



Guide to Catholic-Related Records in the Midwest about Native Americans
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Tekakwitha Housing Corporation

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History:

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| 1935-1964 (closed) | Oblates of Mary Immaculate (North Central Area, St. Paul, Minnesota) and Sisters of the Divine Savior (Milwaukee, Wisconsin) established and administered the Tekakwitha Hospital (Sisseton and Wahpehton), Sisseton Reservation |
| 1938-1969 (closed) | Oblates of Mary Immaculate and Sisters of the Divine Savior established and administered the Tekakwitha Adolescent Treatment Facility/ Indian Children's Home/ Orphanage, School, and Chapel (Sisseton and Wahpehton), Sisseton Reservation |
| 1962-1991 | Oblates of Mary Immaculate and Sisters of the Divine Savior established and administered the Tekakwitha Nursing Center (Sisseton and Wahpehton), Sisseton Reservation |
| 1989-present | Oblates of Mary Immaculate established and administered the Tekakwitha Housing Corporation, Tekakwitha Fine Arts Center, and the Tekakwitha Indian Mission (Sisseton and Wahpehton) |
| 1991-1996 (transferred to Benedictine Health System) | Oblates of Mary Immaculate continued to administer the Tekakwitha Nursing Center |

Holdings of Catholic-related records about Native Americans:

Inclusive dates: 1938-present, n.d.

Volume: 1.6 cubic feet

Description: The records of the Tekakwitha Adolescent Treatment Facility were not organized according to a classification scheme. Consequently, their description is by record type. When surveyed in 1984, the records were kept at the Tekakwitha Housing Corporation.

- A. School records, 1938-1969, 1.5 cubic feet: student files arranged alphabetically by surname; for each child there is a permanent record card containing the following information: name, date of admission, family background, religion, health record, previous schools, grades, test scores, and "character training"; some folders contain more extensive documentation, such as correspondence and progress reports
- B. Financial reports, 1972-present, 1 folder: annual reports to the Oblate Provincial House in St. Paul, Minnesota
- C. Minutes, 1941-present, 1 volume: meetings of the administrators of the school and home
- D. Correspondence, 1949, 4 letters to Reverend John Pohlen, O.S.B.
- E. Photographs, n.d., 7 prints: photographs of Indian children and school Buildings