



Guide to Catholic-Related Records outside the U.S. about Native Americans
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Territorial Abbey of Maria Einsiedeln
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History: Monks from Our Lady of Einsiedeln Abbey evangelized American Indians and founded the following abbeys in the United States that have administered Indian missions:

1854-present St. Meinrad Abbey, St. Meinrad, Indiana
1893-present (elevated to Assumption Abbey, Richardson, North Dakota
abbey, 1903)

Holdings of Catholic-related records about Native Americans in the United States include approximately .2 cubic foot of correspondence between St. Meinrad and Einsiedeln Abbeys, 1862-1897, n.d., re: Fort Totten Reservation (Santee), North Dakota, and the Standing Rock Reservation (Hunkpapa), North and South Dakota Indian missions; major correspondents include Abbot Fintan Mundwiler, O.S.B., Bishop/ Abbot Martin Marty, O.S.B., Reverends Claude Ebner, O.S.B., John Chrysostom Foffa, O.S.B., and Jerome Hunt, O.S.B., and Christina Wewer (housekeeper of Bishop Marty); in German with some English translations.