Guide to Catholic-Related Records in the West about Native Americans

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Access: Some restrictions apply
Copying facilities: Yes

Holdings of Catholic-related records about Native Americans:

Inclusive dates: 1721-present
Volume: Approximately 35 cubic feet
Description: 28 collections include Native Catholic records:

/1 "Breve explicación de las Facultades concedidas por el Yllmô. Señor á los Curas, y Vicarios de esta Diócesis: y resolución de las dificultades, que pueden ocurrir en la práctica, MS 129" Inclusive dates: ca. 1725-1767 Volume: 1 item
Description: Instructions to clergy within the diocese detailing the faculties newly conferred on them by the bishop or archbishop, primarily concerning penance and marriage; ends with a Jesuit motto, "Ad majorem Dei gloriam."

/2 "Catholic Church, Diocese of Tucson Records, MS 296" Inclusive dates: 1721-1957 (bulk 1863-1903) Volume: Approximately 1.8 cubic feet
Description: Indian and non-Indian sacramental records (baptisms, confirmations, marriages, and burials) from Benson, Calabasas/ Calabazas, Florence, Solomonville, Tubac, Tumacacori, Tombstone, and Yuma, Arizona; mostly photocopies.

/3 "Chihuahua and Sonora Mission Documents, MS 180" Inclusive dates: 1698-1798 Volume: 1 item
Description: Includes Indian mission reports and lists of missions; photocopies from the University of Texas-Austin, Benson Latin American Collection, Austin, Texas; Spanish transcriptions and English translations.

/4 "Derrotero y jornada a las misiones, MS 191"
Inclusive dates: 1752-1754
Volume: 1 item
Description: Visitations to Jesuit missions in Northern Mexico, including Sinaloa, Chihuahua, Nayarit, and Sonora; Photocopy from the University of Texas-Austin, Benson Latin American Collection, Austin, Texas.

/5 "Debere y obligaciones temporeles de los misioneros en el norte de la Neua Espana, MS 189"
Inclusive dates: 1780
Volume: 1 item
Description: Financial report of Franciscan missionaries in Northern Mexico; photocopy.

/6 "Documents relating to Southwest History, AZ 207"
Inclusive dates: 1736-1795
Volume: 7 volumes
Description: Correspondence on discovery of silver in Arizona with sites in Yaqui possession; the governorship of Juan Bautista de Anza, particularly his policies toward Hopi Indians; and the career of José de Zúñiga; notable authors: Bishop D. Benito Crespo, Pueblo, Mexico, Padre Cristóbal de Canas, S.J., Padre José Toral, S.J., Padre Juan de Echagoyan, S.J., Don Juan Bautista de Anza, New Mexican Governor, and Don José de Zúñiga

/7 "Franciscans, Queretaro College Archives, MS 194"
Inclusive dates: ca. 1650-1800
Volume: 4 volumes
Description: Mostly correspondence (English typescripts), re: Indian missions in California, Guatemala, Sonora, Mexico, and Texas; notable correspondents: Fray Diego Bringas, O.F.M., Antonio María de Bucareli y Ursúa, Viceroy of New Spain, Fray Juan Marcelo Díaz, O.F.M., Fray Florencio Ibáñez O.F.M., Fray Francisco Iturralde, O.F.M., Fray Fernando Madueño, O.F.M., Fray Bartolomé Socies, O.F.M., Fray Diego Xímenez, O.F.M., and the Spanish Crown; from the Civezza Collection, Pontifical Antonianum University Library, Rome, Italy.

/8 "Franciscans, Records of Province of St. John the Baptist, AZ 500"
Inclusive dates: 1868-1978 (bulk 1906-1965)
Volume: Approximately 18 cubic feet
Description: Correspondence, financial records, photographs, maps, publications, and personal papers created and/or collected by Franciscans of St. John the Baptist Province and categorized by notable authors and subjects. 
A. Boxes 1-2. Papers of Reverend Anselm Weber (1862-1921), O.F.M. 
B. Box 3. Papers of Reverends Leopold Ostermann (1864-1930), O.F.M., Marcellus Troester (1879-1936), O.F.M., and other Franciscans
C. Box 4. Reverend Berard Haile (1874-1961), O.F.M. and Archbishop of Fe, New Mexico Rudolph A. Gerken (1887-1943), O.F.M.
E. Box 17. Navajo Saga; primarily correspondence and related financial records for this 1949 history of Franciscan evangelization on the Navajo Reservation based on research by Reverend Haile, O.F.M.
F. Boxes 18-21. Other Franciscan Indian Missions in the Southwest; includes Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Church, Fort Defiance, Arizona, St. Eleanor Chapel, Fort Wingate, Arizona, St. Joseph Mission, Keams Canyon, Arizona, St. Isabel Church, Lukachukai Arizona, and St. Anthony Mission, Shiprock, New Mexico, all on the Navajo Reservation.


H. Boxes 26-32. Land records.

I. Boxes 33-35. Franciscans, St. John the Baptist Province.

J. Boxes 36-37. General Franciscans, including funding appeals, policies, and Navajo-Catholic relationships.

K. Box 38. Catholic Church, including Santa Fe Archbishop J.B. Pitaval, Gallup Bishop Bernard T. Espelage, and Tucson Bishops Henry Granjon and Daniel J. Gercke.

L. Box 39. United States Government and Indian Organizations.

M. Box 40. Indian Education, including Catholic religious instruction at government Indian schools:
   1. Albuquerque School, Albuquerque, New Mexico.
   2. Intermountain School, Brigham City, Utah.

N. Boxes 41-42. Navajo Indians, including marriage, military service, and biographical.

O. Box 43. Legislation and government publications regarding Indians.

P. Box 44. Navajo Tribal Council.

Q. Box 45. Articles about Navajo Indians.

R. Box 46. Estates, guardianships, and wills.


U. Box 55. Oversize items, including maps, photographs, clippings and financial records.

/9 “Franciscan Reports, MS 216”
Inclusive dates: 1785-1792
Volume: .1 cubic foot
Description: Typescripts (copies), re: Sinaloan and Sonoran missions; in part from the Bancroft Library, University of California-Berkeley, Berkeley, California and the Archivo General de la Nación, Mexico City, Mexico.

/10 “Haile, Berard Papers, AZ 132”
Volume: Approximately 9 cubic feet
Description: Correspondence, manuscripts, notes, and drawings by Reverend Haile (1874-1961), O.F.M.; re: Apache, Navajo (especially language), and Zuni Indians plus sermons, prayers, and historical accounts of his teaching and pastoral work at Michael’s Mission, St. Michaels, and St. Isabel Mission, Lukachukai, Arizona; notable correspondents include Reverends Anselm Weber, O.F.M., Leopold Ostermann, O.F.M., Marcellus Troester, O.F.M., Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions (Reverends William H. Ketcham and William Hughes and Charles S. Lusk), Clyde Kluckhohn, Gladys Reichard, and Edward Sapir.

/11 “Heald, Phyllis and Weldon Papers, MS 359”
Inclusive dates: ca. 1950s
Volume: 1 folder
Description: Series 5 Box 4, Folder 42, “Southwest Photographs,” re: San Xavier del Bac Mission, Tucson, Arizona.

/12 “Letras anuales de la provincias de la Compania de Jesus en Mexico, MS 209”
Inclusive dates: 1645-1667
Volume: 1 volume
Description: By Jesuit provincials (typescripts) with reports on Indian missions in Sonora, 1646, 1653, 1662, and 1667; from the Archivo General de la Nación, Mexico City, Mexico; in Spanish with English translations.

/13 “Report of an Exploration, Written at Mission Dolores, Pimeria Alta, AZ 438”
Inclusive dates: 1699
Volume: 1 item
Description: By Padres Eusebio Francisco Kino, S.J. and Antonio Leal, S.J., re: geography, American Indians, and Catholic evangelization.

/14 “Lummis, Charles Fletcher, MS 39”
Inclusive dates: n.d.
Volume: 1 folder
Description: Box 4, Folder 3: Manuscript, re: Santa Cruz Mission, Santa Cruz, California; Spanish.

/15 “Miller, Ruebin A. Papers, AZ 344”
Inclusive dates: 1867-1897, 1871-1880
Volume: Approximately .1 cubic foot
Description: Correspondence, reports, and financial records by a Bureau of Indian Affairs agent and physician, re: relationships with Tohono O'odham Indians and San Xavier del Bac Mission, Tucson, Arizona.

/16 “Noticia a la Visita General de Padre Ignacio Lizaosan, MS 185”
Inclusive dates: 1761-1763
Volume: 1 item
Description: Inventory (copy), re: contents of Indian missions in Northern Mexico.

/17 “Oblisser, Bonaventure Papers, MS 300, AZ 397, and AZ 554”
Inclusive dates: 1861-1977 (bulk 1908-1950)
Volume: Approximately 3 cubic feet
Description: By Reverend Oblisser (1885-1967), O.F.M.:
A. Correspondence (mostly copies), 1908-1977 (bulk 1908-1950); re: missions and schools in Arizona and California, particularly San Xavier del Bac Mission and School, Tucson, Arizona, St. John the Baptist Mission and School Laveen, Arizona, and San Solano Missions, Topawa, Arizona among the Pima and Tohono O'odham Indians, ca. 1908-1940; notable correspondents: George W.P. Hunt, John Collier, and Carl Trumbull Hayden
B. Oral history interview by Bernard Fontana, 1959
C. Diary and scrapbook of San Xavier del Bac Mission, 1861-1948
D. Papers of Reverend Nicholas Perschl (1887-1969), O.F.M.

/18 “Perschl, Nicholas, Interview, AZ 396”
Inclusive dates: 1959
Volume: 1 item
/19 “Salpointe, Jean Baptise Papers, MS 276”
Inclusive dates: 1867-1884
Volume: .1 cubic foot
Description: Correspondence of Tucson Bishop Salpointe (1825-1898); re: San Xavier del Bac Mission, in part.

/20 “San Miguel de Sahuaripa Mission, Relación, MS 198”
Inclusive dates: 1776
Volume: 1 item
Description: Report of mission, visitas, and people of San Miguel de Sahuaripa (Opata), Sahuripa, Sonora, Mexico; Photocopy

/21 “Sedelmayr, Jacobo, Letters and Reports, AZ 437”
Inclusive dates: 1744-1751
Volume: Approximately .3 cubic foot
Description: Correspondence (mostly copies with typescripts) of Padre Sedelmayr (1703-1779), S.J.; re: Gila and Colorado River explorations with encounters with the Pima, Tohono O'odham, Apache, Yuma, and Seri Indians; notable correspondents include Padres Cristóbal de Escobar y Llamas, S.J., Juan Antonio Balthasar, S.J., Philipp Segesser, S.J., and Andrés Xavier Garcia, S.J.; Spanish with English translations or summaries.

/22 “Schwalen, Harold Christy (1895-1987) Papers, AZ 563”
Inclusive dates: 1952?-1956?
Volume: 1 folder
Description: Blueprints, correspondence, maps, notes, and photographs, re: water research project at San Xavier del Bac Mission, Tucson, Arizona.

/23 “Sonora, Asuntos de misiones de, MS 221”
Inclusive dates: 1821-1836
Volume: 76 items
Description: Correspondence (typescripts), re: in part, Tucson and San José de Tumacacori Mission, Tumacacori, Arizona; Spanish.

/24 “Sonora and Sinaloa, Parish Archives of, Microfilm 811”
Inclusive dates: Unknown
Volume: 27 reels of microfilm
Description: Selected parish records in Sonora and Sinaloa; microfilmed by University of Arizona Library, 1964 and described in Guide to Film 811 Parish Archives of Sonora and Sinaloa, 1976, 111 pages with index

/25 “Sonora and Tarahumara Missions Reports, MS 208”
Inclusive dates: 1725-1749
Volume: 1 volume
Description: Reports (transcripts), re: Jesuit Indian missions in Sonora and Chihuahua; Spanish.

/26 “Sonora del Archivo, Colegio Apostolico de la Santa Cruz de Queretaro, Cartas de, MS 210”
Inclusive dates: 1737-1842
Volume: 2 volumes
Description: Correspondence (transcripts), re: Franciscan Indian missions in Northern New Spain, including Arizona.
/27 “Tápiz, Visitation of Petro, MS 212”
Inclusive dates: 1715
Volume: 1 volume
Description: Report (typescript) by Bishop Pedro de Tápiz y García, re:
missions of the Durango Diocese; Spanish.

/28 “Wilbur, Rueben Augustine Papers, MS 565”
Inclusive dates: Between 1863-1897
Volume: Approximately Few items
Description: Records of an Indian agent and physician among the Tohono
O’odham Indians; includes is a dispute with Tucson Bishop John Baptist
Salpointe, re: non-Indian encroachment onto Indian lands near San Xavier
del Bac Mission, Tucson, Arizona.