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Archdiocese of Santa Fe

Office of Historic-Artistic Patrimony & Archives

Genealogical Research Information

The archival holdings of the Archdiocese of Santa Fe are considered among the most important holdings for genealogical research in the United States. Documents in the collection date from 1678 to 1900 (a few beyond 1900) and can be accessed on microfilm at one of the many repositories holding such film. The collection is privately owned and held by authority of Canon Law. A catalogued listing of material is available through the Office of Historic-Artistic Patrimony and Archives as well as other institutions/libraries. A general list of holdings and other information pertaining to the archives follows:

Loose Documents, Diligencias Matrimoniales (DM's)
1678 - 1869

Diligencias Matrimoniales were prenuptial investigations designed to insure the validity of marriages through questioning of the wedding parties and other witnesses under oath.

The DM's for 1679-1730 are particularly rich information on the origins of reconquest settlers together with small details for the history of their times.

Material found in the DM's has been published in Origins of New Mexico Families, A Genealogy in the Spanish Colonial Period with a complete list published in New Mexico Roots Limited both by Fray Angelico Chavez.

The DM's dating from 1678 to 1869 are all on microfilm, AASF series, reels 59-80.

Sacramental Records 1694 - 1920

Baptisms - Books of Baptism contain baptismal records for individuals baptized in missions/parishes of New Mexico. Books are identified by mission/parish and baptisms are recorded chronologically by date of baptism.

Marriages - Books of Marriages contain marriage records for individuals married in missions/parishes of New Mexico. Books are identified by mission/parish and marriages are recorded chronologically by date of marriage.

Burials - Books of Burials contain burial records for individual who died and were buried from the missions/parishes of New Mexico. Note: These do not contain information about where in a cemetery the burial is actually located.

Sacramental records contain important information for those conducting family histories. The information in some of the records usually contains names of parents and in some cases names of grandparents as well. Burial records usually includes the names of a spouse only if the person was married and the names of parents in the person buried was a child. The records may also indicate where a person was born or where he/she was from.

An almost complete list of holdings, including sacramental books, in the archives can be found in the publication Archives of the Archdiocese of Santa Fe, 1678-1900 by Fray Angelico Chavez. An up to date listing of all sacramental holdings is held in by the office.

Extractions of selected sacramental material are also available at the archives office or may be purchased from collaborating organizations (New Mexico Genealogical Society, Hispanic Genealogical Research Center of New Mexico).

Archdiocese of Santa Fe archival holdings are also available on microfilm at the Archdiocese of Santa Fe Archives Office, the New Mexico State Records Center, Special Collections Branch of the Albuquerque Public Library, University of New Mexico Library, New Mexico Highlands University Library and others. Microfilm of the records are also available through the Family History Libraries of the Genealogical Society of Utah (a branch of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints). These are located in communities throughout the state and country.

Loose Documents, Mission 1680 - 1850

Mission period documents containing administrative material. Some sacramental records (baptism, marriage, burials) are found scattered throughout.

Loose Documents, Diocesan 1842 - 1900

Diocesan period (beginning 1850) documents containing administrative material with pre-diocesan material (1842-1850) relating primarily to Bishop/Archbishop Lamy. Some sacramental records (baptism, marriage, burials) are found scattered throughout.

Books of Accounts (1760 - 1855) and Books of Patentes (1697 - 1853)

Books containing accounts and other documents pertaining to the administration of the church in New Mexico. The books contain list of donors, confraternity members, official acts, licenses issued for the building of churches, church inventories, reports from mayordomos, visits by bishops and/or ecclesiastical visitors, decrees for special prayers and privileges, civil decrees, etc.

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Mission/Parish Sacramental Records

(Baptism, Marriage, Burial, Confirmation, etc.)

Abiquiu 1777 - 1910
 Acoma 1725 - 1777
 Albuquerque 1706 - 1903
 Anton Chico 1857 - 1903
 Arroyo Hondo 1852 - 1869
 Belen (incl. some Sabinal) 1793 - 1895
 Bernalillo 1700 - 1712 and 1846 - 1895
 Chaperito 1876 - 1942
 Cimarron (incl. some Ocate & Wagon Mound) 1872 - 1901
 Cochiti 1736 - 1873
 Costilla 1865 - 1926
 El Rito 1869 - 1915
 Galisteo 1711 - 1829
 Isleta 1726 - 1846
 Jemez 1701 - 1905
 La Joya 1872 - 1910
 La Junta 1872 - 1937
 Laguna 1700 - 1777
 Las Vegas 1857 - 1916
 Los Ojos/Parkview (incl. some Tierra Amarilla) 1883 - 1924
 Manzano 1858 - 1917
 Mora 1856 - 1917
 Mosquero/Bueyeros 1894 - 1902
 Nambe 1707 - 1869
 Pecos 1699 - 1904
 Pena Blanca 1842 - 1926
 Penasco 1867 - 1920
 Picuris 1726 - 1907
 Pojoaque 1779 - 1853
 San Felipe 1726 - 1863
 San Geronimo 1895 - 1902
 San Ildefonso (incl. some Santa Cruz) 1703 - 1880
 San Juan 1726 - 1915
 San Marcial 1882 - 1921
 San Miguel del Vado 1829 - 1927
 Sandia 1771 - 1901
 Santa Ana (incl. some Santo Domingo) 1695 - 1845
 Santa Clara 1726 - 1866
 Santa Cruz 1726 - 1869
 Santa Fe 1747 - 1920
 Santa Rosa 1896 - 1909
 Santo Domingo 1770 - 1926
 Sapello 1850 - 1892
 Socorro 1821 - 1915
 Springer (incl. Dawson) 1882 - 1920
 Taos 1701 - 1902
 Tesuque 1694 - 1724
 Tome (incl. some Belen) 1809 - 1881
 Zia 1694 - 1772
 Zuni 1699 - 1775

Sacramental Records Extracted

Albuquerque Baptisms 1706 - 1850
 Albuquerque Burials 1876 - 1924

Belen Baptisms 1844 - 1851

Isleta Combined

Baptisms 1730 - 1776
 Baptisms 1829 - 1842
 Marriages 1726 - 1846

San Miguel del Vado Baptisms 1853 - 1868

San Miguel del Vado Baptisms 1867 - 1885

San Miguel del Vado Baptisms 1886 - 1900

Sandia Marriages 1771 - 1864

Santa Cruz Baptisms 1710 - 1795

Santa Cruz Baptisms 1795 - 1827

Socorro Baptisms 1821 - 1853

Socorro Baptisms 1854 - 1865

Socorro Marriages 1898 - 1915

The Archives of the Archdiocese of Santa Fe are administered by the

Office of Historic-Artistic Patrimony and Archives
 223 Cathedral Place
 Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501
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Research Hours: Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
 Appointment suggested

OC CGS REFERENCE ONLY

These are inclusive dates only and does not necessarily mean that the ASF has a complete set of each of the sacramental registers.

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