



Guide to Catholic-Related Records in the West about Native Americans
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Diocese of San Diego
CALIFORNIA, WINTERHAVEN (FORT YUMA)

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St. Thomas Mission

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Access: Some restrictions apply

History:

1780-1781 (closed)	Fray Francisco Garcés, O.F.M. established and Franciscans (Santo Evangelico Province, Mexico City, Mexico) administered Puerto de la Purísima Concepción Mission (Yuma), Fort Yuma until destroyed by Indians
1884-1900	Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet (now Los Angeles Province, Los Angeles, California) staffed the Fort Yuma Government Indian School (Yuma), Winterhaven/ Yuma, Arizona
1894-present	Diocesan priests established and have administered St. Thomas Mission (Yuma), Quechan Reservation

Holdings of Catholic-related records about Native Americans:

Inclusive dates: 1884-present

Volume: Several volumes

Description: Sacramental records for St. Thomas Mission and students at the Yuma School.