

Displaced Persons

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We were all Displaced Persons, country-less refugees, who had lost our parents and grandparents, our families and our homes, our churches and our names, everything. It had all been left behind, buried in the great European grave yard that stretched from the English Channel to the Urals and from the Baltic Sea to the Mediterranean. And here we all were on this former troop ship, coming to start a new life in America. We could not have imagined what we would find and what we would become.

—John Guzowski PhD

<http://lightning-and-ashes.blogspot.com>

German Jews at Stutthof Concentration Camp

www.jewishgen.org

The Jewish Virtual Library

www.jewishvirtuallibrary

Stutthof Museum

www.stutthof.pl/en/main.htm

In February 2008 the Museum Stutthof began the project "Last Witnesses". It's about the collection of different audio and video documents from former Stutthof contemporary witnesses.

The projects gets realized through a group of experts of the Museum; Coordination: M. Owsinski. This groups relays their work on older documents and polls as well as a high-level equipment. Each recorded document consists of the witness with added questionnaire, curriculum vitae as well as a summary of the content. This collection action also is an appeal to former witnesses to document their memories and other information. Especially those which were not recorded yet. The received documents are going to flow into the computer system of the Museum Stutthof. Of course, those would be used for educational work and the permanent exhibition If you want to share your memories with us or if you stay in contact with a witness, you can help us to elaborate the history between 1939 and 1945.

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Dachau List

<http://clevelandjgs.org>

The Auschwitz-Birkenau State Museum

www.en.auschwitz.org.pl/m/

National Archives Records Relating to World War II Era

www.archives.gov/research/ww2/refugees.html

Discovering Displaced Persons

http://www.ancestrymagazine.com/wp-content/downloads/AM_MA10_feature_low.pdf

Families Separated by History

<http://rodziny.muzhp.pl/?jezyk=eng>

Jan Komski

<http://remember.org/komski/>

Adam Grochowski

<http://www.adamgrantart.com/index.htm>

Kresy-Siberia Virtual Museum

<http://www.kresy-siberia.org/>

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PARI is currently accepting materials relevant to genealogy.

The scope includes a diverse range of materials produced by North American Polonia together with key institutions - The Church, schools, organizations, and press. The list includes jubilee books, parish books, prayer books, pamphlets, parish bulletins, and materials about both the Roman Catholic and Polish National Catholic Church. School donations may include catalogs and yearbooks of Polonia schools, anniversary pamphlets, school-life programs, student albums, publications of Orders and teaching Sisters. Polonian organizations' anniversary publications, bulletins, programs, books and other material published by the organizations are sought. We accept newspapers, magazines, pamphlets, brochures, flyers and books in both English and Polish.

We seek biographical materials, anniversary brochures of priests and lay leaders, programs, correspondence, memorabilia, obituaries, and funeral cards. Handwritten manuscripts and documents, almanacs and prayer books, songbooks, newspapers and magazines.

We are interested in vintage photos and negatives, as well as digital scans of relevant images. Maps, postcards, passports, and civil and religious documents are also within the scope of the collection. Families may submit family histories and family group sheets. At this time PARI is not purchasing materials, and asks that a donation accompany the collection to purchase the appropriate archival materials which assure safe, secure, and long-term preservation. Staff members can be consulted in regard to related costs.

Objects and archival materials, including photographs, are primarily added to the collection through donation. If you have something you would like to donate, please contact the Polish Mission and we would be glad to consider it. Please send us a description of the item, as much background information as you can provide, and a photograph of the item if possible. **Not all offered items are accepted due to space, preservation requirements, or other factors. If we cannot accommodate your donation, we will recommend other potential museums for your consideration.** Donors may elect to claim the value of their donations as tax-deductible contributions within limits as established by Internal Revenue Service codes. Donors are responsible for establishing the value of their own donations. The Polish Mission, as a matter of policy, does not provide appraisals for donated items.

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