



**Guide to Catholic-Related Records in the West about Native Americans**  
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Access: No restrictions

Copying facilities: Yes

Holdings of Catholic-related records about Native Americans:

Inclusive dates: 1578-1992

Volume: Approximately .7 cubic foot

Description: 15 collections include Native Catholic records.

Manuscript and Oral History Collections

/1 "C.L. Sonnichsen Papers, Ms 141"

Inclusive dates: Between 1861-1991

Volume: Few items

Description: Manuscript, photographs, and research notes, re: Apache and Tiwa  
Indians and Reverend Decorme of Our Lady of Mount Carmel (Ysleta) Mission,  
El Paso; finding aid online.

/2 "Oral History Collection"

Inclusive dates: 1970, 1977

Volume: 8 sound recordings and 1 transcript

Description:

- a. Tiwa Indians, El Paso, Texas, 1970, 1 sound recording each: No.  
102.1, Pablo Carbajal, No. 102.2, Rafael Dominguez, No. 102.3, Guadalupe  
Garcia, No. 102.4, Trinidad J. Granillo, No. 102.5, Ramona Natai, No.  
102.6, Mike Pedraza, and No. 102.7, Pablo Silvas, re: community life and  
history, which is believed to include Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church
- b. Yaqui Indians, El Paso, Texas, 1977, 1 sound recording and transcript:  
No. 321, Juanita Gastello, re: childhood in Guadalupe, Arizona and Yaqui  
religious and social customs

/3 "Ysleta Mission Baptismal Records Translations, Ms 040"  
Inclusive dates: 1792-1803  
Volume: Approximately .1 cubic foot and 1 reel of microfilm  
Description: Baptismal records (copies) for Our Lady of Mount Carmel (Ysleta) Church, El Paso, Texas; handwritten in Spanish with English typescripts.

#### Microfilm Collections

/4 "Archives of the Ayuntamiento de Ciudad Juárez, MF 495"  
Inclusive dates: 1726-1900  
Volume: Few records within 91 reels of microfilm  
Description: Accounts of Apache raids, census reports, and records pertaining to Indian missions of El Paso and Ciudad Juarez, México; in Spanish.

/5 "Ciudad Juárez (Mexico) Municipal Archives: Documentos históricos/ Archivo Municipal de Ciudad Juárez, MF 513"  
Inclusive dates: 1750-1939  
Volume: Few records within 114 reels of microfilm  
Description: Censuses (church and civil) for Senecú, San Lorenzo, Ysleta, Socorro, and San Elizario, Texas plus reports, re: Apaches "de paz" and "Barbarian Indians."

/6 "Archivo historico del gobierno del Estado de Durango: (Mexican documents 1578-1957), MF 492"  
Inclusive dates: 1578-1957  
Volume: Few records within 466 reels of microfilm  
Description: Decrees and records of donations for Catholic Indian evangelization in portions of New Mexico and Texas.

/7 "Nueva colección de documentos para la historia de México, pub. por Joaquín García Icazbalceta, MF 425"  
Inclusive dates: 1825-1894  
Volume: Few documents within 1 reel of microfilm  
Description: Correspondence and reports, re: religious personnel in New Spain.

/8 "Catholic Church Records of Baptisms: Los mas antiguos registros de bautismos de Ysleta, MF 474"  
Inclusive dates: 1792-1803  
Volume: 1 reel of microfilm  
Description: Baptismal records from Corpus Cristi de la Ysleta del Sur [now Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church], El Paso, Texas.

/9 "Archives of the Catedral of Ciudad Juárez, MF 489"  
Inclusive dates: 1671-1893  
Volume: Few records within 29 reels of microfilm  
Description: Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe Cathedral, Ciudad Juárez, México, primarily marriage records and correspondence, but also some records of births, baptisms, confirmations, and interments, some of which may include American Indians of the El Paso, Texas area.

/10 "Mission Records of Nuestra Señora de la Purísima, MF 509"  
Inclusive dates: 1840-1878  
Volume: 2 reels of microfilm  
Description: Baptisms, marriages with index, and burials for La Purísima Concepción Church, Socorro, Texas.

/11 "Catholic Church Records of Baptisms, Confirmations, Marriages, and Interments: San Elceario Catholic Church, MF 473"  
Inclusive dates: 1845-1929  
Volume: Few records within 1 reel of microfilm  
Description: Believed to include a few records of American Indians and others of American Indian descent.

/12 "Archives of the Archdiocese of Santa Fe, MF 525"  
Inclusive dates: 1678-1976 (bulk 1678-1900)  
Volume: Several documents within 90 reels of microfilm  
Description: Includes baptisms, marriages, burials, patentes, and diligencias matrimoniales [pre-nuptial investigations] of the Indian missions in the Archdiocese of Santa Fe in New Mexico and Texas.

#### Photograph Collections

/13 "Cleofas Calleros Papers, Ms 231"  
Inclusive dates: ca. 1860-1970  
Volume: .4 cubic foot  
Description: Photographs (black and white prints), re: Tiwa Indians and Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church; includes the funeral of Cacique Anticeto Granill (Tiwa), 1957, and an honoring celebration for Bishop Sidney Matthew Metzger (1902-1986), Bishop of El Paso, ca. 1950-1970.

/14 "El Paso Photograph Collection, PH 001"  
Inclusive dates: 1851-1968, n.d.  
Volume: Approximately 30 photographs  
Description: Black and white prints and slides, re: Tiwa Indians and Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, El Paso, Texas; La Purísima Church, Socorro, Texas; Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe Cathedral, Ciudad Juárez, Mexico; and San Elizario Presidio, Texas.

/15 "El Paso-Juarez Photograph Collection, PH 014"  
Inclusive dates: n.d. (before 1920)  
Volume: 2 black and white photographs  
Description: Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe Cathedral, Ciudad Juárez, Mexico.

/16 "Berte R. Haigh Photograph Collection, PH 003"  
Inclusive dates: n.d. (before 1920)  
Volume: 1 black and white photograph and 1 color postcard  
Description: Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe Cathedral, Ciudad Juárez, México.

/17 "Stansel Postcard Collection, PH049"  
Inclusive dates: n.d. (before 1920)  
Volume: 5 color postcards  
Description: Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe Cathedral, Ciudad Juárez, México; images online.