



Guide to Catholic-Related Records in the Midwest about Native Americans
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SOUTH DAKOTA, MARTY

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St. Paul Church

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Access: Some restrictions apply

History:

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| 1839, 1866 | Reverend Pierre-Jean de Smet, S.J., visited the Yankton Indians |
| 1840 | Reverend Christian Hoecken, S.J., visited the Yankton Indians |
| 1877 | Reverend Martin Marty, O.S.B., visited the Yankton Indians |
| 1880-1881 (closed) | Reverend John F. Malo and the Sisters of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Aberdeen, South Dakota) established and administered St. Ann Chapel and School (Yankton), Wheeler |
| 1884-1887 (closed) | Yankton Indian Industrial School (Yankton), Yankton, Yankton Reservation |
| 1884-1888 | Diocesan priests visited the Yankton Reservation (Yankton) from St. Vincent, Springfield |
| 1911-1913 | Reverend Henry J. Westropp, S.J., visited the Reservation (Yankton) from St. Francis, St. Francis |
| 1914-1916 | Reverend Henry J. Westropp, S.J., established and administered St. Paul Mission (Yankton), Ravinia, Yankton Reservation |
| 1917-1921 | Reverend Sylvester Eisenman, O.S.B., and the Benedictines attended St. Paul Mission, St. John Mission (Yankton), Greenwood, and St. Francis Solano Mission (Yankton), White Swan, from Immaculate Conception, Stephan |
| 1920 | An Indian day school opened at Ravinia |
| 1921-1984 | Benedictines (since 1954, Blue Cloud Abbey, Marvin, South Dakota) administered St. Paul Church |
| 1924-1974
(transferred to a community corporation) | Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament for Indians and Colored People (Bensalem, Pennsylvania) and Oblate Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament (Marty, South Dakota) staffed St. Paul School, in part to 1980s |
| 1935 | Reverend Sylvester Eisenman, O.S.B., founded the Oblate Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Paul's |

1985-1996 A priest of Congregation of Priests of the Sacred Heart (Hales Corners, Wisconsin) from St. Mark's, Lake Andes, attended St. Paul's with a local Oblate Sister of the Blessed Sacrament and a Permanent Deacon have administered St. Paul's

1997-present A Regular Franciscan (Most Sacred Heart of Jesus Province, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania), from St. Mark's, Lake Andes, with a local Oblate Sister of the Blessed Sacrament and a Permanent Deacon have administered St. Paul's

Jesuits and Benedictines from St. Paul's attended the following Indian missions, stations, and schools in South Dakota and Nebraska:

1915-1916 (transferred to Immaculate Conception, Stephan)	St. John Mission (Yankton), Greenwood, South Dakota
1915-1916 (transferred to Holy Rosary, Pine Ridge)	Sacred Heart Mission (Santee and Ponca), Santee, Santee Reservation, Nebraska
1921-1978 (closed)	St. Francis Solano Mission (Yankton), Lake Andes/ White Swan, South Dakota
1921-1980 (closed)	St. John Mission (Yankton), Greenwood
1931-1957 (closed)	Sacred Heart Mission (Santee), Santee
1934-1948 (closed)	St. John Day School (Yankton), Greenwood, South Dakota
1938-1958 (closed)	St. Gregory Mission (Brulé), Greenwood/ Missouri Bottom, South Dakota
1939-1946 (closed)	St. Placid Home for Homeless Indian Babies (Yankton), Marty, South Dakota
1940-1965 (closed)	St. Catherine of Sienna Mission (Yankton), Rising Hail Colony, South Dakota
1941-1957 (closed)	Sacred Heart Mission (Santee and Ponca), Niobrara, Nebraska
1948-1957 (transferred to Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Lynch, Nebraska)	St. William Mission (Santee and Ponca), Niobrara, Nebraska

Holdings of Catholic-related records about Native Americans:

Inclusive dates: 1839-present

Volume: Approximately 1 cubic foot

Description: The records at St. Paul Mission are not organized according to a classification scheme. Consequently, description is by record type.

- A. Sacramental records, 1839-present, 6 volumes: baptisms, 1839-present; marriages, 1922-present; deaths, 1918-present; first communions, 1944-present; baptisms from 1839 to ca. 1870s were recorded by Reverend Henry Westropp, S.J., in ca. 1910s
- B. Census record, 1940s, 1 folder: lists members of each household in the parish

C. Financial records, 1920s-present, 1 folder; primarily deeds, abstracts, and other documentation dealing with land transactions