

**Kings-Tulare Counties Migrant Ministry Records**  
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1959-1968, bulk 1962-1966

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**Creator:** Kings-Tulare Counties Migrant Ministry

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**Related Material:** National Farm Worker Ministry Records; National Farm Workers Association Records; United Farm Workers Organizing Committee Records; Reverend James Drake Papers

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**Abstract**

The Kings-Tulare Counties (California) Migrant Ministry was formed by the Christian Migrant Ministry in 1959. Its purpose was to administer the Christian gospel to seasonal farm workers with a direct focus upon religious education, child-care, teenage and adult vocational and literacy training. Religious and community organizers who worked with the K-TCMM hoped that organized farm workers could exert influence, challenge established injustices and improve conditions on and off the job.

The files reflect the work of Rev. James Drake of the Christian Migrant Ministry, and National Farm Workers Association union activist, Gilbert Padilla. The collection contains correspondence, newsletters, by-laws, poverty studies and personal notes of Drake and Padilla covering their work with the Kings-Tulare Counties Migrant Ministry and the Tulare County Farm Workers Organization.

**Important Subjects:**

Christian ministries—migrant labor—California  
Community Service Organization—California  
Landlord and tenant—California  
Migrant labor—California  
Rent strikes—United States  
Seasonal work—California

**Important Names:**

Rev. James Drake  
Gilbert Padilla

## Arrangement

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### Drake and Padilla Files:

#### Box 1

1. California Department of Social Welfare
2. California – Labor Law Enforcement
3. California Legislation – Assembly Bills
4. California Migrant Ministry
5. California – Lucio, Chavera
6. California Child Care Facilities
7. Christian Church
8. Christian Community Concerns Committee
9. Churches and Ministries
10. Citizens for Farm Workers
11. Citizenship, Education and Action in Tulare County
12. Clippings, 1960s
13. Community Service Organization – citizenship lessons
14. Convention on Families Who Follow the Crops
15. Co-op gas station receipts
16. Corcoran Commission – Mission Committee
17. County hospital
18. Crowley Committee Center and Day Camp
19. Cutler-Orosi-Yettem Committee on Welfare Council, By-laws
20. Family planning
21. Farm Labor Contractors
22. Farm Worker press, 1965
23. Farm Workers Organization, membership
24. Films
25. Goshen Community Center, by-laws
26. Goshen Community Center – Development fund
27. Health plan for farm workers
28. Housing – Doyle County
29. Industrial Accident cases, 1962-65
30. Insurance

#### Box 2

1. Kings County, misc.
- 2-8. Kings-Tulare Counties Migrant Ministry, 1959-65
9. Labor Law Enforcement
10. Labor unions – notes
11. Linnell/Woodville rent strike, 1965
- 12-14. Mailing lists, 1960s

15. Manpower Development & Training Act
16. McMillan, Elizabeth
17. Membership Services – daily staff, 1967-68
18. Mt. Arbor Strike, 1965
19. Mornoz, Margarito
20. National Service Corporation, 1963
21. Neighborhood Res. – staff, 1963
22. Newsletters, press releases, misc.
23. Office of Manpower, Automation & Training, 1963

Box 3

- 1-2. Gil Padilla files
3. Perry Heights Teen Club
4. Roadrunners Teen Club
5. Salazar, Abel
6. Scholarship Fund, 1963
7. Sec. of Labor, 1964-65
8. Speech notes
9. Stratford Teen Angels, 1962-63
10. Strike supporters, 1965
11. Study Committee on the Seasonally Employed, 1963
12. Sugar beet wage claims, 1965
13. Sugar beet wage claims, 1964-66
14. Tulare County Commission Action Agency OEO Grant
15. Tulare County Department of Social Welfare
16. Tulare County Hospital, 1965
17. United Church of Christ
18. Vocational – Educational Conference, 1962
19. Wage claims, 1962-65
20. Welfare Study Commission on Poverty – study, 1963
21. Worship material
22. Workers – Priest program, 1965