

Robert D. Kranyik Hungarian Collection

COLLECTION, MS B135

DATE

1893 – 2013

CONTRIBUTOR

Fairfield Museum

ADMINISTRATIVE/BIOGRAPHICAL HISTORY ELEMENT

This collection contains materials reflecting the history of the Hungarian community in the Bridgeport/Fairfield area from the 1880s to the present.

This collection was undertaken by a committee led by Robert D. Kranyik, working with the Fairfield Museum and History Center to document the history of the area's Hungarian community. It is named in honor of Robert D. Kranyik, who passed away in 2012.

SCOPE & CONTENT

Note related materials in museum collection: Hungarian flag, American Hungarian Heritage Association wooden sign, framed photograph of Father Nemeth; boots and apron belonging to Roszika Deutsch; embroidered tablecloth, wedding shirt, and sausage tool; "house blessing" poster

Other related materials: MS B111-Fairfield's Hungarian Residents' Oral History Collection; MSB 25-Box XI-Demeter Family; Down in Villa Park: Hungarians in Fairfield [book]; In Search of Wordin Avenue [video]; Magyar News and Magyar News Online [periodical]

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Folder 3. Program, Minstrel show by youth group, 1947

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Series C. United Church of Christ (Hungarian Reformed Church – State Street-Laurel Avenue, Bridgeport)

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Folder 4. Our Church, 1947

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Folder 2. Articles of incorporation and name change, 1964

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Folder 12. Magyar Studies of America, 1956 memorial statue in Kaposvar, Hungary (2007)

Box 6, American Hungarian Heritage Association

Folder 1. Halsey International Scholarship, University of Bridgeport, 1976-1986

Folder 2. Mary Katona Scholarship, University of Bridgeport, 1982-1985

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Folder 4. American Hungarian Heritage Association – Rhapsody Festival II, 1996

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Folder 6. American Hungarian Heritage Association – Mary Katona Scholarship essays, 1987-2008

Box 7 Family Materials and Oral Histories

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Folder 2. Balint, James and Anna Messinger: wedding photograph

Folder 3. Balint, John: photograph

Folder 4. Balint/Kranyik: photograph of picnic at Huntington, c. 1912

Folder 5. Dominic, Mary Takacs: copy of decorated wedding certificate and Bryant Electric production award, 1944

Folder 6. Holecz family genealogical notes

Folder 7. Kassay family: oral history interview, 2012

Folder 7b. Katona, Mary: testimonial dinner, 1982 and news articles

Folder 8. Krajnik, Agnes and Imre: family photographs and information

Folder 9. Krajnik, Imre: working papers (Hungary, 1893)

Folder 10. Kranyik, James: photographs and information (Fairfield Police Department)

Folder 11. Kranyik, Michael: photographs and information (Fairfield Fire Department)

Folder 12. Kranyik, Robert: photographs and information

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Folder 15. Kutash, Henry: oral history interview, 2013

Folder 16. Lucas, John: oral history interview, 2013

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Folder 18. Mazalin, Stephan (Istavan): photograph and copy of baptismal certificate

Folder 19. Nagy, Charles and Christina Farkas: account written by Karolina Szabo, 2012 with photographs

Folder 20. Petrassy, Frank and Mary: photograph

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Folder 23. Szur, Edith: Hungarian passport, 1947; affidavit of support by Mary Horvath Szur Zavory

Folder 24. Tobis, George: photograph and biographical note

Box 8 Background Material

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Folders 2-3. Alexander Nemeth scrapbook of news articles, 1925-1948 [original and copy]

Folder 4. Zoltan Fejos, "Hungarian at South Norwalk"

Folder 5. J.G. Kurtzman, "Whistleville and Hunky Hill," 2008

Oversize items

Oversize Item A: Mindszenty Square dedication album, 1977 (St. Emery's Church)

Oversize Item B: Oversize photographs and newspaper

Bridgeport Testveriseg newspaper, 1937

funeral groups in Bridgeport (2 photographs)

picnic group: Annie Balint, Frank Balint, Takacs, Lesko, Bablonka (Huntington)

picnic group: John Lesko, James Wiser Sr., Father Cherneski, Frank Balint

picnic group includes members of the Balint family

Agnes/Imre Kranyik family portrait

wedding photograph: Frank Balint (3rd from right)

wedding photograph: John Lesko, Frank Balint, ___Santa, ___ Santa

wedding photograph of Frank Tobis [brother of Agnes Kranyik], 1920s

Group in front of Holy Trinity Byzantine Church

Men on horseback in front of Holy Trinity Byzantine Church, 1915

Confirmation class, Holy Trinity, c. 1919

Fr. Nemeth wearing Hungarian vestments, St. Emery Church

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Photo Album on Rev. Alexander Seregely

Pastor of Stephen's Church

Magazines, Newsletters, Scrapbook, Notebook

Series of Life Magazine articles from November -December 1956 about the Hungarian Revolution

Sports Illustrated special issue on Hungarian Athletes Freedom Tour (1956)

Carpathian Observer - 4 issues (2004-2009)

Sze Kely Nep - 3 issues (2004-2009)

Scrapbook of events at different Hungarian churches, photographs, miscellaneous articles

Notebook of Post Retirement Writings of Robert Kranyik, 1996-2007.

Oversize photographs and newspaper

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Calvin United Church of Christ

Church directory, 1987, 1998

Church directories from 1987 and 1998

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Articles of Incorporation and name change, 1964

50th anniversary book, 1976

Box 5: Organizations, events, and businesses

Kossuth Masonic Association, Bridgeport Branch

American Friends of the Hungarian Heart Foundation article (1990)

Photograph of Concordia Choir from Komarno, Slovakia, March 2000

Special Olympics Hungary

Sacred Heart University - Hungarian Heritage Month program, January 1978; Searching Wordin Avenue film premiere (n.d.)

Magyar Studies of America, 1956 memorial statue in Kaposvar, Hungary (2007); 25th Anniversary Magyar Studies of America (2007)

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Mary Katona Scholarship essays, 1987-2008

Scholarship Tea, photographs

Rhapsody Festival II, 1996

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2 newspaper comics on Hungarian military; miscellaneous articles and editorials regarding Hungary in WWI and WWII.

Miscellaneous newspaper clippings about famous Hungarians

110 th Anniversary of Hungary, special publication of Magyar News

Hungarian Holiday magazine

Legrady, Otto. Justice for Hungary: the cruel errors of Trianon.

Gyorgy, Gyori. American Hungarian Press: a study of the Hungarian language in the U.S. (August, 1977) thesis

J.G. Kurtzman, "Whistleville and Hunky Hill", 2008

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Unidentified working papers, 1896.

Pete Turoci (wedding photo)

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