maps, photographs, clippings and financial records

/9 "Franciscan Reports, MS 216"

Inclusive dates: 1785-1792

Volume: .1 cubic foot

Description: Typescripts (copies), re: Sinaloan and Sonoran missions; in part from the Bancroft Library, University of California-Berkeley, Berkeley, California and the Archivo General de la Nación, Mexico City, Mexico.

/10 "Haile, Berard Papers, AZ 132"

Inclusive dates: 1893-1961 (bulk 1925-1961)

Volume: Approximately 9 cubic feet

Description: Correspondence, manuscripts, notes, and drawings by Reverend Haile (1874-1961), O.F.M.; re: Apache, Navajo (especially language), and Zuni Indians plus sermons, prayers, and historical accounts of his teaching and pastoral work at Michael's Mission, St. Michaels, and St. Isabel Mission, Lukachukai, Arizona; notable correspondents include Reverends Anselm Weber, O.F.M., Leopold Ostermann, O.F.M., Marcellus Troester, O.F.M., Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions (Reverends William H. Ketcham and William Hughes and Charles S. Lusk), Clyde Kluckhohn, Gladys Reichard, and Edward Sapir.

/11 "Heald, Phyllis and Weldon Papers, MS 359"

Inclusive dates: ca. 1950s

Volume: 1 folder

Description: Series 5 Box 4, Folder 42, "Southwest Photographs," re: San Xavier del Bac Mission, Tucson, Arizona.

/12 "Letras anuas de la provincias de la Compania de Jesus en Mexico, MS 209"  
Inclusive dates: 1645-1667

Volume: 1 volume

Description: By Jesuit provincials (typescripts) with reports on Indian missions in Sonora, 1646, 1653, 1662, and 1667; from the Archivo General de la Nación, Mexico City, Mexico; in Spanish with English translations.

/13 " Report of an Exploration, Written at Mission Dolores, Pimeria Alta, AZ 438"

Inclusive dates: 1699

Volume: 1 item

Description: By Padres Eusebio Francisco Kino, S.J. and Antonio Leal, S.J., re: geography, American Indians, and Catholic evangelization.

/14 "Lummis, Charles Fletcher, MS 39"

Inclusive dates: n.d.

Volume: 1 folder

Description: Box 4, Folder 3: Manuscript, re: Santa Cruz Mission, Santa Cruz, California; Spanish.

/15 "Miller, Ruebin A. Papers, AZ 344"

Inclusive dates: 1867-1897, 1871-1880

Volume: Approximately .1 cubic foot

Description: Correspondence, reports, and financial records by a Bureau of Indian Affairs agent and physician, re: relationships with Tohono O'odham Indians and San Xavier del Bac Mission, Tucson, Arizona.

/16 "Noticia a la Visita General de Padre Ignacio Lizasoan, MS 185"

Inclusive dates: 1761-1763

Volume: 1 item

Description: Inventory (copy), re: contents of Indian missions in Northern Mexico.

/17 "Oblasser, Bonaventure Papers, MS 300, AZ 397, and AZ 554"

Inclusive dates: 1861-1977 (bulk 1908-1950)

Volume: Approximately 3 cubic feet

Description: By Reverend Oblasser (1885-1967), O.F.M.:

- A. Correspondence (mostly copies), 1908-1977 (bulk 1908-1950); re: missions and schools in Arizona and California, particularly San Xavier del Bac Mission and School, Tucson, Arizona, St. John the Baptist Mission and School Laveen, Arizona, and San Solano Missions, Topawa, Arizona among the Pima and Tohono O'odham Indians, ca. 1908-1940; notable correspondents: George W.P. Hunt, John Collier, and Carl Trumbull Hayden
- B. Oral history interview by Bernard Fontana, 1959
- C. Diary and scrapbook of San Xavier del Bac Mission, 1861-1948
- D. Papers of Reverend Nicholas Perschl (1887-1969), O.F.M.

/18 "Perschl, Nicholas, Interview, AZ 396"

Inclusive dates: 1959

Volume: 1 item

Description: Interview of Reverend Perschl (1887-1969), O.F.M. by Bernard L. Fontana; re: history of San Xavier del Bac Mission, 1914-1923.

/19 "Salpointe, Jean Baptise Papers, MS 276"

Inclusive dates: 1867-1884

Volume: .1 cubic foot

Description: Correspondence of Tucson Bishop Salpointe (1825-1898); re: San Xavier del Bac Mission, in part.

/20 "San Miguel de Sahuaripa Mission, Relación, MS 198"

Inclusive dates: 1776

Volume: 1 item

Description: Report of mission, visitas, and people of San Miguel de Sahuaripa (Opata), Sahuripa, Sonora, Mexico; Photocopy

/21 "Sedelmayr, Jacobo, Letters and Reports, AZ 437"

Inclusive dates: 1744-1751

Volume: Approximately .3 cubic foot

Description: Correspondence (mostly copies with typescripts) of Padre Sedelmayr (1703-1779), S.J.; re: Gila and Colorado River explorations with encounters with the Pima, Tohono O'odham, Apache, Yuma, and Seri Indians; notable correspondents include Padres Cristóbal de Escobar y Llamas, S.J., Juan Antonio Balthasar, S.J., Philipp Segesser, S.J., and Andrés Xavier García, S.J.; Spanish with English translations or summaries.

/22 "Schwalen, Harold Christy (1895-1987) Papers, AZ 563"

Inclusive dates: 1952?-1956?

Volume: 1 folder

Description: Blueprints, correspondence, maps, notes, and photographs, re: water research project at San Xavier del Bac Mission, Tucson, Arizona.

/23 "Sonora, Asuntos de misiones de, MS 221"

Inclusive dates: 1821-1836

Volume: 76 items

Description: Correspondence (typescripts), re: in part, Tucson and San José de Tumacacori Mission, Tumacacori, Arizona; Spanish.

/24 "Sonora and Sinaloa, Parish Archives of, Microfilm 811"

Inclusive dates: Unknown

Volume: 27 reels of microfilm

Description: Selected parish records in Sonora and Sinaloa; microfilmed by University of Arizona Library, 1964 and described in *Guide to Film 811 Parish Archives of Sonora and Sinaloa*, 1976, 111 pages with index

/25 "Sonora and Tarahumara Missions Reports, MS 208"

Inclusive dates: 1725-1749

Volume: 1 volume

Description: Reports (transcripts), re: Jesuit Indian missions in Sonora and Chihuahua; Spanish.

/26 "Sonora del Archivo, Colegio Apostolico de la Santa Cruz de Queretaro, Cartas de, MS 210"

Inclusive dates: 1737-1842

Volume: 2 volumes

Description: Correspondence (transcripts), re: Franciscan Indian missions in Northern New Spain, including Arizona.

/27 "Tápiz, Visitation of Petro, MS 212"

Inclusive dates: 1715

Volume: 1 volume

Description: Report (typescript) by Bishop Pedro de Tápiz y Garcia, re: missions of the Durango Diocese; Spanish.

/28 "Wilbur, Rueben Augustine Papers, MS 565"

Inclusive dates: Between 1863-1897

Volume: Approximately Few items

Description: Records of an Indian agent and physician among the Tohono O'odham Indians; includes is a dispute with Tucson Bishop John Baptist Salpointe, re: non-Indian encroachment onto Indian lands near San Xavier del Bac Mission, Tucson, Arizona.