



**Guide to Catholic-Related Records in the Midwest about Native Americans**  
*[See User Guide for help on interpreting entries](#)*

ILLINOIS, CHICAGO

*pub.1984/rev.2003*

**U.S. National Archives and Records Administration,  
Great Lakes Region**

**M-2**

7358 South Pulaski Road  
Chicago, Illinois 60629-5898  
Phone 773-948-9019  
<http://www.archives.gov/facilities/il/chicago.html>

Hours: Monday-Friday, 8:00-4:15  
Access: Some restrictions apply  
Copying facilities: Yes

Holdings of Catholic-related records about Native Americans:

Inclusive dates: Between 1800-1961

Volume: Approximately 1 cubic foot and less than 1% within over 1,000 reels of microfilm

Description: Native Catholic records are found within "Records Group 75, Records of the Bureau of Indian Affairs." Selected surveying indicates that most Catholic-related records are correspondence, quarterly school reports, and school contracts, which typically comprise between .04 and .2% of the records from Bureau of Indian Affairs Agencies, e.g. Menominee Agency, Wisconsin, between .1 to .2% of ca. 100 cubic feet and Pine Ridge Agency, South Dakota, .04% of approximately 500 cubic feet. Major correspondents include the superior at the Catholic mission, the Indian agent or superintendent, and the Commissioner of Indian Affairs. Primary subjects include financial matters and the transfer of students to and from mission schools.

/1 "Records of the Great Lakes Consolidated Agency in Wisconsin"

Inclusive dates: Between 1875-1952

Volume: Less than 1 % of approximately 350 cubic feet

Description: The Great Lakes Agency was created in 1936, superseding the Lac du Flambeau Agency, which had administered the Ojibwa of the La Pointe, Laona, Red Cliff, and Mackinac Agencies. In 1949 the Agency absorbed the Tomah Agency and was renamed the Great Lakes Consolidated Agency.

/2 "Records of the Hayward Boarding School in Wisconsin"

Inclusive dates: Between 1908-1928

Volume: Less than 1 % of approximately 7 cubic feet

Description: The Hayward Boarding School for Ojibwa Indians was opened in 1901 and was closed in 1933.

/3 "Records of the Lac du Flambeau Agency and School in Wisconsin" Inclusive dates: Between 1896-1932

Volume: Less than 1 % of approximately 31 cubic feet

Description: The Lac du Flambeau Reservation for Ojibwa Indians was created in 1854 and was administered by the La Pointe Agency. A major reorganization in 1927 consolidated the La Pointe, Laona, Red Cliff, and Mackinac Agencies with the Lac du Flambeau Agency. In 1936 the Lac du Flambeau Agency was superseded by the Great Lakes Agency.

/4 "Records of the Mackinac Agency in Michigan"

Inclusive dates: Between 1903-1927

Volume: Less than 1 % of approximately 11 cubic feet

Description: The Mackinac Agency for the Ojibwa Indians was established in 1815 and was discontinued in the early 1890s. In 1899 it was reactivated with the appointment of a special agent headquartered at L'Anse, Michigan. The agent moved from L'Anse to Baraga, Michigan, in 1905, where the Agency remained until 1927, when it was consolidated with the Lac du Flambeau Agency.

/5 "Records of the Menominee Agencies in Wisconsin - Green Bay, Keshena, and Menominee Mills"

Inclusive dates: Between 1892-1961

Volume: Less than 1 % of approximately 100 cubic feet

Description: The Green Bay Agency was established in 1815 and was renamed the Keshena Agency in ca.1909. In ca.1943, the Keshena Agency and the Menominee Mill were consolidated to form the Menominee Agency. In 1961, the Menominee Agency closed.

/6 "Records of the Oneida School and Agency in Wisconsin"

Inclusive dates: Between 1897-1923

Volume: Less than 1 % of 1.25 cubic feet

Description: A boarding school was established on the Oneida Reservation in 1892, and in 1900 it was made an independent jurisdiction. The Agency was closed in 1919, and the Oneida were placed under the Keshena Agency. In 1932 the Oneida were placed under the Tomah Agency.

/7 "Records of the Red Cliff School and Agency in Wisconsin"

Inclusive dates: Between 1901-1922

Volume: Less than 1 % of approximately 6 cubic feet

Description: The Red Cliff Indian Reservation was created in 1856 and was placed under the jurisdiction of the La Pointe Agency. The Red Cliff School was made independent in 1913 and given agency status. The School was closed in 1922 and jurisdiction over the Ojibwa at Red Cliff was returned to the La Pointe Agency.

/8 "Records of the Tomah Indian School and Agency in Wisconsin" Inclusive dates: Between 1908-1934

Volume: Less than 1 % of approximately 6 cubic feet

Description: The Tomah Indian School opened in 1893, and in 1911 the School was made the agency for the Winnebago Tribe in Wisconsin. In 1932, the Agency's jurisdiction was broadened to include the Winnebago Tribe in Wisconsin, Minnesota, and Iowa; the Stockbridge and Oneida Tribes in Wisconsin; and the Ottawa and Potawatomi in Michigan. In 1949, the Tomah Agency was incorporated into the Great Lakes Consolidated Agency.

/9 "Letters Received by the Office of the Secretary of War Relating to Indian Affairs, M271"

Inclusive dates: Between 1800-1823

Volume: Less than 1 % of 4 reels of microfilm

/10 "Letters Sent by the Secretary of War Relating to Indian Affairs, M15"

Inclusive dates: Between 1800-1824

Volume: Less than 1 % of 6 reels of microfilm

/11 "Letters Sent by the Office of Indian Affairs"

Inclusive dates: Between 1824-1881

Volume: Less than 1 % of 166 reels of microfilm

/12 "Letters Received by the Office of Indian Affairs"

Inclusive dates: Between 1824-1881

Volume: Less than 1 % of 926 reels of microfilm

/13 "Report Books of the Office of Indian Affairs, M348"

Inclusive dates: Between 1838-1885

Volume: Less than 1 % within 53 reels of microfilm

/14 "Records of the Michigan Superintendency, M1"

Inclusive dates: Between 1814-1851

Volume: Less than 1 % of 71 reels of microfilm

/15 "Records of the Oregon Superintendency, M2"

Inclusive dates: Between 1848-1873

Volume: Less than 1 % within 29 reels of microfilm

/16 "Records of the Washington Superintendency, M5"

Inclusive dates: Between 1853-1874

Volume: Less than 1 % of 26 reels of microfilm