



Guide to Catholic-Related Records in the Midwest about Native Americans
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History: The Passionists (Congregation of the Passion of Jesus Christ) (C.P.) were founded in 1720 and received their full canonical status in 1984. They created their first U.S. foundation in 1852 and established the Holy Cross Province in 1906. In so doing, they have administered St. Francis Church, St. Paul, Kansas, since 1895 and acquired records from the Jesuits' former Osage Mission, St. Paul, Kansas. 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, undated

Volume: .4 cubic foot

Description: The "St. Francis Institute: Historical Documents" within the Passionists Holy Cross Province Archives are not arranged with a classification scheme.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, undated, .2 cubic foot; includes the charter (copy) for St. Francis Institute, 1870; contracts, 1869, 1871, undated; 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