



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

CALIFORNIA, SAN BRUNO (SAN FRANCISCO)

new 2006; rev. 2013

Pacific Region at San Francisco, Archives Branch
U.S. National Archives and Records Administration

W-210

1000 Commodore Drive
San Bruno, California 94066
Phone 650-238-3500
<http://www.archives.gov/san-francisco/>

Hours: Monday-Friday, 7:30-4:00; Wednesday, 4:00-8:00 for microfilm research only; and closed Federal holidays

Access: Some restrictions apply

Copying facilities: Yes

Holdings of Catholic-related records about Native Americans:

Inclusive dates: Between 1800-1992

Volume: Approximately 1 cubic foot

Description: 5 record groups include Native Catholic records.

A. "Record Group 21: Guides to Spanish and Mexican Land Grants in California, Spanish Archives"

Inclusive dates: Between 1866-1871

Volume: Less than 1% of 16 volumes and 14 reels of microfilm

Description: Certified and translated land grant records, including those for Franciscan missions in California; Spanish and English

B. "Record Group 48: Records of the Office of the Secretary of the Interior"

Inclusive dates: Between 1849-1903

Volume: Less than 1% of 127 reels of microfilm

Description: "Letters Sent to the Indian Division of the Department of the Interior, M606;" until 1907 when abolished, the Indian Division managed the majority of Indian administration issues. Incoming correspondence includes letters from religious leaders, generally filed in a miscellaneous category, and outgoing correspondence from the Indian Division includes some references to missionary activities.

C. "Record Group 49, Records of the Bureau of Land Management T910, Reel 118"

Inclusive dates: Between 1851-1859

Volume: Less than 1% of 1 reel of microfilm

Description: The Bureau of Land Management succeeded the General Land Office; the General Land Office records in California include Catholic Church claims to mission lands within the California private land claims dockets; several pages are illegible; index included.

D. "Record Group 75, Records of the Bureau of Indian Affairs"

Inclusive dates: Between 1800-1992

Volume: Less than 1% of over 1,940 cubic feet and 1538 reels of microfilm

Description: Selective sampling indicates that Catholic-related records comprise less than 1% of Bureau of Indian Affairs Agency records, e.g. Round Valley Agency, approximately .1%, and include documents such as correspondence, quarterly school reports, and school contracts. Notable correspondents include the Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions, Catholic mission superiors, Indian agents or superintendents, and Commissioners of Indian Affairs. Primary subjects include financial matters, establishment of Catholic missions and schools, and the transfer of students to/from mission schools.

1. "Records of the Bishop Subagency in California"

Inclusive dates: Between 1936-1948

Volume: Less than 1% of approximately .3 cubic foot

Description: The Bishop Subagency was established in 1916 and consolidated with the Walker River Agency in 1926.

2. "Records of the California Agency in California"

Inclusive dates: Between 1947-1949

Volume: Less than 1% of approximately 7 cubic feet

Description: The California Agency was established in 1947 and replaced by the Sacramento Area Office in 1950.

3. "Records of the Carson Agency in Nevada and California"

Inclusive dates: Between 1925-1953

Volume: Less than 1% of approximately 144 cubic feet

Description: The Carson Agency was established in 1925 through the consolidation of the Reno Agency and the Carson/ Stewart Indian School Agency. It was replaced by the Nevada Agency in 1952.

4. "Records of the Carson/Stewart School in Nevada"

Inclusive dates: Between 1890-1962

Volume: Less than 1% of approximately 108 cubic feet

Description: The Stewart Indian School in Carson City, Nevada was a non-reservation boarding school established in 1890 and closed in 1982.

5. "Records of the Central California Agency in California"

Inclusive dates: Between 1968-1992

Volume: Less than 1% of approximately 59 cubic feet

Description: The Central California Agency was established in 1970.

6. "Records of the Digger Agency in California"

Inclusive dates: Between 1911-1921

Volume: Less than 1% of approximately .3 cubic foot

Description: The Digger Agency was established in 1907 for the Digger and Tuolumne Reservation and was subordinated to the Reno Agency in 1921.

7. "Records of the Fallon Subagency in Nevada"

Inclusive dates: Between 1911-1937

Volume: Less than 1% of approximately 3 cubic feet

Description: The Fallon Subagency was established in 1908 and subordinated to the Walker River Agency in 1925.

8. "Records of the Fort Bidwell School and Agency in California"
Inclusive dates: Between 1898-1940
Volume: Less than 1% of approximately 15 cubic feet
Description: The Fort Bidwell School was established in 1898 and served as an agency for **Pit River** and Paiute Indians and was subordinated to the Sacramento Agency in 1931.
9. "Records of the Fort McDermitt Subagency in Nevada"
Inclusive dates: Between 1906-1937
Volume: Less than 1% of approximately 3 cubic feet
Description: The Fort McDermitt Reservation was established in 1889 and assigned agency duties. It became a sub-agency of the Reno Agency in 1920.
10. "Records of the Greenville School and Agency in California,"
Inclusive dates: Between 1894-1925
Volume: Less than 1% of approximately 20 cubic feet
Description: The Greenville School was established in 1890 as a contract school. In 1897 it became a federal non-reservation boarding school and was assigned agency duties. In 1918, several of the American Indians under the agency's jurisdiction were transferred to the Reno Agency, while those under the Roseburg Agency were transferred to the Greenville Agency. In 1923, the Greenville Agency became a sub-agency of the Sacramento Agency.
11. "Records of the Hoopa Valley Agency in California"
Inclusive dates: Between 1875-1962
Volume: Less than 1% of approximately 85 cubic feet
Description: The Hoopa Valley Agency was established in 1864 and was responsible for the Hoopa Valley and Klamath River Reservations. In 1956 it became an area field office under the Sacramento Agency.
12. "Records of the Nevada Agency in Nevada"
Inclusive dates: Between 1950-1975
Volume: Less than 1% of approximately 45 cubic feet
Description: The Nevada Agency was established in 1952 with statewide jurisdiction. It was succeeded by the Eastern and Western Nevada Agencies in 1975.
13. "Records of the Northern California Agency in California"
Inclusive dates: Between 1891-1980
Volume: Less than 1% of approximately 22 cubic feet
Description: The Northern California Agency was established in 1970.
14. "Records of the Pyramid Lake Subagency in Nevada"
Inclusive dates: Between 1922-1924
Volume: Less than 1% of approximately .2 cubic foot
Description: The Pyramid Lake Subagency was established as an agency in 1870. It was a subagency of the Reno Agency from 1921-1924 and the Carson Agency from 1925-1930 and returned to subagency status in 1934.
15. "Records of the Reno Agency in Nevada"
Inclusive dates: Between 1905-1933
Volume: Approximately 13 cubic feet
Description: The Reno Agency was established in 1912 and consolidated with the Carson School to form the Carson Agency in 1925.

16. "Records of the Roseburg Agency in Oregon"
Inclusive dates: Between 1890-1924
Volume: Less than 1% of approximately 11 cubic feet
Description: The Roseburg Agency was established in 1909 for some American Indians in Northern California and Oregon. It was abolished in 1918 with duties transferred to the Siletz and Greenville Agencies, among others.
17. "Records of the Round Valley Agency in California"
Inclusive dates: Between 1859-1924
Volume: Approximately .1% of 23 cubic feet
Description: Description: Established in 1856 and consolidated with the Sacramento Agency in 1924; includes a conflict between Agent J.L. Burchard, a Methodist minister, and Reverend Luciano Osuna, re: Catholic evangelization, 1874-1875
 - a. Correspondence of Agent Burchard to Commissioner of Indian Affairs, 1874, Box 1: 2 letters
 - b. Court Records, "Luciana Osuna Papers," 1874-1875, Box 173: 1 folder
18. "Records of the Sacramento Agency in California"
Inclusive dates: Between 1906-1947
Volume: Less than 1% of 90 cubic feet
Description: The Sacramento Agency was established in 1923 and absorbed by the California Agency in 1947.
19. "Records of the Sacramento Area Office in California"
Inclusive dates: Between 1900-1972
Volume: Less than 1% of 1,200 cubic feet
Description: The Sacramento Area Office was established in 1950, superseding the California Agency.
20. "Records of the Special Agency of Nevada in Nevada"
Inclusive dates: Between 1869-1871
Volume: Less than 1% of 1 cubic foot
Description: The Special Agency of Nevada was established in 1858 and abolished in 1921.
21. "Records of the Tule River Agency in California"
Inclusive dates: Between 1897-1936
Volume: Less than 1% of 2 cubic feet
Description: The Tule River Agency was established in 1856 and absorbed by the Sacramento Agency in 1924.
22. "Records of the Upper Lake-Ukiah Agency in California"
Inclusive dates: Between 1909-1911
Volume: Less than 1% of .2 cubic foot
Description: The Upper Lake-Ukiah Agency was established in 1909 and absorbed by the Round Valley Agency in 1911.

23. "Records of the Walker River Agency/ Subagency in Nevada"
Inclusive dates: Between 1889-1948
Volume: Less than 1% of 34 cubic feet
Description: The Walker River Agency was established in 1859. It was administered under first the Nevada Agency and then the Carson School Agency. It became a separate jurisdiction in 1908 and was abolished in 1935 with its duties transferred to the Carson Agency.
24. "Records of the Western Shoshone Agency in Nevada"
Inclusive dates: Between 1869-1952
Volume: Less than 1% of 55 cubic feet
Description: The Western Shoshone Agency was established in 1878 and became a sub-agency of the Nevada Agency by 1955.
25. "Records of the Supervisor of Indian Education, Sacramento"
Inclusive dates: Between 1928-1934
Volume: Less than 1% of unknown cubic feet
Description: Pertains to the phasing out of some boarding schools, school management and personnel, and other subjects involving Native American education in the western states. Narrative inspection reports and school activity and attendance reports are included.
26. "Letters Received by the Office of Indian Affairs, M234"
Inclusive dates: Between 1906-1913
Volume: Less than 1% of 962 reels of microfilm
27. "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
28. "Letters Received by the Superintendent of Indian Trade, T58"
Inclusive dates: Between 1806-1824
Volume: Less than 1% of 1 reel of microfilm
29. "Letters Sent by the Office of Indian Affairs, M21"
Inclusive dates: Between 1824-1881
Volume: Less than 1% of 166 reels of microfilm
30. "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
31. "Letters Sent by the Special Indian Agent of Nevada, I18"
Inclusive dates: Between 1869-1871
Volume: Less than 1% of unknown reels of microfilm
32. "Letters Sent by the Superintendent of Indian Trade, M16"
Inclusive dates: Between 1807-1823
Volume: Less than 1% of 6 reels of microfilm

33. "Records of the Michigan Superintendency of Indian Affairs, M1"
Inclusive dates: Between 1814-1851
Volume: Less than 1% of 71 reels of microfilm
34. "Records of the Mission Indian Agency, Southern California, I3"
Inclusive dates: Between 1912-1955
Volume: Less than 1% of unknown reels of microfilm
35. "Records of the Nevada Superintendency of Indian Affairs, M837"
Inclusive dates: Between 1869-1870
Volume: Less than 1% of 1 reel of microfilm
36. "Records of the Oregon Superintendency of Indian Affairs, M2"
Inclusive dates: Between 1848-1873
Volume: Less than 1% of 29 reels of microfilm
37. "Records of the Utah Superintendency of Indian Affairs, M834"
Inclusive dates: Between 1853-1870
Volume: Less than 1% of 2 reels of microfilm
38. "Records of the Washington Superintendency of Indian Affairs, M5"
Inclusive dates: Between 1853-1874
Volume: Less than 1% of 26 reels of microfilm
39. "Register of Letters Received by the Office of Indian Affairs, M18"
Inclusive dates: Between 1824-1880
Volume: Less than 1% of 126 reels of microfilm
40. "Report Books of the Office of Indian Affairs, M348"
Inclusive dates: Between 1838-1885
Volume: Less than 1% of 53 reels of microfilm
41. "Special Files of the Office of Indian Affairs, M574"
Inclusive dates: Between 1807-1904
Volume: Less than 1% of 85 reels of microfilm

E. "Record Group 393, Records of U.S. Army Continental Commands, 1821-1920"

Inclusive dates: Between 1846-1918

Volume: Less than 1% of 1 cubic foot and 7 reels of microfilm

Description:

1. "Records of the Presidio of San Francisco"
Inclusive dates: Between 1862-1918
Volume: Less than 1% of less than 1 cubic foot
Description: Includes "accounting forms, bulletins, letters, and qualification record forms of recruits;" re: "administrative matters, equipment, fortifications in the San Francisco Bay area, personnel, and supplies."
2. "Records of the Tenth Military Department, 1846-1851, M210"
Inclusive dates: Between 1846-1851
Volume: Less than 1% of 7 reels of microfilm
Description: Includes letters describing Indian attitudes toward Catholic missions.