



**Guide to Catholic-Related Records in the Midwest about Native Americans**

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History: The Passionists, Holy Cross Province, have administered St. Francis Church, St. Paul, Kansas since 1895. In so doing, the Passionists acquired records from the preceding Osage Mission. For a history of Osage Mission, see the entry for the Diocese of Wichita, Kansas.

Holdings of Catholic-related records about Native Americans:

Inclusive dates: 1845-1890s, 1947, n.d.

Volume: .4 cubic foot

Description: The "St. Francis Institute: Historical Documents" within the Passionists Holy Cross Province Archives are not arranged according to a classification scheme. Consequently, the description is by type of record.

- A. Correspondence, 1845-1850, 1853, 1866-1888, approximately 150 letters: re: primarily finances or land; major correspondents include Reverend John Schoenmakers, S.J., Reverend Paul Ponziglione, S.J., Reverend Isidore Robot, O.S.B., and representatives of the United States government and Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions
- B. Financial records, 1858, 1863, 1868-1875, 1882-1888, .1 cubic foot; include a treaty with the Osages (handwritten copy), 1863, claim forms and receipts for the schools, 1882-1888; deeds and abstracts, 1868-1875; Reverend John Schoenmakers' will, 1858; and financial and statistical reports, 1882-1887
- C. School records, 1869-1871, n.d., .2 cubic foot; includes the charter (copy) for St. Francis Institute, 1870; contracts, 1869, 1871, n.d.; a volume listing students by class, 1886
- D. Historical notes, 1809s, 1947, 1 folder: includes a 6-page handwritten history of Osage Mission by Reverend Paul Ponziglione, and a *Centennial History of the Osage Mission*, 1947, 1 volume