



**Guide to Catholic-Related Records in the Midwest about Native Americans**  
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Holdings of Catholic-related records about Native Americans:

Inclusive dates: 1820-1950, n.d.

Volume: .15 cubic foot and 6 reels of microfilm

Description: 8 collections include Native Catholic records:

/1 "History-Indian Mission Schools"

Inclusive dates: 1837-1873

Volume: .1 cubic foot

Description: Reports (copies) by Indian agents and Catholic missionaries to the U.S. Commissioner of Indian Affairs on the following tribes and schools: Kickapoo, School, 1837; Miami, St. Francis Regis School, 1847-1848, 1850-1857; Osage, St. Francis Institute, 1845, 1873; Potawatomi, St. Mary School, 1839-1871.

/2 "History-Indians-Osage"

Inclusive dates: 1867

Volume: 2 letters

Description: U.S. General Land office correspondence, re: settlements and patents on the Osage Mission land.

/3 "Miscellaneous, Snyder"

Inclusive dates: 1850

Volume: 1 letter

Description: From John F. Snyder to his brother describing St. Mary Mission.

/4 "Microfilm (MS 59), Gaillard, Maurice, Diary"

Inclusive dates: 1848-1877

Volume: 286 pages on 1 reel of microfilm

Description: The Diary of Reverend Maurice Gaillard, S.J., translated by Reverend James M. Burke.

/5 "Microfilm (MS 93), Osage Mission, Sacramental Records"

Inclusive dates: 1820-1885

Volume: 1 reel of microfilm

Description: From the Chancery Office, Diocese of Wichita, Kansas.

- A. "Osage Nation": baptisms, 1820-1846; marriages, 1830-1847
- B. "Osage Mission": baptisms, 1847-1862, deaths, 1847-1876
- C. "Osage Missions": baptisms, 1862-1882
- D. "Quapaws and Cherokees": baptisms (Quapaw), 1847-1880; baptisms (Cherokees), 1867-1885; deaths (Quapaw), 1853-1863; marriages (Quapaws), 1854-1877
- E. "Kansas Territory (includes both Indians and Whites)": baptisms, 1854-1871; marriages, 1860-1871; deaths, 1860-1871
- F. "Missouri (includes both Indians and Whites)": baptisms, 1859-1871; marriages, 1858-1869

/6 "Microfilm (MS 399-402), Potawatomi Indian Mission, Catholic"

Inclusive dates: 1832-1894

Volume: 2 reels of microfilm Indian related

Description: Selected records of St. Mary Mission and College from the Midwest Jesuit Archives, St. Louis, Missouri.

- A. Diaries and histories, 1838-1887, .5 cubic foot:
  1. Diary of Reverend Christian Hoecken, S.J., 1838, 1848-1850, 1 Volume; translated and annotated by Reverend J.J. O'Meara
  2. Diary of Reverend Maurice Gailland, S.J., 1850-1871, 1 volume; translated and annotated by Reverend J.J. O'Meara, S.J.
  3. Diary, 1848-1849, 1877-1887, 1 volume; by Reverend Maurice Gailland, S.J., and others
  4. "House Diary," 1854-1862, 1 volume
  5. "History of Immaculate Conception Church," by Reverend Christian Hoecken, S.J., 1838, 1 volume; translated and annotated by Reverend J.J. O'Meara, S.J.
- B. Sacramental records, 1832-1887, .75 cubic foot
  1. "Reverend Charles F. Van Quickenborne's Register," 1832-1834, 1 volume; baptisms and marriages
  2. "Westport Register," 1839-1845, 1 volume; baptisms and marriages
  3. "Kickapoo and Council Bluffs Register," 1835-1839, 39 pages; baptisms and marriages
  4. Marriages, 1836-1882, 1 volume; various places in Kansas, Montana, and the Dakotas
  5. Sugar Creek and St. Mary Missions, 1838-1887, 9 volumes
- C. School records, 1858-1894, 3 volumes: register of students

/7 "Microfilm (MS 403-404), Jesuits. Missouri Province, Osage Missions"

Inclusive dates: 1832-1910, n.d.

Volume: 2 reels of microfilm

Description: From the Midwest Jesuit Archives, St. Louis, Missouri.

- A. Correspondence, 1832, 1845-1849, 1852, 1855, 1857, 1867-1868, 1870-1872, 1875, 1883-1888, 1910, 55 letters; major correspondents include Reverend Pierre-Jean de Smet, S.J., Reverend Paul M. Ponziglione, S.J., and William Medill, U.S. Commissioner of Indian Affairs
- B. "Historia Domus, Littarae Annuae," 1854-1863, 1865-1867, 1869, 1871-1891, 2 folders, in Latin; most in Reverend Paul M. Ponziglione's hand
- C. "Status Temporalis and Fructus Ministerii," 1861-1878, 1880-1892, 1 folder
- D. "Writings of Reverend Ponziglione," 1853-1897, 1 cubic foot:
  1. Osage Indian language records, 1853, 1856, 1862, 1885, n.d., 25 items; includes a dictionary, catechisms, prayers, dialogues, and collections of

- Epistles and Gospels translated into Osage by Reverend Paul Ponziglione, S.J.
2. "Annals, Osage Mission," 1824-1889, 3 volumes
  3. "The Osages and Fr. John Schoenmakers, S.J. Interesting Memoirs Collected from Legends, Traditions, and Historical Documents," dedicated in 1897, 561 pages; contains 51 chapters plus appendix; includes a history of the Osage Indians, beginnings of Catholic evangelization among the Osage, 1820s-1830s; and the Osage Mission, 1846-1884
  4. "Journal of the Western Missions Established and Attended by the Fathers of the Society of Jesus Residing at the Osage Mission, Neosho County, Kansas, Beginning from August 11, 1867," 1867-1896, 10 volumes; correspondence (includes copies) and histories
  5. Notebook, 1880s-1890s, 1 volume; contains a necrology for Osage Mission, 1852-1887, a history of St. Stephen Mission, Wyoming, 1884-1894, and an historical account of Jesuit missions, 1883
  6. "Status Animarium of the Western Missions," 1870
  7. "Notes on Indian Customs" and "Anecdotes," n.d.
  8. "Record of the Sodality of the Immaculate Heart of Mary," 1865, 1867, n.d., 3 volumes
  - E. "Maps, Surveys, Plats," 1871, 1877, 1881, n.d., 9 items
  - F. "Historical Accounts," 1870, 1872-1874, 1889, n.d., 1 folder: includes a "Guide for Missionaries," by Reverend Paul Ponziglione, S.J., 1874 and a record of mission stations and churches among the Osage Indians from 1847-1870 by Reverend Paul Ponziglione S.J.

/8 Photograph Collection

Inclusive dates: 1867-1950, n.d.

Volume: 17 prints

Description: Arranged alphabetically by subject or Indian tribe, including:

- A. Osage Mission, Kansas, 1870, 1940s, n.d., 8 prints
- B. St. Mary Mission, Kansas, 1867, 1870s, 1950, n.d., 9 prints