



**Guide to Catholic-Related Records in the Midwest about Native Americans**  
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Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas  
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History: The Vicariate Apostolate of Indian Territory East of the Rocky Mountains was erected in 1851; renamed the Vicariate Apostolate of Kansas in 1857; renamed and elevated to the Diocese of Leavenworth in 1877; renamed the Diocese of Kansas City in 1947; and elevated to the Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas in 1952. Leavenworth reported no baptized Native American Catholics in 1900 and Kansas City reported 2,000 in 1999. The Kansas City Archdiocese and its predecessors have administered the following Indian missions and schools:

1836-1841 (closed)	Kickapoo Mission and School
1838-1847 (closed)	Sugar Creek Mission and School (Potawatomi)
1841-1848	Sugar Creek Mission School for Indian Girls (Potawatomi)
1848-1870s (no longer Indian)	St. Mary Mission and School (Potawatomi), St. Marys
1847-1895 (closed)	Osage Mission and School (Osage)
1870-1891 (closed)	St. Francis Institute, Osage Mission
1901-present	Haskell Indian Nations University/ Haskell Indian Junior College/ Haskell Institute (various), Lawrence
1912-1969 (closed)	Our Lady of the Snows/ Resurrection Mission, Potawatomi Reservation

Holdings of Catholic-related records about Native Americans:

Inclusive dates: 1907-present

Volume: .2 cubic foot and 3 reels of microfilm

Description: 5 series include Native Catholic records:

/1 Parish Files

Inclusive dates: 1911-1970

Volume: .1 cubic foot

Description: Arranged alphabetically by location of the parish.

- A. Lawrence, St. John Church, 1942-1970, 1 folder: correspondence with occasional references to Haskell Institute
- B. "Potawatomi Indian Reservation," 1911-1912, 1916, 1938-1942, 1948-1961, 3 folders: major correspondents include Reverends Francis A. Geinitz, John J. Ryan, and Henry Willmering and Bishop John Ward and the Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions

/2 Financial Records

Inclusive dates: 1951-1971

Volume: 2 folders

Description: Arranged alphabetically by location of the parish.

- A. Lawrence, St. John Church, 1951-1971, 1 folder: annual reports to the diocese, which include references to work at Haskell Institute
- B. "Potawatomi Indian Reservation," 1951-1966, 1 folder: annual reports to the diocese

/3 "Abstracts"

Inclusive dates: 1907, 1948

Volume: 1 folder

Description: Includes records relating to land transactions on the Potawatomi Reservation.

/4 Sacramental Records

Inclusive dates: 1912-present

Volume: 3 reels of microfilm

Description:

- A. Emmett, Kansas, Holy Cross Church, 1912-1917, 1 reel: records for Our Lady of the Snows Mission
- B. Holton, St. Dominic Church, 1917-1969, 1 reel: contains records for Our Lady of the Snows Mission, 1918-1969; includes records of the mission when it was attended by priests from St. Francis Xavier Church, Mayetta, Kansas, and from St. Mary's College
- C. Lawrence, St. John Church, 1903-present, 1 reel: includes entries for students at Haskell Indian Junior College

/5 Diocesan Newspaper

Inclusive dates: 1939-present

Volume: 1 folder

Description: The *Eastern Kansas Register*, and its successor, *The Leaven*, <http://www.theleaven.com/>, have included occasional articles about American Indians and Catholic evangelization within the diocese. *The Leaven* is archived online, 2005-present.