



**Guide to Catholic-Related Records in the West about Native Americans**  
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Access: No restrictions

Copying facilities: Yes

Holdings of Catholic records about Native Americans:

Inclusive dates: 1834-2000, n.d.

Volume: Approximately .2 cubic foot

Description: 9 collections include Native Catholic records:

Manuscript Collections

/1 "Francis Norbert Blanchet Letters, Mss 322"

Inclusive dates: 1844-1851, n.d.

Volume: 1 reel of microfilm

Description:

- A. Correspondence (some typescripts) by Archbishop Francis Norbert Blanchet, Reverend A.M.A. Blanchet, and others to L'Abbe Auger (Abbey Auger), Paris, France, 1845-1847, 49 letters; re: Archbishop Francis Norbert Blanchet and Catholic Indian missions in Oregon; in French
- B. Printed items, 1844-1851, n.d., 6 items; includes map of the Ecclesiastical Province of Oregon

/2 "Center for Columbia River History Oral Histories"

Inclusive dates: 2000

Volume: 6 audiocassettes, in part

Description:

- A. "William Skylstad," 2000, 2 audiocassettes; by Bishop Skylstad, re: includes Indian evangelization within the Yakima and Spokane Dioceses
- B. "Anthony Minthorn," 2000, 4 audiocassettes; re: includes recollections of the Catholic Church by a Nez Perce Indian from the Umatilla Reservation

/3 "Amos Starr Cooke Letters, Mss 1223"

Inclusive dates: Between 1840-1844

Volume: Few items in 1 reel of microfilm

Description: Correspondence to Cook from Methodist missionaries among American Indians in Oregon; re: includes animosity towards Catholic missionaries in Oregon.

/4 "Gustavus Hines Papers, Mss 1215"

Inclusive dates: Between 1845-1846

Volume: Few letters

Description: Correspondence (few typescripts) by a Methodist missionary among American Indians in Oregon; re: includes comments on Catholic missionaries in Oregon.

/5 "Scrapbook Collection"

Inclusive dates: 1842-ca. 1914

Volume: Scant amounts within 7 volumes

Description: Few clippings.

- A. "Scrapbook 40," 1875-1913, 2 pages; re: Jesuits, Skitwish Indians, and Catholic missions in Oregon
- B. "Scrapbook 54, Oregon Industrial Exposition, 1899," 1838, 1 page; re: Reverend Francis N. Blanchet and Bishop Modeste Demers, and Catholic Indian missions in Oregon
- C. "Scrapbook 70," 1981-1982, 2 pages; re: Harriet Munnick research on St. Paul Mission, St. Paul (French Prairie/Willamette Valley), Oregon
- D. "Scrapbook 76," 1842-1847, 10 pages; re: Bishop Augustin M.A. Blanchet, Archbishop Francis N. Blanchet, Cowlitz Indian missions, Bishop Modeste Demers, Reverend Pierre J. de Smet, S.J., Fort Vancouver Mission, Simon Plamodon, and St. Paul Mission, St. Paul (French Prairie/ Willamette Valley), Oregon
- E. "Scrapbook 81," ca. 1914, 1 page; re: Simon Plamodon and St. Francis Xavier Mission, Toledo (Cowlitz River), Washington
- F. "Scrapbook 83," 1848, 4 pages; re: Reverend Eugene Casimir Chirouse, O.M.I. and St. Joseph Mission, Olympia (Puget Sound), Washington; Ignace LaMouse, Salish Indians, and Bishop Joseph Rosati, C.M., St. Louis, Missouri; Reverend Francis N. Blanchet, Reverend Modeste Demers, and Fort Vancouver, Washington; St. Francis Xavier Mission, Cowlitz River and St. Paul's Mission, Willamette Valley, Oregon
- G. "Scrapbook 112," 1862, 1 page; re: St. James Mission, Fort Vancouver, Washington

/6 "Henry Harmon Spalding Papers, Mss 1201"

Inclusive dates: Between 1834-1874

Volume: Few letters

Description: Correspondence by/to Henry H. Spalding, Eliza Spalding, and Rachel Spalding, Presbyterian Indian missionaries in Washington; re: includes comments on Catholic Indian missionaries in Washington.

/7 "Elkanah Walker Papers, Mss 1204"

Inclusive dates: Between 1828-1885

Volume: Few letters and diary entries

Description: Diaries and correspondence (typescript and copies) of Walker and his wife, Congregationalist Indian missionaries in Washington; re: includes comments on Catholic Indian missionaries in Washington; from Washington State University, Pullman, Washington.

/8 "Alvan F. Waller Papers, Mss 1210"

Inclusive dates: Between 1839-1873

Volume: Few letters and diary entries

Description: Diaries and correspondence (some typescripts) of a Methodist Indian missionary in Washington; re: includes criticism of Catholic Indian missionaries.

/9 "Marcus Whitman Papers, Mss 1203"

Inclusive dates: Between 1834-1850

Volume: Few letters

Description: Papers of Presbyterian Indian missionaries Marcus Whitman and Narcissa Prentiss Whitman; re: includes criticism of Catholic Indian missionaries.