



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

St. Gregory's Abbey

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History: Benedictines from St. Gregory's Abbey/ Sacred Heart Abbey have administered the following Indian missions and parishes:

1875-1892 (no longer Indian)	St. Patrick Church (Choctaw), Atoka
1877-present	Sacred Heart Church (Potawatomi) Konawa/Sacred Heart
1884-1887 (no longer Indian)	Our Lady of Good Counsel Mission (Choctaw), Lehigh
1886-1888 (no longer Indian)	St. John Mission (Choctaw), McAlester
1886-1905 (transferred to diocesan priests)	Our Lady of Victory/ St. Elizabeth Church (Choctaw and Chickasaw), Purcell
1887-1893 (transferred to diocesan priests)	Immaculate Conception Church (Osage), Pawhuska
1887-1898 (closed)	Sacred Heart Mission (Choctaw), Boggy Depot
1889-1895 (transferred to diocesan priests)	St. John Church (Osage), Gray Horse
1889-1905 (transferred to diocesan priests)	St. John the Baptist Mission (Choctaw and Chickasaw), Lexington
1891-1895 (transferred to diocesan priests)	Assumption Church (Creek), Muskogee
1891-1902 (transferred to diocesan priests)	Blessed Sacrament Mission (Choctaw), Coalgate
1891-1974 (transferred to diocesan priests)	St. Patrick Church (Kiowa, Comanche, Apache, Caddo, Wichita, and Delaware), Anadarko
1893-1925 (closed)	Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Mission (Shawnee), Tecumseh
1896-1925 (closed)	St. Gregory Mission (Potawatomi), Eason
1896-present	St. Benedict Church (Shawnee and Potawatomi), Shawnee
1897-present	St. Mary/ Our Lady of Grace Mission (Potawatomi), Wanette

1898-1902 (transferred to diocesan priests)	Holy Name Mission (Chickasaw), Chickasha
1913-1915 (transferred to diocesan priests)	Sacred Heart Mission (Osage), Fairfax
1928-1949 (transferred to diocesan priests)	Immaculate Conception Mission (Apache and Caddo), Cyril
1930-1949 (transferred to diocesan priests)	St. Joseph Mission (Osage), Hominy
1931-1949 (transferred to diocesan priests),	Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary/ St. Margaret Mary Mission (Caddo), Binger
1940-1953 (transferred to diocesan priests)	Our Lady of Victory Mission (Kiowa), Carnegie
1942-1945 (transferred to diocesan priests)	St. Catherine Mission (Choctaw), Durant

Holdings of Catholic-related records about Native Americans:

Inclusive dates: 1876-1970s, n.d.

Volume: Approximately 5.3 cubic feet

Description: The records at St. Gregory's Abbey are not organized according to a classification scheme. Consequently, description is by record type.

- A. "Annals of Sacred Heart Abbey, 1876-1933," written ca. 1909-1933, 161 pages: written by Reverends Adalbert Haffner, O.S.B. and Leo Gariador, O.S.B.; include month by month descriptions of major events, arrivals of new recruits and distinguished visitors, deaths, celebrations, and the like; entries before ca. 1909 were created from memory or from other records
- B. Chronicles, St. Gregory's Abbey, 1948-1959, 300 handwritten pages
- C. Minutes of the Chapter meetings of Sacred Heart Abbey and of St. Gregory's Abbey, 1901-1940, 1 folder: Accounts of discussions, ballotings, and official decisions relating to Indian missions
- D. Diaries and journals, 1882-1938, n.d., approximately .2 cubic foot:
 1. "Recollections of Missionary Trips in 1885," n.d., 26 typed pages: written by Reverend Hilary Cassal, O.S.B.
 2. "Reminiscences of Brother John Laracy," 1933, 13 handwritten pages: begins in 1879
 3. "Journey to Sacred Heart from Belloc, 1888-1889," n.d., 8 handwritten pages: written by Reverend Blaise Haritchabalet, O.S.B.
 4. "Experience in Indian Territory Just Before The Close of the 19th Century," 1898, 14 handwritten pages: written by Reverend Hippolyte Topet, O.S.B.
 5. Reverend Leo Gariador, O.S.B., diaries, journals, notebooks, 1882-1938, n.d., 13 volumes; various topics including Indian missions and schools
- E. Correspondence, 1876-1932, n.d., .1 cubic foot:
 1. Letters (copies) of Reverend Thomas Bergh, O.S.B., Sacred Heart Mission, to Reverend Swithbert Breiken, O.S.B., St. Augustine's Abbey, Ramsgate, England, 1885-1886, 1 folder
 2. "Robot, Rt. Reverend Isidore, O.S.B., First Prefect Apostolic of Indian Territory, 1876-1886," 1876-1877, 1882, 1885-1886, 9 letters (all but 1 are Copies)
 3. Reverend Mother (Saint) Katharine Drexel, S.B.S., to Reverend Isidore Ricklin at St. Patrick's Mission, Anadarko, Oklahoma, 1903, 1905, n.d., 3 letters
 4. Incoming letters to Reverend Thomas Duperou, 1897-1905, n.d., 1 volume

5. "Jean, Rt. Reverend Ignatius, O.S.B., Second Prefect Apostolic of Indian Territory," 1886-1890, 1 folder
 6. Reverend Leo Gariador, O.S.B., letters, 1909, 1914, 1918, 1920-1922, 1930-1932, 1 folder
- F. School records, 1881-1958, .45 cubic foot:
1. "St. Benedict Industrial School and Sacred Heart College Boarding School," 1881-1927, .35 cubic foot:
 - a. Lists of students, 1881-1887, 1890, 1898-1918, 1 folder
 - b. School reports, 1901-1927, .1 cubic foot: quarterly reports submitted to the Bureau of Indian Affairs
 - c. Catalogs, 1907-1918, 1924-1925, .2 cubic foot
 - d. Grades, 1906-1908, 1 folder
 2. St. Patrick School, Anadarko, 1893-1958, .1 cubic foot: student enrollment books listing name, age, tribe, date entered, and grade
- G. Financial reports, 1923-1949, 3 folders:
1. Sacred Heart Church, Sacred Heart, 1923-1925, 1928-1929, 1933-1949, 1 folder
 2. St. Agnes Church, Antlers, 1926, 1929, 1 folder
 3. St. Patrick Church, Anadarko, 1924-1929, 1 folder
- H. Deeds and leases, 1891-1892, 1898-1914, 1916, 1922, 2 folders
- I. *Indian Advocate*, 1888-1910, 21 volumes: publication of Sacred Heart Abbey; contains much information on Indian mission and school activity; first volume, 1888, entitled *Prospectus*
- J. Histories and historical notes, 1928-1970s, n.d., approximately 2.15 cubic feet:
1. *The Foundation of Oklahoma's Sacred Heart* by Abbot Denys Huerre, 1965, 50 typed pages
 2. Reverend Joseph F. Murphy, O.S.B., research files, 1930s-1970s, approximately 2 cubic feet: research notes and correspondence (copies) created or compiled for Reverend Murphy's publications, particularly *Tenacious Monks*; major repositories of original records include St. Augustine's Abbey, Ramsgate, England; St. John's Abbey, Collegeville, Minnesota; the Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions Records; the Abbot General's Office, Rome, Italy; and the Oklahoma Archdiocesan Archives
 3. Reverend Urban de Hasque's histories and historical notes, 1928, n.d., .1 cubic foot: regarding St. Patrick Mission, Anadarko, and Sacred Heart Mission, Sacred Heart
- K. Photographs, 1890s-1940s, n.d., 375 prints
1. "Sacred Heart Mission," 1890s-1910, n.d., 155 prints
 2. "Sacred Heart College and Abbey," 1910-1940s, 165 prints
 3. "St. Patrick's Church, Anadarko," 1890s-1920s, 55 prints