



**Guide to Catholic-Related Records in the East about Native Americans**  
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*Diocese of Jackson*  
MISSISSIPPI, PHILADELPHIA (TUCKER)

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**Holy Rosary Indian Mission**

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History (incomplete):

1882?-1884	Reverend B.J. Bekkers visited the Choctaw Indians in the Tucker area
1884-1911 or 1912 (destroyed by fire)	Reverend B.J. Bekkers established Holy Rosary Mission (Choctaw), Tucker
1885-1903 (closed)	Reverend B.J. Bekkers added a Holy Rosary day school (Choctaw) administered by the Sisters of Mercy (Vicksburg, Mississippi; now Sisters of Mercy of the Americas - St. Louis Regional Community, St. Louis, Missouri)
1903	Many Choctaw Indians left the Tucker area and relocated to the Choctaw Nation in Oklahoma; however, a number later returned to Tucker
1910-1911 or 1912 (destroyed by fire)	Holy Rosary Mission school reopened with a lay person and a diocesan priest (Hattiesburg, Mississippi) as teachers

Holding of Catholic-related records about Native Americans are unknown.