



Guide to Catholic-Related Records in the Midwest about Native Americans
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Holy Ghost Church

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Access: Some restrictions apply

History: Holy Ghost Church is a non-Indian parish that had a number of Cherokee Indian parishioners until ca. 1920s.

1877-1887	Benedictines (St. Benedict's Abbey, Shawnee, Oklahoma) attended Vinita station (Cherokee) from Sacred Heart Mission, Sacred Heart
1887-1888	Benedictines attended Vinita station from St. Joseph's, Krebs
1888-1892	Benedictines attended Vinita station from St. John's, McAlester
1892-1895	Diocesan priests attended Vinita station from Assumption, Muskogee
1895-1925	Became a parish; diocesan priests administered Holy Ghost Church
1898-1899	Benedictine Sisters (St. Scholastica Monastery, Fort Smith/ Shoal Creek, Arkansas) established and staffed Sacred Heart Institute (Cherokee)
1899-1903	Carmelite Sisters (Congregation of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Lacombe/ New Orleans, Louisiana, Louisiana) staffed the Institute
1903-ca. 1920 (few Indians)	Sisters of Divine Providence (San Antonio, Texas) staffed the Institute
1925-unknown (no longer Indian)	Society of the Precious Blood (unknown) administered Holy Ghost

Diocesan priests from Holy Ghost attended the following Indian missions and stations:

1895-1902 (transferred to St. Mary's, Quapaw)	St. Mathias Mission (Cayuga), Cayuga
1895-1904 (closed)	Grove station (Cherokee)
1895-1909 (closed)	Chouteau station (Cherokee)
1895-1910 (closed)	Prior Creek station (Cherokee)
1895-1915 (closed)	Adair station (Cherokee)
1895-1925 (closed)	Chelsea station (Cherokee)
1896-1909 (closed)	Echo Schoolhouse station (Cherokee)
1896-1909 (closed)	Opeechee station (Cherokee)

1896-1909 (closed)	Ruby station (Cherokee)
1898-1925 (closed)	Afton station (Cherokee)
1899-1909 (became a mission)	Welch station (Cherokee)
1909-1927 (transferred to Sacred Heart, Miami) (no longer Indian)	St. Anne Mission (Cherokee), Welch
1901-1915 (closed)	Centralia station (Cherokee)
1915-1925 (closed)	St. Mathias Mission, Cayuga

Holdings of Catholic-related records about Native Americans:

Inclusive dates: 1867, 1869, 1892-ca. 1920s

Volume: 2 volumes

Description: Sacramental records for Holy Ghost Church, Sacred Heart Institute, and its attended Indian missions and stations; baptisms, 1867, 1869, 1892-ca. 1920s, marriages, 1895-ca. 1920s, deaths, 1910-ca. 1920s, first communions, 1909-ca. 1920s, and confirmations, 1895-1903.