

Special Collections and
University Archives

UMass Amherst Libraries 

Elaine H. Dobrowski Collection

1935-1995 (*Bulk:* 1967-1995)

1 box (0.25 linear foot)

Call no.: MS 376



[About SCUA](#)

[SCUA home](#)

[Credo digital](#)

[Scope](#)

[Inventory](#)

[Admin info](#)

[Download](#)

[xml version](#)

[print version \(pdf\)](#)



[Read collection overview](#)

Deeply involved in the Polish community in Boston, Elaine (Proborszcz) Dobrowski (1923-2009) was the wife of attorney Francis R. Dobrowski and mother of two children. She was a resident of Dorchester and Milton, Mass., and a long-time member of Our Lady of Czestochowa Church in South Boston.

Compiled by Elaine Dobrowski, this collection of photographs, printed materials, and news clippings documents the Polish community in Boston from the 1930s through the 1990s. The collection includes photographs of the Kosciuszko Monument in the Boston Public Gardens, a children's dance festival, and a Polish Women's circle outing at Blinstrub's Village as well as images of parades, receptions, and conventions.

See similar SCUA collections:

Polish Americans
Massachusetts (East)
Photographs

Background on Elaine H. Dobrowski

Deeply involved in the Polish community in Boston, Elaine (Proborszcz) Dobrowski was the wife of attorney Francis R. Dobrowski and mother of two children. A resident of Dorchester and Milton, Mass., she was a long-time member of Our Lady of Czestochowa Church in South Boston.

Dobrowski was born in Quincy, Mass., on Sept. 5, 1923, to immigrant parents, Stefanja and Deonizy Proborszcz. As a child she honed her interest in Polish culture and history through participation in Polish Saturday School, and as a young woman, she helped found the Boston Krakowianki Club, and took an active part in relief work for Poland and Polish displaced persons during and after the Second World War. Her commitments to Polish cultural organizations only grew after the war, when she helped to found the Krakowiak Polish dancers and served as an officer in several organizations, including the Massachusetts Federation of Polish Women's Clubs, the Kosciusko Foundation, and the sodality of Our Lady of Czestochowa Church. She died on Mar. 28, 2009, and is buried in Milton Cemetery.

Scope of collection

Compiled by Dobrowski, this collection of photographs, printed materials, and news clippings documents the Polish community in Boston during the 1930s through the 1990s. Includes photographs of the Kosciusko Monument in the Boston Public Gardens, a children's dance festival, and a Polish Women's circle outing at Blinstrub's Village as well as images of parades, receptions, and conventions.



Ognisko Polek, outing to Blinstrub's Village nightclub, 1950

Inventory

Photographs

ca.1945-1985

Folder 1

Photograph: Children's dance festival, Boston

ca.1985

4 images

Photograph: Gov. Francis Furcolo

undated

Photograph: Kosciusko Monument, Boston Public Gardens

ca.1945

Photograph: Kosciusko Monument, Boston Public Gardens

1968 Feb.

Photograph: Ognisko Polek (Polish Women's Circle) outing at Blinstrub's Village Nightclub

1950

Photographs (oversized)

ca.1935-1957

Folder 2

Photograph: 350th anniversary of the arrival of the first Polish immigrant to the United States and Polish government citation to

Sen. John F. Kennedy, Blinstrub's Village

1957 June 8

Photograph: Banquet in honor of Gen. Wladislaw Anders, Boston, Mass.

1956 June 2

Photograph: Convention of Polish Roman Catholic church choirs in Holyoke, Mass.

1940

Photograph: Parade in honor of Revolutionary hero Casimir Pulaski

1935 Oct. 20

Photograph: Polish Easter Swieconka, Our Lady of Czestochowa Church hall

1949 Apr. 20

Photograph: Reception for Fred A Moncewicz, Auditor of Massachusetts

1949

Photograph: Testimonial banquet in honor of Father Justin, Our Lady of Czestochowa Church, South Boston

1940

Photograph: Testimonial dinner for Rev. Peter L. Bartuha, St. Mary's Hall, South Boston

1936 June 7

Photograph: Tow. K. Kulaskiego, Gr. 398 Polish National Alliance, Macierz Polska

ca.1935

Ephemera : brochures, fliers, invitations

ca.1967-1991

Folder 3

News clippings

ca.1950s

Folder 4

News clippings

ca.1960s

Folder 5

News clippings

ca.1970s

Folder 6

News clippings

ca.1950s

Folder 7

News clippings

ca.1980s-1990s

Folder 8

News clippings

undated

Folder 9

Administrative information

Access

The collection is open for research.

Provenance

Gift of Elaine H. Dobrowski, Jan. 1995.

Processing Information

Processed by I. Eliot Wentworth, Feb. 2019.

Language:

English

Language:

Polish

Copyright and Use (More information)

Cite as: Elaine H. Dobrowski Collection (MS 376). Special Collections and University Archives, University of Massachusetts Amherst Libraries.

Search terms

Subjects

Montague Farm Community (Mass.)

Polish-Americans--Massachusetts

Contributors

Dobrowski, Elaine H. [main entry]

Genres and formats

Photographs

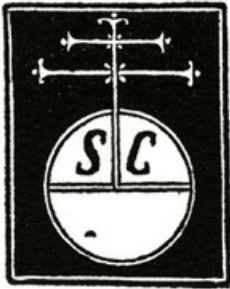
Programs (Documents)

Link to similar SCUA collections

Polish Americans

Massachusetts (East)

Photographs



Special Collections & University Archives

University Libraries : UMass Amherst

154 Hicks Way : Amherst, Mass. 01003-9275

Ph. 413-545-7282 (545-SCUA)

