



Guide to Catholic-Related Records in the Midwest about Native Americans
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Diocese of Wichita
KANSAS, WICHITA

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History: The Diocese of Wichita was erected in 1887 and includes the are of the former Osage Mission and School, St. Paul, Kansas.

History of Osage Mission and Schools

1847	Jesuits (Missouri Province, St. Louis, Missouri) established and administered Osage Mission
1847-1870 (closed)	Jesuits established and administered the Osage Manual Labor School for Indian Boys and Girls (Osage); in part, Mother Bridge Hayden (1814-1890), S.L., and the Sisters of Loretto (Nerinx, Kentucky) staffed the school
1870	Osage Indians moved to Indian Territory
1870-1891 (closed)	Jesuits at the mission established and administered St. Francis Institute for Boys
1870-1895 (destroyed)	Sisters of Loretto at the mission established and staffed St. Ann Academy for Girls (Osage), which later was destroyed by fire

Holdings of Catholic-related records about Native Americans:

Inclusive dates: 1820-1885

Volume: 7 volumes

Description: Sacramental records of the Osage Mission that formerly were housed at St. Francis Church, St. Paul, Kansas.

- A. "Osage Nation": baptisms, 1820-1846; marriages, 1830-1847
- B. "Osage Mission": baptisms, 1847-1862; deaths, 1847-1876

- C. "Osage Mission-St. Francis Church": marriages 1847-1875; first communions, 1848-1871; confirmations, 1851-1871; Fraternity of the Holy Scapular, 1855-1876
- D. "Osage Mission": baptisms, 1862-1882
- E. "Quapaws and Cherokees": baptisms (Quapaw), 1847-1880; baptisms (Cherokee), 1867-1885; deaths (Quapaw), 1853-1863; marriages (Quapaw), 1854-1877
- F. "Kansas Territory" (includes Indians and non-Indians): baptisms, 1854-1871; marriages, 1860-1871
- G. "Missouri" (includes Indians and non-Indians): baptisms, 1859-1871; marriages, 1858-1869