

Finding Aid for the Hildegard K. Schnuttgen Ethnic History Collection, 1987



Collection Number: RG 77/11

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Descriptive Summary

Title:	Hildegard K. Schnuttgen Ethnic History Collection, 1925 1987
Record No.:	RG 77/11
Accession No.:	MSS 2007.13
Creator:	Various; Collected by Hildegard Schnuttgen
Extent:	1 box, .3 cubic feet
Abstract:	The materials in this collection were amassed by Hildegard K. Schnuttgen, Head Reference Librarian at Youngstown State University's Maag Library. It contains information on local churches, ethnic organizations, and local families and figures, most of which she collected as part of her duties as reference librarian and as chairperson of the Ethnic History & Library Committee of the Mahoning Valley Historical Society.

Administrative Information

Provenance:	Various; Collected by Hildegard Schnuttgen
Preferred Citation:	Hildegard K. Schnuttgen Collection, RG 77/11, Archives & Special Collections, William F. Maag, Jr. Library, Youngstown State University, Youngstown, Ohio.
Restrictions:	None
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Finding aid:	Written by S. Victor Fleischer
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Biographical Sketch

Hildegard K. Schnuttgen was born Hildegard Kast on March 4, 1922 in Schweinfurt, Germany. She was educated at the Humanistisches Gymnasium in Schweinfurt and at the Buchereischule in Leipzig. She married Karl Schnuttgen on October 4, 1943. She owned and operated an academic bookstore from 1948 until her emigration to the United

States in 1957. The following year, she gained employment at Youngstown University's Library where she worked as Circulation Librarian, but later became Head of Reference. She was well known throughout the campus and the community, especially for her ability to retrieve materials from other countries through interlibrary loan. Because of her ability and dedication, the faculty honored her in 1989 with a Festschrift (a volume of articles and essays) titled Women in History, Literature and the Arts in recognition of her 30 years of service and devotion to obtaining research materials at YSU. She retired from YSU in 1993 after 35 years of service. Three years later she received the prestigious YSU Heritage Award.

Schnuttgen had numerous abstracts and translations published. Her most notable work, co-published with YSU English professor Dr. Lorraine Baird-Lange, is A Bibliography of Chaucer, 1974-1985. She was involved in various community organizations including the Ohio Cultural Alliance of Youngstown, the Butler Museum of American Art, and the Youngstown Symphony Society. She also served as a Trustee of the Mahoning Valley Historical Society, where she chaired the Ethnic History and Library Committee. As part of that committee, she interviewed and corresponded with numerous individuals in the community and collected historical data and materials from and about various churches, ethnic groups, families, individuals, and organizations in the Youngstown/Mahoning Valley area. Many of those materials comprise this collection.

Hildegard Schnuttgen died on February 27, 2004 at St. Elizabeth Health Center in Youngstown.

Scope and Content Note

This artificial collection was amassed by Hildegard Schnuttgen as part of her duties as chairperson of the Ethnic History and Library Committee of the Mahoning Valley Historical Society and as part of her responsibilities as Head Reference Librarian at Youngstown State University's Maag Library. It contains numerous items documenting the ethnic history of the Youngstown/Mahoning Valley area including ethnic neighborhoods, churches, prominent individuals and families, and organizations and businesses. The organization imposed on the materials by Mrs. Schnuttgen, which is by subject and then alphabetically, were maintained as much as possible.

The bulk of the collection documents the history of local- particularly ethnic- churches, mostly during the 1980s. These materials include programs of services and events, photographs of churches, newspapers clippings, and parish histories which span the dates of the collection. Ethnic neighborhoods and communities in Youngstown and the surrounding area are also documented in this collection with written and oral histories. Ethnic businesses and organizations are also documented through newspaper clippings, annual reports, and publications. This collection would be of interest to anyone researching local churches and religious organizations as well as ethnic communities and organizations of the Youngstown/Mahoning Country area.

Colophon

The collection was processed in May 2007 by S. Victor Fleischer, former head of Youngstown State University Archives and Special Collections. The revision of the Finding Aid and writing of this colophon is by Lisa Marie Garofali, a History graduate

student with over two years experience working full time in the YSU Archives as of January 2010. Added to this Finding Aid during revision is the description of the series listed above the corresponding folders to that series, the author of the Finding Aid and author of the revision has been added in the Administrative section.

This collection came to the University Archives and Special Collection by donation from Debra Beronja. The materials were left in Ms. Schnuttgen's office when she retired in 1993. Soon after the materials came into the custody of Debra Beronja, who donated them to the archives. The collection consists of two accessions, the first being the whole of Ms. Schnuttgen's materials which included items pertinent to the university and reference library materials (accession number UA 2005.54). The collection was separated into other collections. The material pertaining to Ms. Schnuttgen's involvement with the Ethnic History and Library Committee were accessioned by Victor Fleischer into its own collection (MSS 2007.13) during the time of processing. The collection became digitized in January 2010.

Series Description

Series I:	Ethnic History and Library Committee
Series II:	Churches
Series III:	Communities and Neighborhoods
Series IV:	Individuals and Families
Series V:	Businesses and Organizations

Related Materials

See the Sacred Landmarks Collection (RG 775), individual church histories in the Special Collections Vertical Files, and published histories by call number in Archives & Special Collections Stacks, which are cataloged in MaagNet. Also see individual ethnic history collections.

Index Terms

Archangel Michael Greek Orthodox Church
Caldwell District (Lower Brier Hill)
Charles B. Schaff
Clingan Jackson
Henry Kurtz
Hildegard Schnuttgen
Holy Rosary Parish of Lowellville
Holy Trinity Catholic Church
Lansingville Neighborhood
Mahoning Valley Historical Society
Methodist Congregation in Poland, Ohio
Myron Israel Arms
Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church
Schwebel Baking Company
Sts. Cyril & Methodius Church
St. Elizabeth's Hospital

St. John Greek Orthodox Church
St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church
St. Rocco's Episcopal Church
St. Stanislaw Kostki
Youngstown Area Goodwill Industries (Christ Mission)

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SERIES I: ETHNIC HISTORY AND LIBRARY COMMITTEE

This first series contains the Annual Reports of the Ethnic History and Library Committee of the Mahoning Valley Historical Society from 1985-1986. The reports focus on the committee's major area of interest with "ethnic churches." Included with the Annual Reports is Ms. Schnuttgen's typed speech on the local Greek Orthodox Churches. The questionnaires are for the committee to help promote a broader understanding of various cultural groups and their contributions to the area. At least two different drafts and copies are contained with a note to Ms. Schnuttgen from Gus Marrigran, retired professor of Mathematics at YSU.

Folder	Content
1	Annual Reports, 1985-1986
2	Questionnaires, 1983, undated

SERIES II: CHURCHES

This series contains information regarding to local area churches. Included with the Archangel Michael Greek Orthodox Church is a brief history and a Church School Prayer Service publications. Holy Rosary Parish of Lowellville contains photographs and a correspondence from Ms. Schnuttgen thanking the Rev. Carl J. Forgach for the tour and interview. Holy Trinity Catholic Church folder contains a newspaper clipping on the 107th annual meeting of the Historical Society, a short history with an interview with Msgr. Leo Adamiak, "The Symbolic Doors of Holy Trinity" publication by Msgr. Leo Adamiak and a 50th Anniversary booklet of the Holy Trinity Catholic Church of the Byzantine Rite. Methodist Congregation in Poland, Ohio contains a booklet entitle *Fruits of the Vine* which covers the history of the Methodist congregation in Poland, Ohio for the years 1934-1984. Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church folder contains correspondences between Charles B. Schaff and Ms. Schnuttgen with Rev. Joesph L. Iati, newspaper clippings focusing on the 75th Anniversary of the church, the Fatima statue, and the death of Rev. Iati, hand written notes on the meeting with Rev. Iati, a pamphlet on the origins of the Scapular of Carmel, the history of the church, photographs and a pamphlet on the restoration and dedication of the church. St. John Greek Orthodox Church contains a newspaper article on art work the church was selling for the 4th annual Greek festival. St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church folder contains information on the history of the church and a list of Parish priest from 1919-1982. St. Rocco's Episcopal Church contains photocopies of a brief history of the church and the Fifteenth anniversary of the Re-Opening of St. Rocco's Church Program Record. Sts. Cyril & Methodius Church contains an interview with Fr. Yurcho and a publication entitled *Modlime Sa Svatu Omsu Spolu S Knazom*. St. Stanislaw Kostki contains photocopies of the history of the church.

Folder	Content
3	Archangel Michael Greek Orthodox Church, 1982, undated
4	Holy Rosary Parish of Lowellville, 1984, undated
5	Holy Trinity Catholic Church, undated
6	Methodist Congregation in Poland, Ohio, 1984
7	Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church, 1978, 1983-1984, 1987, undated
8	St. John Greek Orthodox Church, undated
9	St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church, 1982
10	St. Rocco's Episcopal Church, 1982
11	Sts. Cyril & Methodius Church, 1969, undated
12	St. Stanislaw Kostki, 1925

SERIES III: COMMUNITIES AND NEIGHBORHOODS

This series contains information regarding ethnic communities and neighborhoods in Youngstown. Caldwell District (a.k.a. Lower Brier Hill) folder contains a 15 page history. Polish Immigrants in Youngstown contains a brief report on the *DYM*, a newsletter of the Polish Arts Club of Youngstown, written by Joseph S. Rudjak and a correspondence between Rudjak and Felix S. Mika with Mika's family history attached. Slovak Community in Youngstown folder contains a report entitled "Lansingville : a Study of the Adjustment Patterns of Slovak Immigrants and Their Families" written in 1961.

Folder	Content
13	Caldwell District (a.k.a. Lower Brier Hill), ca. 1969
14	Polish Immigrants in Youngstown, 1982, undated
15	Slovak Community in Youngstown (Lansingville Neighborhood), 1961

SERIES IV: INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES

This series contains information regarding various individuals and families. The first folder in this series contains information regarding Myron Israel Arms who lived 1822-1864. Included is a small booklet which contains several letters interchanged between Myron Israel Arms and his wife Emaline Warner Arms in the Spring and Summer of 1864, while Myron was in the Civil War Union Army (Myron also writes descriptions of his Union camp and medical conditions in his letters). Cunningham Family of Lowellville folder contains an newspaper clipping from December 21, 1980 which details the family's early history in Lowellville. Henry Kurtz is the subject of the following folder. The material can be separated into two sections. One is a photocopy of an article entitle "Henry Kurtz: Man of the Book" by Donald F. Durnbaugh and the other is a photocopy of *The Gospel-Visitor* vol. III which is a monthly publication devoted to the exhibition and defense of gospel principles. Information is given on the individual Clingan Jackson in the form of a report to the ethnic committee composed by Brian K. Brennan in December of 1986. The Charles B. Schaff folder contains a correspondence between Schaff and Ms. Schnuttgen who thanks him for an interview.

Folder	Content
16	Myron Israel Arms, 1966, 1969
17	Cunningham Family of Lowellville, 1980

- 18 Henry Kurtz, 1967, undated
- 19 Clingan Jackson, 1986
- 20 Charles B. Schaff, 1985

SERIES V: BUSINESSES AND ORGANIZATIONS

This series contains folders ethnic organizations and businesses. The first folder contains Ethnic Organizations in the area from 1982-1986. Listed for most organizations are member leaders and occasionally listed are descriptions and times of meetings for the organization. The Mahoning Valley Historical Society folder contains two publications. The first is the 84th Annual Meeting which contains information on the beginnings of Youngstown and information on Daniel Shehy (who bought land from John Young and built the first home in Youngstown) and his family. The second publication is entitled "John Young's Town in the Connecticut Western Reserve." The Schwebel Baking Company folder contains news paper clippings on the company's 75th year in business and interview with Mrs. Dora Schwebel, who was a prominent figure in the company's history. There is also a booklet on the Schwebel Baking Company and an interview with Mr. David Schwebel, president of the company, conducted by Ms. Hildegard Schnuttgen and Mr. Joseph Rudjak Jr. St. Elizabeth's Hospital folder contains a correspondence from Ms. Schnuttgen thanking Sister Susan Schorsten for an interview, a copy of a speech Ms. Schnuttgen presented to the Historical Society regarding the hospital, and two flyers : one for an educational health fair and the other for a symposium both regarding the topic of Geriatrics. Youngstown Area Goodwill Industries folder contains several pamphlets establishing the companies mission and description of its rehabilitation center. Also included is a speech prepared by Ms. Schnuttgen to the Historical Society about the history of the business, a newsletter entitled *The Goodwill Update*, and a historical file of the Goodwill Industry from 1904-1970.

Folder	Content
21	Ethnic Organizations List, 1982-1986
22	Mahoning Valley Historical Society, 1959, 1970
23	Schwebel Baking Company, 1950, 1981-1982, undated
24	St. Elizabeth's Hospital, 1986-1987, undated
25	Youngstown Area Goodwill Industries (a.k.a. Christ Mission), 1983-1984, undated