



Guide to Catholic-Related Records in the West about Native Americans
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Holdings of Catholic-related records about Native Americans:

Inclusive dates: 1864-1995

Volume: Approximately 1 cubic foot

Description: 6 record groups include Native Catholic records.

A. "Record Group 48, Records of the Office of the Secretary of the Interior"

Inclusive dates: 1849-1903

Volume: Less than 1% of 127 reels of microfilm

Description: Under the Office of the Secretary of the Interior, the Indian Division managed the majority of Indian administration issues until 1907 when it was abolished. The incoming correspondence includes letters from religious leaders that are generally filed in a miscellaneous category. Outgoing correspondence contains letters pertaining to missionary work.

1/ "Letters Sent to the Indian Division of the Department of the Interior, M606"

Inclusive dates: 1849-1903

Volume: Less than 1% of 127 reels of microfilm

Description: The incoming correspondence includes letters from religious leaders that are generally filed in a miscellaneous category.

B. "Record Group 49, Records of the Bureau of Land Management"

Inclusive dates: 1884-1995

Volume: Less than 1% of 1,011 cubic feet

Description: The General Land Office preceded the Bureau of Land Management; among the General Land Office records are registers, surveys, and tract books on public land disposal. "The files consist of the records of the Alaska State Office, Anchorage and include land offices at Circle, Fairbanks, Juneau, Nome, Nulato, Peary, Rampart, St. Michael, Sitka, and

Weare. The offices of the Alaska Fire Control Service (Anchorage District) and of the Surveyor General, Sitka and Juneau are also included."

1/ "Federal Land Records for Idaho, M1620"

Inclusive dates: 1860-1934

Volume: Less than 1% of 23 reels of microfilm

2/ "Federal Land Records for Oregon, M1621"

Inclusive dates: 1854-1908

Volume: Less than 1% of 93 reels of microfilm

3/ "Federal Land Records for Washington, M1622"

Inclusive dates: 1860-1910

Volume: Less than 1% of 72 reels of microfilm

4/ "Oregon and Washington Donation Land Files, M815"

Inclusive dates: 1851-1903

Volume: Less than 1% of 108 reels of microfilm

C. "Record Group 75, Records of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Alaska Division"

Inclusive dates: 1886-1889, 1912-1983

Volume: Less than 1% of 1,010 cubic feet

Description: 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/ "Alaska Division. Office of Education, M-1971 and M-238"

Inclusive dates: 1877-1935

Volume: Less than 1% of 125 reels of microfilm

Description: Established in 1877 and transferred to the Office of Indian Affairs in 1931; the original records (approximately 85 cubic feet) are at the U.S. National Archives, Washington, D.C.

a. M1971, Letters Sent by the Office of Education, 1877-1908, less than 1% of 32 reels

b. M1977, Letters Received by the Office of Education, 1877-1908, less than 1% of 39 reels

c. Z238, 1908-1935, General Correspondence, less than 1% of 54 reels; selected Alaska Native School Files:

1. Roll 8 (in part): Holy Cross School (Eskimo), Kosoreffsky, 1912-1920

2. Roll 21 (in part): St. Michael School (Eskimo), 1908-1920

2/ "Letters Received by the Office of Indian Affairs, M234"

Inclusive dates: 1906-1913

Volume: Less than 1% of 962 reels of microfilm

3/ "Letters Received by the Superintendent of Indian Trade, T58"

Inclusive dates: 1806-1824

Volume: Less than 1% of 1 reel of microfilm

4/ "Letters Sent by the Office of Indian Affairs, M21"

Inclusive dates: 1824-1881

Volume: Less than 1% of 166 reels of microfilm

5/ "Records of the Washington Superintendency of Indian Affairs, M5"

Inclusive dates: 1853-1874

Volume: Less than 1% of 26 reels of microfilm

6/ "Register of Letters Received by the Office of Indian Affairs, M18"

Inclusive dates: 1824-1880

Volume: Less than 1% of 126 reels of microfilm

7/ "Registers of Letters Received by the Office of the Secretary of War, Main Series, M22"

Inclusive dates: 1800-1870

Volume: Less than 1% of 134 reels of microfilm

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

Inclusive dates: 1838-1885

Volume: Less than 1% of 53 reels of microfilm

9/ "Special Files of the Office of Indian Affairs, M574"

Inclusive dates: 1807-1904

Volume: Less than 1% of 85 reels of microfilm

D. "Record Group 95, Records of the Forest Service, Civilian Conservation Corps, Region 10, Alaska Region"

Inclusive dates: ca. 1937-1942

Volume: Few folders

Description: Opened in 1921 as Region 8 (now Region 10) with jurisdiction in Alaska; includes correspondence relating to Civilian Conservation Corps activities, such as these road building projects:

1. St. Michael's Mission (Eskimo), St. Michael, 1937-1939
2. St. Mary's Mission (Eskimo), Akulurak, 1938-1940

E. "Record Group 126, Records of the Office of Territories and its Predecessors Relating to Alaska, M939"

Inclusive dates: 1909-1958

Volume: Less than 1% of 378 reels of microfilm

Description: Alaska functioned formally as a U.S. territory from 1912 to 1958; included is a Holy Cross (formerly Kosoreffsky) town file.

F. "Record Group 316 (formerly Record Group 200), Private Papers Given to the U.S. National Archives: Sir Henry S. Wellcome Collection, Z16"

Inclusive dates: ca. 1856-1936

Volume: Less than 1% of 105 cubic feet and 20 reels of microfilm

Description: Papers of Reverend William Duncan (Anglican) and the Metlakahtla Tsimshian Indians, Annette Island, Alaska; Includes a few letters referring to Catholic evangelization in Alaska at Holy Cross Mission (Eskimo), Kosoreffsky and St. Peter Claver Mission (Koyukon), Nulato and in British Columbia, Canada near Fort Rupert (now Prince Rupert) (Kwakiutl) and Fort Simpson (now Port Simpson) (Tsimshian), British Columbia; notable authors include Reverend Duncan and Sheldon Jackson, U.S. General Agent of Education.