

Polish Declarations of Admiration and Friendship for the United States

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Collection Summary

Title: Polish Declarations of Admiration and Friendship for the United States

Span Dates: 1926

ID No.: MSS36483

Creator: American-Polish Chamber of Commerce and Industry in Poland

Creator: Polish-American Society

Extent: 200 items ; 105 volumes plus 6 oversize volumes ; 13.8 linear feet

Language: Collection material primarily in Polish with English

Location: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Summary: Volumes compiled under the auspices of the American-Polish Chamber of Commerce and Industry in Poland and the Polish-American Society and presented to President Calvin Coolidge in recognition of the 150th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence and in acknowledgment of American participation and aid to Poland during World War I, containing over five million signatures of Polish citizens and embellished with illustrations rendered by prominent postwar Polish artists of buildings, coats of arms, monuments, rural and urban scenes, and historical figures.

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

People

Coolidge, Calvin, 1872-1933.

Czajkowski, Stanisław, 1878-1954.

Jarocki, Władysław, 1879-1965.

Kamiński, Zygmunt, 1888-1969.

Mościcki, Ignacy, 1867-1946.

Ruszczyc, Ferdynand, 1870-1936.

Skoczylas, Władysław, 1883-1934.

Sleńdziński, Ludomir, 1889-1980.

Stryjeńska, Zofia, 1894-1976.

Wroniecki, Jan.

Wyczółkowski, Leon, 1852-1936.

Organizations

American-Polish Chamber of Commerce and Industry in Poland, comp.

Polish-American Society, comp.

United States. Declaration of Independence--Anniversaries.

Subjects

Art, Polish.

Buildings--Poland.

Business enterprises--Poland.

City and town life--Poland.

Clergy--Poland.

Country life--Poland.

Heraldry--Poland.

Monuments--Poland.

Polish people--Austria.

Polish people--Autographs.

Schools--Poland.

Students--Poland.

World War, 1914-1918--Poland.

World War, 1914-1918--United States.

Places

Poland--Armed Forces.
Poland--Foreign relations--United States.
Poland--History--Pictorial works.
Poland--Officials and employees--20th century.
Poland--Societies, etc.
United States--Foreign relations--Poland.

Titles

Polish Declarations of Admiration and Friendship for the United States

Administrative Information

Provenance

The Polish Declarations of Admiration and Friendship for the United States were transferred from the White House to the Library of Congress in 1926.

Processing History

The volumes of Polish Declarations of Admiration and Friendship for the United States were arranged and described in 1996. The finding aid was revised in 2009.

Additional Guides

A description of the Polish Declarations of Admiration and Friendship for the United States appears in *Library of Congress Information Bulletin*, vol. 55, no. 16 (30 Sept. 1996), pp. 347-348.

A descriptive guide to the collection by Zbigniew Kantorosinski is available in the Manuscript Division Reading Room.

Copyright Status

It is the researcher's responsibility to determine requirements of domestic copyright laws and international treaties and conventions.

Access and Restrictions

The volumes of the Polish Declarations of Admiration and Friendship for the United States are open to research. Researchers are advised to contact the Manuscript Reading Room prior to visiting. Many collections are stored off-site and advance notice is needed to retrieve these items for research use.

Online Content

The Polish Declarations of Admiration and Friendship for the United States are available on the Library of Congress Web site at <http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.mss/collmss.ms000002>.

Preferred Citation

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Scope and Content Note

The Polish Declarations of Admiration and Friendship for the United States consist chiefly of 111 volumes of approximately five million signatures of Polish citizens. Compiled under the auspices of the American-Polish Chamber of Commerce and Industry in Poland and the Polish-American Society, the collection was presented in October 1926 to President Calvin Coolidge in recognition of the 150th anniversary of American independence. The commemorative volumes also acknowledge American participation in World War I, contributions of the "American Aviators of the Kosciuszko Squadron in our war against the Bolshevik hosts in 1920," and aid given to Poland during the war. In

November 1926 President Coolidge ordered the transfer of the collection from the White House to the Library of Congress. The collected signatures are bound in 109 volumes and in one portfolio of unbound sheets. Also included is a bound guide to the collection. Throughout the volumes are many pages of photographs or colorful illustrations.

The first five volumes contain the signatures of Ignacy Moscicki, president of Poland, and representatives of various government, religious, social, business, academic, and military institutions. The volumes are embellished with illustrations of buildings, coats of arms, historical monuments, rural and urban scenes, and famous historical figures. Volume six includes autographs of Poles residing in Austria. Volumes seven through thirteen contain signatures of faculty and students of secondary schools, and volumes 14 through 109 include those of grammar and elementary school students and faculty arranged primarily by administrative district. An index to the elementary school districts appears in a separate descriptive guide to the collection compiled by Zbigniew Kantorosinski. Volume 110 is a portfolio of unbound sheets which were received by the compilers after binding had been completed, and volume 111 includes a brief guide to the collection and acknowledgements. The volumes are arranged in the order in which they were originally bound and presented.

The volumes include artwork by prominent Polish artists, official seals, coats of arms, calligraphy, photographs, and decorative bindings. Volume two contains works by such painters and graphic artists as Stanisław Czajkowski, Władysław Jarocki, Zygmunt Kamiński, Ferdynand Ruszczyc, Władysław Skoczylas, Ludomir Slendziński, Zofia Stryjeńska, Jan Wroniecki, and Leon Wyczółkowski.

Arrangement of the Papers

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