

Robert D. Kranyik Hungarian Collection
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Summary Information

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Title

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

Publication Information

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Conditions Governing Access note

There are no restrictions on access to this collection.

Conditions Governing Use note

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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

Collection Inventory

Box I 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 10. Golden Jubilee book, 1946

- Folder 11. Postcards commemorating Father Chernitzky's 50th year in priesthood, 1946
- Folder 12. Mass schedules and announcements, 1967, 1969, 1970
- 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, 196?
- Folder 21. St. Stephen's Parochial school report card for Frank Polke, 1969
- 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 8. Program of dinner celebrating Rev. Szlezak's Golden Jubilee, 1994
- Folder 9. Church bulletin, 2012 and Church history from website, 2011
- Folder 10. School – Class Photos – 1956, 1973, 1976
- 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
- Folder 9. Financial Statement, 1996

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 6. Golden Jubilee year, 1954
- Folder 7. Church bulletin, 1960
- Folder 8. Annual reports, 1961-2, 1964, 1966, 1968
- 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
- [not in folders] Annual reports, 1971-2006

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 6. Pannonia Club, musical programs, 1982, 1984, 1987-89; Photographs of March 15 celebrations, 1987-1995
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
Folder 12. Magyar Studies of America, 1956 memorial statue in Kaposvar, Hungary (2007)
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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 3. American Hungarian Heritage Association – Mary Katona Scholarship, 1986-1992
Folder 4. American Hungarian Heritage Association – Rhapsody Festival II, 1996
Folder 5. American Hungarian Heritage Association – Scholarship Tea, photographs
Folder 6. American Hungarian Heritage Association – Mary Katona Scholarship essays, 1987-2008
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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 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 13. Kranyik, Robert: family trees and genealogical information
Folder 14. Krmovitter, John and Mary Sirilla Arnocsky photographs
Folder 15. Kutash, Henry: oral history interview, 2013
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 19. Nagy, Charles and Christina Farkas: account written by Karolina Szabo, 2012 with photographs
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

Folder 1. Series of articles on Hungarian community by Herbert Geller, *Bridgeport Post*, 1978
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