



Guide to Catholic-Related Records in the West about Native Americans
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Holdings of Catholic-related records about Native Americans:

Inclusive dates: 1832-1964

Volume: Approximately 30 cubic feet

Description: 4 record groups include Native Catholic records.

A. "Record Group 48: Records of the Office of the Secretary of the Interior"

Inclusive dates: 1849-1903

Volume: Less than 1% of 159 reels of microfilm

Description: The Indian Division of the Office of the Secretary of the Interior managed the majority of Indian administration issues up until 1907 when the division was abolished. Letters from Catholic Church leaders are generally filed under miscellaneous within the incoming correspondence. Outgoing correspondence of the Indian Division include materials pertaining to missionary work.

1. "Letters Sent to the Indian Division of the Department of the Interior, M606"

Inclusive dates: 1849-1903

Volume: Less than 1% of 127 reels of microfilm

Description: May include a few letters pertaining to Catholic Indian missions.

2. "Selected Classes of Letters Received by the Indian Division of the Office of the Secretary of the Interior, M825"

Inclusive dates: 1849-1880

Volume: Less than 1% of 32 reels of microfilm

Description: May include a few letters pertaining to Catholic Indian missions.

B. "Record Group 49: Records of the Bureau of Land Management"

Inclusive dates: 1832-1924

Volume: Less than 1% of 50 cubic feet

Description: The General Land Office preceded the Bureau of Land Management; among its records are registers, surveys, tract books on public land disposal. A few letters pertaining to Catholic Indian Missions may be included.

C. "Record Group 75, Records of the Bureau of Indian Affairs"

Inclusive dates: 1870-1987

Volume: Less than 1% of 15,721 cubic feet and - reels of microfilm

Description: Selected surveying indicates that most Catholic-related records are correspondence, quarterly school reports, and school contracts, which typically comprise between .04 and .2% of the records from Bureau of Indian Affairs Agencies, e.g. Menominee Agency, Wisconsin, between .1 to .2% of ca. 100 cubic feet and Pine Ridge Agency, South Dakota, .04% of approximately 500 cubic feet. Major correspondents include the superior at the Catholic mission, the Indian agent or superintendent, and the Commissioner of Indian Affairs. Primary subjects include financial matters and the transfer of students to and from mission schools.

1. "Records of the Anadarko Area Office/Kiowa Agency"

Inclusive dates: 1881-1962

Volume: Less than 1% of several cubic feet

2. "Records of the Cheyenne and Arapaho (Concho) Agency"

Inclusive dates: 1891-1952

Volume: Less than 1% of several cubic feet

3. "Records of the Chilocco Indian School"

Inclusive dates: 1884-1960

Volume: Less than 1% of several cubic feet

Description: Start and end date? Any name change?

4. "Records of the Miami Agency"

Inclusive dates: 1871-1952

Volume: Less than 1% of several cubic feet

Description: The Quapaw Agency was established in 1871 to supervise the Cayuga, Illinois [Peoria and Kaskaskia, Miami [Piankashaw and Weal], Modoc, Nez Perce, Ottawa, Quapaw, Seneca, Shawnee, and Wyandot Indians settled in northwestern Oklahoma. In 1947, the agency was renamed the Miami Agency. Noted in the records is St. Mary's School, which was established in 1893 and served many Quapaw Indian students on a contract basis until 1926.

5. "Records of the Muskogee Area Office/Five Civilized Tribes Agency"

Inclusive dates: 1899-1960

Volume: Less than 1% of several cubic feet

6. "Records of the Osage Agency"
 Inclusive dates: 1870-1961
 Volume: Less than 1% of approximately 420 cubic feet
 Description: In 1824, an Indian agent was assigned to the Osage in Kansas, which eventually became the Osage Subagency. In 1851, it was combined with the Neosho Agency and in 1874 after the Osage removal to Oklahoma, it was renamed the Osage Agency. Included is .5 cubic foot of correspondence and quarterly school reports, re: St. John School, St. John School, Gray Horse/ Hominy Creek, Osage Reservation, Oklahoma, 1905-1913, and St. Louis School, Pawhuska, Osage Reservation, Oklahoma, 1905-1947. Microfilm 7RA-165 includes the St. John's records but the St. Louis records are not noted.

7. "Records of the Pawnee Agency"
 Inclusive dates: 1871-1964
 Volume: Less than 1% of several cubic feet

8. "Records of the Shawnee Agency"
 Inclusive dates: 1890-1952
 Volume: Less than 1% of several cubic feet

9. "Bureau of Indian Affairs Records Created by the Santa Fe Indian School, M1473"
 Inclusive dates: 1890-1918
 Volume: Less than 1% of 38 reels of microfilm

10. "Correspondence and Accounting Records of the Puget Sound District Agency and the Tulalip Agency, P2011"
 Inclusive dates: 1854-1886
 Volume: Less than 1% of 3 reels of microfilm

11. "Letters Received by the Office of Indian Affairs, M234"
 Inclusive dates: 1824-1881
 Volume: Less than 1% of 962 reels of microfilm

12. "Letters Received by the Office of the Secretary of War Relating to Indian Affairs, M271"
 Inclusive dates: 1800-1823
 Volume: Less than 1% of 4 reels of microfilm

13. "Letters Received by the Superintendent of Indian Trade, T58"
 Inclusive dates: 1806-1824
 Volume: Less than 1% of 1 reel of microfilm

14. "Letters Sent by the Office of Indian Affairs, M21"
 Inclusive dates: 1824-1881
 Volume: Less than 1% of 166 reels of microfilm

15. "Letters Sent by the Secretary of War Relating to Indian Affairs, M15"
 Inclusive dates: 1800-1824
 Volume: Less than 1% of 6 reels of microfilm

16. "Letters Sent by the Superintendent of Indian Trade, M16"
 Inclusive dates: 1807-1823
 Volume: Less than 1% of 6 reels of microfilm

17. "Miscellaneous Letters Sent by the Pueblo Indian Agency, M941"
Inclusive dates: 1874-1891
Volume: Less than 1% of 10 reels of microfilm
18. "Records Created by Bureau of Indian Affairs Field Agencies
Having Jurisdiction over the Pueblo Records, M1304"
Inclusive dates: 1874-1900
Volume: Less than 1% of 32 reels of microfilm
19. "Records of the Central Superintendency of Indian Affairs, M856"
Inclusive dates: 1813-1878
Volume: Less than 1% of 15 reels of microfilm
Description: Rolls 1-15 only.
20. "Records of the Michigan Superintendency of Indian Affairs, M1"
Inclusive dates: 1814-1851
Volume: Less than 1% of 71 reels of microfilm
21. "Records of the New Mexico Superintendency of Indian Affairs,
T21"
Inclusive dates: 1814-1880
Volume: Less than 1% of 30 reels of microfilm
22. "Records of the Oregon Superintendency of Indian Affairs, M2"
Inclusive dates: 1848-1873
Volume: Less than 1% of 29 reels of microfilm
23. "Records of the Southern Superintendency of Indian Affairs, M640"
Inclusive dates: 1832-1870
Volume: Less than 1% of 22 reels of microfilm
24. "Records of the Washington Superintendency of Indian Affairs, M5"
Inclusive dates: 1853-1874
Volume: Less than 1% of 26 reels of microfilm
25. "Register of Letters Received by the Office of Indian Affairs,
M18"
Inclusive dates: 1824-1880
Volume: Less than 1% of 126 reels of microfilm
26. "Registers of Letters Received by the Office of the Secretary of
War, Main Series, M22"
Inclusive dates: 1800-1870
Volume: Less than 1% of 134 reels of microfilm
27. "Report Books of the Office of Indian Affairs, M348"
Inclusive dates: 1838-1885
Volume: Less than 1% of 53 reels of microfilm
28. "Reports of Inspections of the Field Jurisdictions of the Office
of Indian Affairs, M1070"
Inclusive dates: 1873-1900
Volume: Less than 1% of 25 reels of microfilm
Description: Rolls 1, 3-4, 6, 20-21, 25, 27, 29-30, 33-35, 37-42, 44-46,
48, 53, 55 only.

29. "Special Files of the Office of Indian Affairs, M574"
 Inclusive dates: 1807-1904
 Volume: Less than 1% of 85 reels of microfilm
30. "Blackfeet Indian Agency Correspondence and Records, I16"
 Inclusive dates: 1875-1951
 Volume: Less than 1% of several reels of microfilm
31. "Office of Indian Affairs, Correspondence and Records of Robert
 H. Milroy, Puyallup Agency, Z52"
 Inclusive dates: 1877-1878
 Volume: Less than 1% of 1 reel of microfilm
32. "Office of Indian Affairs, Correspondence and Records of the
 Yakima Indian Agency, Z49"
 Inclusive dates: 1870-1910
 Volume: Less than 1% of 3 reels of microfilm
33. "Chemawa Indian School: Index to Descriptive Statements of
 Students, 1890-1914, and Graduating Class Rolls"
 Inclusive dates: 1885-1921
 Volume: Less than 1% of 1 reel of microfilm
34. "Chemawa Indian School: Register of Students Admitted, 1880-1928;
 Descriptive Statements of Students and Graduating Class Rolls, P2008"
 Inclusive dates: 1885-1921
 Volume: Less than 1% of 1 reel of microfilm
35. "Enrollment Registers Chilocco Indian School, P2126"
 Inclusive dates: 1884-1908
 Volume: Less than 1% of 1 reel of microfilm
36. "Publications of the Chilocco Indian School, P2151"
 Inclusive dates: unknown-1926
 Volume: Less than 1% of 11 reels of microfilm
37. "Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, Oregon: Nineteenth Century
 Indian Education History, I26"
 Inclusive dates: 1855-1899
 Volume: Less than 1% of several reels of microfilm
38. "Letterbook of the Natchitoches-Sulphur Fork Factory, T1029"
 Inclusive dates: 1809-1821
 Volume: Less than 1% of 1 reel of microfilm
 Description: Include correspondence, re: a land conflict with "the Roman
 Catholic Mission," presumably Sacred Heart Church, Nacogdoches, Texas.
- D. "Record Group 393: Records of U.S. Army Continental Commands"
 Inclusive dates: 1846-1851
 Volume: Less than 1% of 7 reels of microfilm
 Description: "Records of the Tenth Military Department, M210" include letters
 describing Indian attitudes toward Catholic missions.