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Collection Information

<u>Abstract</u>: Victoria R. Siarkiewicz was a Worcester native of Polish ancestry, a poet and writer of articles on Polish culture, heritage, history. She was prominent in many Worcester organizations, and was one of the founders of the Polish Woman's Club in Worcester.

Finding Aid: Finding Aid in print form is available in the Repository.

<u>Preferred Citation</u>: Worcester Historical Museum, Worcester, Massachusetts.

<u>Provenance</u>: Gift of Victoria R. Siarkiewicz, presented by Henry V. Karolkiewicz of Worcester, March 28, 2000.

<u>MARC Access</u>: Collection is cataloged in MARC under the following subject headings (lcsh, aat, tgm, gmgcp)

Siarkiewicz, Victoria R.

Urban, Matt, Lt. Col.

Polish Americans – Massachusetts – Worcester.

Polish Americans - Massachusetts - Worcester - History.

Polish-American literature – Massachusetts – Worcester.

Historical/Biographical Notes

Victoria R. (Bojanowski) Siarkiewicz was born in Worcester, daughter of Frank and Frances (Romanowski) Bojanowski, and lived in Worcester all her life. Her husband, Atty. John J. Siarkiewicz, died in 1958.

She was a member of Our Lady of Czestochowa Church, founder and past president of the Polish Woman's Club, past chairman of the Worcester Citizens Committee on Displaced Persons, past book editor and publicity chairperson for the Worcester Woman's Club, and Chairman of the YWCA International Fiesta for many years.

She was a graduate of Commerce High School, and attended Salter Secretarial School, Northeastern University, and Clark University. She received certification in conversational French from the Massachusetts Dept. of Education, and certification in library techniques from Clark University. In 1987 she received the World of Poetry "Golden Poet Award", and in 1990 the "Silver Poet Award".

Mrs. Siarkiewicz was a research scholar on Poland, and wrote many articles and poems on Polish traditions, culture, and history. She also wrote a comprehensive history of Our Lady of Czestochowa Church in 1953 on the occasion of its 50th anniversary.

Scope and Content

The papers consist of photocopies of legal documents, ca. 1900; certificates and related documents, ca. 1920-ca. 1950; letters, poems, articles written by Mrs. Siarkiewicz, ca. 1920-ca. 1990; and related writings and documents, including obituary information written ca. 1999.

Series Description

The collection is contained within a single series: Papers.

Victoria R. Siarkiewicz Papers 2000.15 Series 1, Papers

Box #	Folder #	Accession #	Description
1	1	2000.15.1.1	"Silva Rerum" of Victoria R. Siarkiewicz: pages removed from binder, unnumbered. Includes certificate of citizenship, Frank Boyanowski; certificates and awards, Victoria R. Siarkiewicz; Polish language poems; photographs; articles and poems by Mrs. Siarkiewicz; program book, musical tribute to Poland; letters; Polish Woman's Club report; Polish cookery; Polish Christmas customs; Polish coins and medals. Photocopy.
1	BV	2000.15.1.2	"Silva Rerum" of Victoria R. Siarkiewicz, 2 nd book: in binder, unnumbered. Includes list of early Polish settlers in Worcester, documents, letters. Photocopy.
1	BV	2000.15.1.3	"The heritage of the Polish people in Worcester, Mass.": in binder, unnumbered / Catholic Free Press, March 17, 1995. [12] p. Photocopy.
1	2	2000.15.1.4	"Lt. Col. Matt Urban – the most decorated combat soldier ever in American history": article, 1 sheet / Narod Polski, November 4, 1999. Photocopy.
1	2	2000.15.1.5	Obituary information, Victoria R. Siarkiewicz. n.d. Photocopy.

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