

Finding aid for the Emily Latzek Jennings photographs Collection 234

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Summary Information

Repository	Grand Rapids Public Library, Grand Rapids History and Special Collections Department
Creator	Jennings, Emily Latzek
Title	Emily Latzek Jennings photographs
Date	no date
Extent	1.1 Linear feet One box
Language	English
Abstract	<p>The Emily Latzek Jennings photographs contains 145 photographs of family and friends. Mrs. Jennings attended St. Adalberts Catholic Church in Grand Rapids, Michigan. A large number of Holy Communion photographs illustrate the family's religious practice. Family members are known to have lived in Bay City, Michigan and the Chicago area, which may correspond with the photographer identifications for those cities, as well as for Grand Rapids. Most of the photographs are unidentified, although some have been identified Jennings' niece, Vivian Kommer. It is estimated that the images date from circa 1890-1935. The Latzek family lived in the Polish community on Grand Rapids' west side.</p>

Biographical/Historical note

Emily's brother, Felix W. Latzek (1895-7/30/77) was a former Union Bank and Trust co. manager. He was also a funeral director with the Latzek Funeral Home which his father, Frank, founded. Felix was also co-owner of the Derezsinski Funeral Home with Chester L. Derezsinski. The Derezsinski Funeral Home closed in 1974. Felix served in the U.S. Navy from 1917-1921 and was involved in several veteran's groups, such as the Catholic War Veterans and the Catholic Order of Foresters.

Felix was married to Genevieve. They had one daughter, Mrs. Vivian (John) Kommer, who is the donor of the collection. Vivian and John had one daughter, Peg. His sister was Mrs. Emily (Robert) Jennings.

Other family members believed represented in the collection include: Great Grandmother Marian Lipinski Grent Grandfather Lipinski Great Uncle Alex Lipinski Great Uncle Felix Lipinski Grandmother France Latzek Grandfather Frank Latzek Aunt Florence Latzek Great Aunt Polly Latzek Uncle Stanley Latzek Great Uncle Jack Latzek

Scope and Contents note

The collection contains 145 photographs, most mounted on cards or in photographers folders with photographer's identification which were listed during the inventory process. Mrs. Kommer believes that photo # in a Philipine setting, may be an unrelated stray, not part of the gift. It has been left with the collection for the present, in the absence of other information.

According to Mrs. Kommer, the family included three Catholic priests, two monsignors and one pastor. They were mostly from the Bay City area.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

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Immediate Source of Acquisition note

Vivian Kommer, accession number 1989.008

Related Materials

Related Archival Materials note

Coll. 157, Latzek Funeral Home Records

Coll. 179, Lipczynski Family Papers

Coll. 299, Eduard Adam Skendzel Polonian Historical Collection, and the Skendzel Name Index for this collection include names associated with the Latzek Collection.

Controlled Access Headings

Family Name(s)

- Latzek, Grand Rapids (Mich.)

Genre(s)

- photographs

Geographic Name(s)

- Grand Rapids (Mich.) -- History
- West Side (Grand Rapids, Mich.)

Subject(s)

- Polish Americans -- Michigan -- Grand Rapids -- History

Images

Collection Inventory

Images		Box
.1 Fading sepia of band, large photo mounted on board, broken and fragile. Drum has name, only partially visible as Grand Rapids.		1
.2 Interior. Adults at banquet, small round tables, some standing in back, ceiling decorations. 7 ½ x 10 mounted on board.		1
.3-5 Two Infant funeral, interior, 9 ½ x 7 ½ on board. Kosgiuszko Studio Co. 83 Stocking St. Infant not visible.		1
.6 Adult funeral, male in coffin. 7 ¾ x 9 ¾ in. on board		1
.7 5 x 6 ¾ in. on board. Prockter and his family. In the Philippines.—verso		1
.8 5 x 7 in on board. Interior. Man seated at rolltop desk in office, with crank wall phone behind. Frank Latzek, Mrs. Kommer's Grandfather. She still has the chair beside the desk.		1
.9 5 x 7 in. on board. The Sight Seeing Automobile Coach of Washington. Main Office and Starting Point- Howard House, 6th and Penn. Ave. N.W., Lease Daily ... Motorized Tour coach, open sides, with fringe on top. Loaded with passengers.		1

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| .10 9 ¾ x 4 in brown folder. "A Portrait by W.R. Banks, Chicago"—on folder. Wedding, full length, bride only. Mrs. Kommer's Aunt Florence (Latzek), married name Ostrowski. | 1 |
| .11 5 ½ x 4 on board. Couple. Gillett, 55 West Bridge St., Grand Rapids—photographer. | 1 |
| .12 5 ½ x 4 on board. Elderly gentleman, mustache, with watch attached to button hole. From Hamilton's—photographer. | 1 |
| .13 5 ½ x 4 on board, in folder. Wedding couple, interior. | 1 |
| .14 6 ¼ x 4 ¼ in board folder, with photo corners, black ink? Spattered on photo. Young female in fancy dress with hat and large bouquet of flowers. Versluis, Grand Rapids, Mich.-Photo | 1 |
| .15 7 ½ x 9 ½ on board. Group, interior, children religious drama? | 1 |
| .16 9 ¾ x 7 ¾ in. Young woman seated on steps of house. | 1 |
| .17 8 ½ x 6 ¼ in. on board. Middle-aged priest with folded umbrella and hat, in stone foreground with Niagra Falls??? And train on overhead bridge in background. | 1 |
| .18 6 ½ x 8 ¼ in. Interior, group in costumes. | 1 |
| .19 5 ½ x 4 in. on board. Middle-age male. McMichael. 212 Woodward Ave., Detroit—photo. | 1 |

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| .20 5 ½ x 4 in. on board. 2 males, ca. 12 years, with white ribbons tied on right upper arm and books in hand. Noble, Grand Art Studios, 21 Canal St., Grand Rapids, Mich.—photo | 1 |
| .21 5 ½ x 4 in. on board. Male, ca. 12 years, by table, with candle?, book in hand. West Side Studio, Grand Rapids, Mich. | 1 |
| .22 7 ¼ x 3 ¾ on board. Male in band? Uniform. Bayne, Grand Rapids, Mich.—photo | 1 |
| .23 4 x 2 ¾ in. on board. Young female. Nobel, 126 and 128 Canal St., Grand Rapids, Mich.—photo | 1 |
| .24 4 x 2 ¾ in on board. Female, ca. 7 year. Note shoes. Standing outside. | 1 |
| .25 5 ½ x 4 in. on board. 2 young men, one seated, one standing, holding hats. From Hamilton—photo | 1 |
| .26 5 ½ x 4 in. on board. 2 females, ca. 9 years, in white dress. One with candle? First Communion? Wilmington Photo Co., 407 ½ Market St., Wilmington, Del. | 1 |
| .27 5 ½ x 4 in. on board. 2 males, ca. 7-9 yrs. One with candle, white frill top, one with book. | 1 |
| .28 5 ½ x 4 in. on board. Toddler in gown. Gillett, 55 West Bridge St., Grand Rapids. | 1 |
| .29 5 ½ x 4 in. on board. Small female, in winter fancy dress, standing on chair. W.H. Hickok, 51 Monroe st., 115 West Bridge St., Grand Rapids, Mich. | 1 |

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.30 6 x 4 in. in photo folder, with photo corners. A. Wejtkiewicz, 511 W. Bridge St., Grand Rapids, Mich. Male, ca. 7 yrs., with book and candle.	1
.31 5 ¼ x 3 ¾ in. on board. Young female, ca. 12 yrs. In white dress and veil, with book and candle, by table.	1
.32 5 ½ x 4 in. on board Wedding couple, bride seated. Nobel Art Galleries, Grand Rapids, Mich. Pencil on back: Miss Wrzesniewski, Mr. Walszenski—best guess	1
.33 5 ½ x 4 in. on board. Male, with hand in pants pocket, by table, with vase of flowers. W.L. Stein, 452 Mitchell St., Milwaukee—photo	1
.34 5 ½ x 4 in. on board. 3 little girls. Gilbert, 122 Monroe St., Grand Rapids.	1
.35 5 ½ x 5 in. on board in folder. Woman in long dress with locket, standing behind chair.	1
.36 8 x 5 in. in folder, photo corners. Priest with glasses, portrait photo. Young & Carl, Cincinnati-photo	1
.37 6 x 4 in. in folder, photo corners. Infant. Van Campen, Grand Rapids, Mich.—photo	1
.38 6 ½ x 4 ½ in in folder, photo corners. Young woman, in fancy dress with hat, seated on bench, with basket of flowers. Van Campen—photo	1
.39 5 ½ x 3 in. on board. Nobel Art Galleries, G.R.—photo Female, ca. 12 yrs. With book and candle on table, in white dress with veil.	1

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| .40 5 ½ x 4 in. on board. Young woman, with long hair, bow, high collared blouse.
Kosciuszko Photo Art company, 730 Milwaukee Ave., Chicago. | 1 |
| .41 5 ½ x 4 in. on board. Young fancy gentleman, with mustache. Young, 114 Canal Street, G.R.—photo | 1 |
| .42 5 ½ x 4 in. on board. Male, ca. 12 yrs., with book and candle by table. | 1 |
| .43 5 ½ x 4 in. on board. Male, ca. 14 yrs.?, in uniforms with rifles, with bayonets. S. Rockwick & Co., 2250 River St., Detroit, Mi. | 1 |
| .44 5 ½ x 4 in. on board. Female, ca. 14 yrs. In white dress with veil, with book and candle by table. Noble, 21 Canal St., Grand Rapids, Mich. | 1 |
| .45 ca. 5 ¾ x 4 in. cardboard folder. Versluis Studio. Woman, in formal dress with bouquet, in front of window with blinds. | 1 |
| .46 6 x 4 in. in cardboard folder. Seated male toddler. Faingold, G.R.—photo. | 1 |
| .47 5 ½ x 4 in. on board. Wedding couple. Smith, Saginaw, Mich. | 1 |
| .48 5 ½ x 4 in. on board. Female, ca. 4 yrs., with parasol, by settee. Hamilton, 79 Canal St., G.R.—photo | 1 |
| .49 5 ½ x 4 in. on board. 2 females, ca. 12 yrs., in white dress, with veil, book and candle. Wilmington Co., Photo, 407 ½ Market St., Wilmington, Del. | 1 |
| .50 5 ½ x 4 in. on board. Wedding couple. A. Wm. Brown, Gaylord, Mich.—photo | 1 |

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.51 5 ½ x 4 in. on board. Toddler with basket of flowers. From the Art Studio of C. Eisenhardt, 204 and 206 Randolph Street, Detroit, Mich.	1
.52 5 ½ x 4 in. on board. 3 young women, each with flowers. Smith, 305 Genesee Ave, Saginaw, E.S., Mich.	1
.53 4 x 1 ¾ in on board. Boy, ca. 14 yrs. Seated. Wilmington Photo Co., 413 Market St., Wilmington, Del.	1
.54 4 ½ x 4 in. on board. Priest?, seated, with violin.	1
.55 5 ½ x 5 in. on board. 2 boys, ca. 3 yrs and 7 yrs., near table, with candle.	1
.56 6 x 4 in. in folder, with photo corners. Portrait folder of woman, ca. 1930's. White Studios.	1
.57 5 ½ x 4 in. on board. Boy, ca. 5 yrs. By table. Young, 114 Canal St., G.R.—photo.	1
.58 5 ½ x 4 in. on board. Portrait photo of young woman.	1
.59 5 ½ x 4 in. on board. Young girl in white dress with veil, holding book. Nobel, 21 Canal St., G.R.—photo	1
.60 5 ½ x 4 in. on board. Portrait photo of woman. Quatermass & Co., 53 Monroe Ave., Detroit.	1
.61 4 x 2 ½ in. on board, in folder. Girl, ca. 8 years, with doll, in coat/hat, standing. "Youngs 12"—pencil bottom right.	1

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- .62 4 x 2 ½ in on board, in folder. Appears to be same girl as in .62, in dress, with cross.
“Youngs | 12” 1
- .63 5 ½ x 2 ¾ in. oval on board. Rev. K. Skory—pencil on verso. Man in clerical collar
with Napoleon type pose. 1
- .64 5 ½ x 1 ¾ in. in folder. “Martin” Boy, ca. Age 4, in velvet suit, with hand on rail. 1
- .65 5 x 3 ½ in. oval on board. “Rev. J. Krokowski?, Sacred Heart Ch., Valley & Park
Ave.”-verso. Bald man, seated. 1
- .66 3 ½ x 5 in. oval on board. Young Couple. 1
- .67 5 x 3 ½ in oval on board. Portrait photo of woman with high collar. Damaged to board
bottom right. A.N. Sanborn, Wilmington, Del.—photo 1
- .68 5 ½ x 4 in. on board. Girl, ca. 12 years, in white dress with veil, book and candle. 1
- .69 5 ½ x 4 in. on board. Girl, ca. 10 years, in fancy coat and hat. Mack, 55 W. Bridge St.,
G.R.—photo 1
- .70 5 ½ x 4 in. on board. Girl, ca. 8 years, in white dress with veil, book and candle. 1
- .71 3 ½ x 2 ½ in oval on board. Portrait photo of woman. 1
- .72 5 ¾ x 3 ¾ in. in folder. “Frans A. Dulak, Ph. G. 5/27/12”—cover opp. Photo. Bonnie
J. Brown, Lisbon Ave. and 38th St. 1

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.73 5 ½ x 4 in. on board in folder. Portrait folder of young man. Noble Studios, G.R.	1
.74 5 x 3 ½ oval on board. Portrait photo of priest.	1
.75 5 ½ x 4 in. on board. Woman in blouse and skirt, standing. P. Frankoid?, Montiooke, Pa.	1
.76 5 ½ x 4 in. on board. Boy, ca. 7 years, with book, candle. "1910" on table in image. Kosciuszko Studio Co., 73 Stocking St.	1
.77 6 x 3 ½ in on board. Woman, fancy dress and big hat, seated. "Van Campen"—bottom right.	1
.78 Postcard photo. 5 ½ x 3 ½ in. 2 young women in fancy dress and hats. "Miss Mary. From Mayme and Lillian."—message side.	1
.79 4 x 3 in. in folder with photo corners. Young man. "with love, Ed."—on photo. The Stein Studio, 452 Mitchell St., Milwaukee.	1
.80 5 ½ x 4 in. Boy, ca. 12 yrs. In suit by table, with rosary.	1
.81 5 ½ x 4 in. Same boy, same time, seated. Both Kosciuszko Studio Co., 86 Stocking St.	1
.82 4 ¾ x 6 ¾ in. Group photo, picnic	1
.83 6 ¼ x 2 ½ in. Highschool? Graduation, female, seated on bench. Jos. T. Child... 245 Bridge St.—photo	1

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| .84 5 ½ x 4 in. on board. Wedding couple. Franks Studio, Bay City, Mich. | 1 |
| .85 5 ½ x 4 in. on board. Photo portrait of young woman in fancy dress. “Drago Sagnow?”—red pencil at bottom. | 1 |
| .86 5 ½ x 4 in. on board. Priest, bald, standing by table. Smith’s Studio, 305 Genesee St., Saginaw. Notes on verso ...”John Buchting”—may not related to image? | 1 |
| .87 7 ½ x 9 ¾ in. “Msgr. Skory Funeral—March 11, 1935. Shows large crowd outside church as coffin is carried to hearse. “St. Adalbert’s”—pencil on verso. | 1 |
| .88 6 ½ x 4 ¾ in. 2 couples? In fancy dress. From Hamilton. | 1 |
| .89 5 ½ x 4 in. on board. Small boy and large boy in suits, with candle. “My First Communion”—embossed in board. Pannebeckers?, ? Pa. Example of image migration, showing woman’s image, on verso, from another photo which once rested next to it. | 1 |
| .90 6 x 3 in. in folder. Photo portrait of young woman in low cut gown, with necklace. | 1 |
| .91 5 ½ x 4 in. on board. 3 children, 2 on bench (girls?) boy standing. Hamilton, Canal St., G.R. | 1 |
| .92 5 ¾ x 4 in. on board. Barefoot infant seated wearing cross, with brush. Edwin Jan. N. Sempowski.—verso. Noble... | 1 |
| .93 5 ¼ x 2 ¾ in. oval on board. Noble, 21 Canal St. ... Infant, seated, smiling. | 1 |

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.94 5 ½ x 4 in. on board. Young girl, ca. 12 years, in white dress with veil, candle, book? Noble Art Gallery, T.F. Noble, Prop. 1

.95 5 ½ x 4 in. on board. Young girl, ca. 12 years, in white dress with veil, candle. Noble, 21 Canal St. 1

.96 5 ½ x 4 in. on board. Man in top coat leaning on fence in posed background. Gray, 1068 and 1070 Tremont St., Boston, Mass. 1

.97 4 x 3 in. on board. Girl and boy, ca. 3 and 5 years, House porch. 1

.98 5 ½ x 4 in. on board. Photo portrait of 2 women, with fading. 1

.99 5 ½ x 4 in. on board. Same Boy as in .80 and .81 above., ca. 12 yrs. In suit, seated by table, with rosary 1

.100 5 x 4 in. on board, with right corner missing. Exterior. Front of house. Woman on porch in background, man seated left in rocker, man seated right on porch step. 1

.101 3 x 5 in. 3 girls, ca. 16 years, John Ball Park. “Doroth, Emma”—red on verso, child’s hand? 1

.102 5 ½ x 4 in. on board. Wedding couple. Verso: Gosnofsky?, 808 ...? “2511”—blue ink “Meyer”—bottom left 1

.103 5 ½ x 4 in. on board. Young girl, ca. 16 years, in white dress with veil. Noble Art Galleries. G.R. 1

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.104 5 ½ x 4 in. on folder. Young lady, glasses, seated, in fancy dress with large hat, and bouquet of flower.	1
.105 5 ½ x 2 ¾ in. oval on board. Toddler, standing on settee. Noble Art Galleries, G.R.	1
.106 5 x 3 ½ in oval in folder. Young man seated. Image dark.	1
.107 5 ½ x 4 in. on board. 2 women.	1
.108 5 x 3 ½ in. oval on board. Toddler, wrapped in shear cloth. Enterprise Studios, 55 West Bridge St.	1
.109 Same as .99	1
.110 6 ½ x 4 ½ in. in folder frame. Middle-aged male in suit. ca. 1930's.	1
.111 4 ¼ x 5 ½ in. Photo card, ca. 1950's. Wedding couple in front of living room fireplace. Generic note "Sincere thanks for your lovely Gift" Signed: Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Szczerbowig?	1
.112 8 ¾ x 5 ¾ in. in folder. Handsome blond young reverand. Klein, Milwaukee.	1
.113 6 x 4 in. Colored photo portrait of woman, ca. 1930's White Studios.	1
.114 5 x 3 ½ in. oval on board. Young man in suit with hand in pocket. Noble, 21 Canal St.	1

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.115 5 ½ x 4 in. in paint splattered folder. Young girl, ca. 6 years, in white dress with veil, holding open book. Kosgiuszko Studio Co. 83 Stocking St.	1
.116 5 ½ x 4 in. Girl, ca. 16 years, in white dress with veil, holding candle and book, near table. Young, 114 Canal St., G.R.	1
.117 5 ½ x 4 in. Boxer in short colored purple and boots. Quartermass & Co., Detroit.	1
.118 5 x 3 in. in photo folder. Young couple, he seated, she in big hand standing with right hand on his chair. A.N Sanborn, 404 Market St, Wilmington, Del.	1
.119. 5 ½ x 4 in. Young man, with left hand behind back.	1
.120 5 x 3 ½ in. oval on board. Toddler, seated, laughing.	1
.121 5 ½ x 4 ½ in folder with photo corners. Young woman, in hat, silk? Dress, with basket of flowers. Van Campen, G.R.	1
.122 5 x 3 ½ in. oval on board. Young man, in suit. Verso: W.H. Hickok, Ground floor Studio, 110? W. Bridge St., G.R.	1
.123 5 ½ x 4 in. on board. Older woman, seated. Verso stamp: Frankois Photo Studio ... P. Frankois, 178 Market ST., Nanticoke, Pa.	1
.124 6 ¼ x 4 ¼ in on board in folder. Young woman, seated, in glasses and large hat. Roseland Studio, 10948 Michigan Ave., Chicago.	1
.125 5 ½ x 3 in. on board. Young woman, H.s.? graduation photo, holding diploma.	1

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- .126 5 ½ x 3 in. in folder. Older woman in stripped dress. “Martin”—bottom right. 1
- .127 5 ½ x 4 in. in folder, with photo corners. Older man with white hair, receding and mustache, photo portrait. E.E. Martin, G.R.—photo. 1
- .128 3 ½ x 3 ½ circular photo portrait of male. Swarthout, Ludington, 1900. 1
- .129 5 ½ x 4 in. Wedding couple, she seated, he standing bald with mustache. Gumerman & Gardner, 412 National Ave., Milwaukee. 1
- .130 5 x 3 ½ in. Infant, seated in rattan chair. Verso: W.H. Hiokok, Ground Floor Studio ... 1
- .131 3 ½ x 2 ½ in. oval image, 5 ¼ x 3 ¼ border. Woman in fancy hat and coat. 1
- .132 4 x 5 ¾ in. 6 children, ca. 12 to infant. 1
- .133 3 ½ x 2 ½ in. oval on board. Toddler in fancy coat and hat, seated on arm of chair, looking sideways at camera. Arthur G. Gillette Studio ... G.R. 1
- .134 8 x 4 in. in folder. Young woman standing, H.S.? graduation. Banks Studio, 11409 Michigan Ave., Chicago. 1
- .135 5 ½ x 4 in. on board. Boy, ca. 10 years, with book in hand, by table with candle. Enterprise Studios, 55 W. Bridge St. 1
- .136 5 ¾ x 4 in. on board. Wedding couple, standing. P. ? Nanticoke, Pa.—photo 1

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.137 5 ¼ x 3 ½ in. on board. Young woman in fancy dress seated in rattan chair.	1
.138 6 ¼ x 4 in. image on paper in folder. Wedding, bride only looking at bouquet. “Martin”—bottom right	1
.139 4 x 5 ¼ in. on board. Colorized funeral display. Kosciuszko Studio Co., 83 Stocking St.	1
.140 5 ½ x 4 in. on board. Nun. Smith. 305 Genesee Ave, Saginaw, E.S. Mich.	1
.141 5 ½ x 4 in. on board. Couple, standing. L.D. Joy, Wayland, Mich.—photo.	1
.142 5 ½ x 4 in. on board. Death photo of infant. Kosciuszko Studio Co., 83 Stocking St.	1
.143 5 x 3 ½ in. oval on board. Portrait photo of young woman in glasses. Swarthout, Ludington, Mich.	1
.144 5 x 3 ½ in. oval on board. Portrait photo of older woman with glasses.	1
.145 Postcard, colored, floral, with script in Polish?	1