Robert D. Kranyik Hungarian Collection
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Summary Information

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Robert D. Kranyik Hungarian Collection

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10 boxes

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

Preferred Citation note

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Biographical/Historical note

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 and Contents note
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]

Administrative Information

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Conditions Governing Access note
There are no restrictions on access to this collection.

Conditions Governing Use note
Use of the material requires compliance with the Fairfield Museum and History Center regulations.

Processing Information note
This collection was processed by Elizabeth Rose, 2013.

Controlled Access Headings

Corporate Name(s)

American Hungarian Heritage Association
Calvin United Church of Christ (Fairfield, Conn.)
Holy Trinity Byzantine Catholic Church (Bridgeport, Conn.)
Hungarian Reformed Church (South Norwalk, Conn.)
First United Church of Christ (Bridgeport, Conn.)
Pannonia American Hungarian Club
Rakoczi Aid Association
St. Emery’s Catholic Church (Fairfield, Conn.)
St. Ladislaus Catholic Church (South Norwalk, Conn.)
St. Stephen’s Catholic Church (Bridgeport, Conn.)
United Church of Christ (Bridgeport, Conn.)
University of Bridgeport

Family Name(s)
- Balint
- Dominic
- Kassay
- Kranyik (Krajnik)
- Kutash
- Lucas
- Mazalin
- Nagy
- Petrassy
- Polke
- Szur
- Tobis

**Geographic Name(s)**

- Fairfield (Conn.)
- Bridgeport (Conn.)
- Hungary

**Personal Name(s)**

- Katona, Mary
- Mindszenty, Jozsef, 1892-1975

**Subject(s)**

Hungarian Americans—Connecticut
Churches—Connecticut—Bridgeport
Churches—Connecticut—Fairfield

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**Collection Inventory**

**Box 1  St. Stephen’s Catholic Church**

Folder 1. Tenth Anniversary Memory Book [in Hungarian], 1909
Folder 2. Annual report 1927
Folder 3. Annual report 1928
Folder 4. Annual report 1929
Folder 5. Annual report 1935
Folder 6. Annual report 1936
Folder 7. Annual report 1937
Folder 8. Annual report 1938
Folder 9. Annual report 1939
Folder 11. Postcards commemorating Father Chernitzky’s 50th year in priesthood, 1946
Folder 13. St. Stephen’s Guild dinner dance program, 1941
Folder 14. Mothers Club newspaper clippings, 1960s
Folder 15. Holy Name Society, recognition plaque and dinner dance program, 1968
Folder 16. Scrapbook pages with news clippings about church, 1968-72; slides of church
Folder 17. Photograph of Father Sergeley, c. 1944
Folder 18. Parish Campaign News (c. 1960) and collection envelope, 1971
Folder 19. Plan for merger with St. Emery’s, 1973
Folder 20. First communion class photograph, 1967
Folder 22. Parochial school diploma for Frank Polke, 1970
Folder 23. Parochial school reunion – article, list, and photographs, 2011

Box 2. St. Emery’s, Holy Trinity, and St. Ladislaus Churches
Series A. St. Emery’s Catholic Church
Folder 1. 25th anniversary book [photocopy], 1957
Folder 2. 50th anniversary book, 1982
Folder 3. Photographs of 50th anniversary celebration [need identification]
Folder 4. 75th anniversary book, 2007
Folder 5. Minstrel show program, 1940
Folder 6. 80th anniversary slideshow [DVD], 2012
Folder 7. Dedication of convent building, 1970[?]
Folder 9. Church bulletin, 2012 and Church history from website, 2011
Folder 11. Miscellaneous Photos - Digital photographs from website, 2011 [saved in Digital Library]

Series B. Holy Trinity Byzantine Church
Folder 1. 85th anniversary book, 1980
Folder 2. Newspaper clippings, 1961 and 1979
Folder 3. Confirmation class photograph, c. 1926
Folder 4. Dedication programs for church and social hall, 1956, 1959
Folder 5. 50th and 55th anniversary booklets; booklet for Silver Jubilee of Rev. Emil Gulyassy, 1944, 1949, and 1947
Folder 6. Photographs of dedication of building
Folder 7. Miscellaneous photographs
Folder 8. Photograph of women in church kitchen, c. 1960

Series C. St. Ladislaus (Norwalk) Catholic Church
Folder 1. 100th anniversary book, 2007
Box 3 Hungarian Reformed Church (S. Norwalk), First United Church of Christ (Clinton Ave), United Church of Christ/Hungarian Reformed Church (State Street-Laurel Avenue)

Series A. Hungarian Reformed Church (South Norwalk)
Folder 1. Diamond Anniversary (75th) album, 1968
Folder 2. 85th anniversary album, 1978
Folder 3. 100th anniversary book, 1993

Series B. First United Church of Christ (Pine Street-Clinton Ave, Bridgeport)
Folder 1. Order of worship, n.d. (Pine Street address)
Folder 2. Photographs – Hungarian Summer School, 1929; Confirmation Class, 1935(?); Ground breaking on Clinton Ave.
Folder 3. Program, Minstrel show by youth group, 1947
Folder 4. 75th anniversary, 1969
Folder 5. 90th anniversary, 1984
Folder 6. 100th anniversary, 1994
Folder 7. Magyar School Pine Street, 1953

Series C. United Church of Christ (Hungarian Reformed Church – State Street-Laurel Avenue, Bridgeport)
Folder 1. Annual report [?], 1926
Folder 2. Yearbook, 1939
Folder 3. Yearbook, 1944
Folder 4. Our Church, 1947
Folder 5. Annual report, 1948
Folder 7. Church bulletin, 1960
Folder 9. 75th and 100th anniversary books, 1979, 2004; annual report, 2000
Folder 10. Directory, 1999
Folder 11. Miscellaneous Photographs
Folder 12. Ministers & Priests, Interiors of Church

Box 4. Calvin United Church of Christ
Folder 1. 50th anniversary book, 1976
Folder 2. Articles of incorporation and name change, 1964
Folder 3. Miscellaneous photographs
Folder 4. Church directory, 1987
Box 5, Organizations, Events and Businesses

Folder 1a. Photograph of funeral procession, Frank Polke & Son, 1908
Folder 1. Rakoczi Hall, photograph of play, 1903; article about Rakoczi Hall from Magyar News
Folder 2. Rakoczi Aid Association, Golden Jubilee Book, 1938
Folder 3. Photograph of Hungarian festival, 1953
Folder 4. Photograph of Hungarian soccer team, Bridgeport, 1963

Folder 7. Pannonia Club: Café Budapest debutante ball programs (2000-3) and news article (1973)
Folder 8. Roszika and Laslo Deutsch [musicians], c. 1970s
Folder 9. Photograph of musicians at Little Hungary Restaurant
Folder 10. Photograph of Drotos Brothers market, c. late 1970s?
Folder 11. Photographs of Hungary 1956 memorial in Norwalk, 1997-8

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
Folder 5. American Hungarian Heritage Association – Scholarship Tea, photographs

Box 7 Family Materials and Oral Histories

Folder 1. Arnocsky, Steve: photograph
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 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
Folder 13. Kranyik, Robert: family trees and genealogical information
Folder 14. Krmovitter, John and Mary Sirilla Arnocsly photographs
Folder 16. Lucas, John: oral history interview, 2013
Folder 17. Mazalin, Mary Orsag: evening school certificate, 1935; International Chemical Workers Union card; McKesson retirement certificate, 1950
Folder 18. Mazalin, Stephan (Istavan): photograph and copy of baptismal certificate
Folder 20. Petrassy, Frank and Mary: photograph
Folder 21. Petrassy, Joseh and Mary Deer: photograph
Folder 22. Polke, Golde: oral history interview, 2012
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
Folders 2-3. Alexander Nemeth scrapbook of news articles, 1925-1948 [original and copy]
Folder 4. Zoltan Fejos, “Hungarian at South Norwalk”

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