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Polish Jubilee Collection

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The Polish Jubilee Collection includes booklets containing parish and community histories, photographs, and local advertisements celebrating the Jubilee, other anniversaries, and events in over twenty Massachusetts Polish American parishes. Among other items, the collection includes booklets furnishing histories and names associated with Polish American groups such as the Brotherly Aid Society and Polish American Veterans, a paper on the history of the Chicopee Polish Community, a pamphlet including songs and recipes, photographs, and other printed material.

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Background

After the failure to gain independence of Russia in 1863 and years of political and social unrest, Poles emigrated to the United States in ever increasing numbers, peaking in the 1880s. In Western Massachusetts between 1890 and 1910, immigrants created a string of institutions to support their community, including social clubs, benevolent societies, veterans' groups, and a long string of Polish Catholic churches.

Scope of collection

The Polish Jubilee Collection consists primarily of commemorative booklets containing parish and community histories, photographs, and local advertisements, that celebrate the Jubilee, other anniversaries, and events in over twenty Massachusetts Polish American parishes. It also includes booklets furnishing histories and names associated with Polish American groups, such as the Brotherly Aid Society, Medical and Dental Association, Polish National Home Association, Polish American Veterans, and the Polish Women's Alliance.

Among other items are a paper, "The Dawn of Polish Independentism in New England: Separatists of Chicopee, Massachusetts" by William Wolkovich-Valkavicius; a pamphlet "Images of a Polish Christmas Wigilia" by Sophia Kielb 1988, including songs and recipes; photographs of Our Lady of Czestochowa Church in Turner's Falls and of Fr. Alfons A. Skoniecki; a booklet, "Springfield's Ethnic Heritage: The Polish Community" by Barry Schatz, 1976; and two books, *Last of the Titans: Monsignor-Colonel Alphonse A. Skoniecki of Massachusetts*, by Daniel S. Buczek, 1986, and *Society of Christ in America*, a church history detailing the life of a priest and the immigrant communities he served; and *Struggle for Life*, by "Laudator" 1971, which contains a bibliography and details the dangers of communism.

Materials are arranged by town and organized chronologically.

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1983

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Boston: Polish Constitution Day, A Celebration, State House
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Chicopee: Silver Jubilee (25th), Friends of Liberty Society
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Chicopee: Veterans of the Polish Home Army of World War II
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Chicopee: Jubilee Journal: 40th Anniversary of the Friends of Liberty Society
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Chicopee: 45th Anniversary of the Polish National Home Association
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Chicopee: 75th Anniversary Souvenir Book, Holy Mother of the Rosary Church
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Chicopee: 33rd Annual Convention, Polish American Veterans of Massachusetts

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Northampton: St. John Cantius Church, 50th Anniversary; Golden Jubilee, St. Valentine's (Polish National)
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Pittsfield: 50th Anniversary Album of the Holy Family Parish
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Springfield: Grand Opening, New Home and Club of the Polish Community Home
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Springfield: History of Our Lady of the Rosary Church

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Springfield: 30th Anniversary of the St. Stanislaus Brotherly Aid Society

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Springfield: As We Know Ks. Stanislaus S. Orlemanski, Parishioners of Our Lady of the Rosary

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Springfield: 40th Anniversary of the St. Stanislaus Brotherly Aid Society

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Springfield: The Millennium of Poland: One Thousand Years of Her History as a Christian Nation

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Springfield: 50th Anniversary of the St. Stanislaus Brotherly Aid Society

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Springfield: Springfield's Ethnic Heritage: The Polish Community

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Springfield: Rev. John P. Skowronski, 40th Anniversary of his Ordination, Our Lady of the Rosary

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Three Rivers: Last of the Titans: Msgr. Col. Alphone A. Skoniecki of Massachusetts, by Daniel S. Buczek

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Turners Falls: Holy Rosary Society, Our Lady of Czestochowa, 25th anniversary booklet; Souvenir of the 30th Year of the Founding of the Our Lady of Czestochowa Parish; Newspaper Articles on history of Turners Falls and formation of Our Lady of

Czestochowa Church

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Turners Falls: Srebrny Jubileusz, Ks. A. A. Skonieckiego; Srebrny Jubileusz, Ks. Joseph P. Szczepaniak; Golden Jubilee Album, St. Kazimier Society; Golden Jubilee Album, Our Lady of Czestochowa Church; Golden Jubilee Program, St. Stanislaus B.M. Society; 50th Anniversary Album, Holy Rosary Society, Our Lady of Czestochowa

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Turners Falls: Photographs; Certificate honoring church founders Jakob and Marja Sojka

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Webster: Ad multus Annos, Pamietnik z okazji Srebrnego Jubileuszu Kaplanstwa Wiel. Ks. Dr. Andrzeja Lekarczyka, Proboszcz Parafji Sw. Jozefa; Diamond Jubilee, St. Joseph's Church

1941, 1962

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Webster: Centennial, St. Joseph's Parish

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West Adams: Srebrny Jubileusz; Parafji Sw. Stanislawy Kostki

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West Warren: Silver Anniversary Ordination, Rev. Lipinski

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Westfield: Golden Jubilee, St. Joseph's Church (Polish National); Holy Trinity Church, Diamond Jubilee; 60th Anniversary, St. Joseph's Church (Polish National)

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Worcester: First Poles in America, Our Lady of Czestochowa Parish; American Struggle for Life from 1774: Yesterday, Today, Tomorrow: St. Mary's CC High School

1958, 1971

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Ellsworth, Pennsylvania: Golden Jubilee, Holy Family Institute; Orchard Lake, Michigan: A Novena for the Holy Millennium of Poland's Christianity, Polish Seminary

1950, 1966

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National Medical and Dental Association, Bulletin, 75th Anniversary Issue

1985

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