



Guide to Catholic-Related Records in the East about Native Americans
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History: In response to Apalachee Indian requests for priests, the Franciscans established and administered Mission San Luis from 1656 to 1704. The Apalachee and Spanish residents then destroyed and evacuated the mission, to prevent it from falling into the hands of advancing English forces. In 1983, the State of Florida purchased the mission site and began its archaeological and historical research. Mission reconstruction began in 1998.

Holdings of Native Catholic records: Although the volume is unknown, Mission San Luis holds photocopied and microfilmed documents plus transcriptions and translations. The Mission San Luis website states: "Historical records available at Mission San Luis include all documents in the John Tate Lanning Collection pertinent to Spanish Florida, the entire Jeannette Thurber Connor Collection on microfilm, extensive portions of the Stetson and Woodbury Lowery collections, and a significant number of the Spanish Florida Project documents copied at the Archivo General de Indias (Seville) by the P.K. Yonge Library staff from the University of Florida."