

**Finding aid for the Edward Gillis
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photographs and book documentation
Collection 291**

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Summary Information

Repository	Grand Rapids Public Library, Grand Rapids History and Special Collections Department
Creator	Gillis, Edward V, 1920-1999
Title	Edward Gillis Growing Up in Old Lithuanian Town photographs and book documentation
Date	no date
Extent	3.8 Linear feet Six boxes
Language	English
Abstract	<p>The Edward V. Gillis Growing Up in Old Lithuanian Town Collection contains 200 photographs or copy photos of illustrations collected by Gillis over several years, from the Lithuanian community in Grand Rapids, Michigan of which he was a part. Accompanying the photos is descriptive information that Gillis, born Edvardus Bartholomeus Vikoras Gylys (1920-1999), gathered along with the photographs. Several of the photographs were used in his book "Growing Up in Old Lithuanian Town", published by the Grand Rapids Historical Commission, and released shortly after his death. Also included in the collection are files related to the publication of that book, and laser copies and captions of exhibit materials from a small exhibit promoting the collection and publication. Gillis was a supervisor & manager in the tool & die industry by profession, and as past-president of the Michigan Archaeology Society.</p>

Biographical/Historical note

Edward Victor Gillis was born Edvardus Bartholomeus Vikoras Gylys in Lithuanian Town, Grand Rapids, Michigan March 1, 1920. His father, Bartholomeus emigrated to Grand Rapids in 1904 to avoid conscription into the Russian Cossack Army. His mother, Katherine Staseunaitis, arrived in Grand Rapids in 1908, and wed Bartholomeus in 1911, at SS. Peter & Paul Roman Catholic Church.

Mr. Gillis was a lifelong resident of Grand Rapids, where he and his wife of 61 years, Evelyn, raised their three children: Catherine, Victor and Lynette. He enjoyed a long and successful career in the tool and die and precision manufacturing industry, holding various supervisory and managerial positions for 45 years. During World War II, he served as a professional diver with the U.S. Army Amphibious Engineer Corps.

Edward Gillis had deep interests in archaeology, anthropology, history and geology. He was president of the 700-member Michigan Archaeology Society and held all offices of the Society's Coffinberry Chapter. He was also a scholar of Native American Indian culture and was a co-founder of the Grand Valley American Indian Lodge. For many years, Edward delighted school children with his talks on Native American culture. Following a lecture he gave at Hope College in 1991, several Native Americans in the audience accused him of over stepping his authority to speak for them and he later agreed to leave the Grand Valley American Indian Lodge.

Following this incident, Mr. Gillis turned his full energies to recording the history of his own people, those of his Lithuanian community. He died of cancer August 14, 1999, at age 79; just as his book was nearing publication.

History of the Book Project

Mr. Gillis completed his manuscript in May 1977, following almost six years of work. He made a proposal to the Lithuanian Research and Studies Center in Chicago, IL to publish his work. The Center responded with the requirement of a large cash advance that was not feasible. Mr. Gillis approached Gordon Olson, then City Historian of Grand Rapids, Michigan, for suggestions. Mr. Olson took the project to the Grand Rapids Historical Commission and the Commission agreed to the undertaking. There have been two printings of the book to date, 1,028 in the first and 518 in the second.

Scope and Contents note

Only a portion of the photographs collected by Gillis were used in the publication *Growing Up in Old Lithuanian Town*. The photographs and photograph envelopes in the collection provide visual and documentary information that was not included in the final publication.

The photographs collected by Gillis include an illustration of Vytautas the Great, from as early as 1392-1430. However, most of the images illustrate Grand Rapids Lithuanians from around 1880 at the earliest to as late as 1996.

To date, the Library has not received Mr. Gillis' manuscript notes used in the development of the book. The manuscript materials that are included in the collection are the documents associated with the editing and publication process, done via City Historian Gordon Olson and the Grand Rapids Historical Commission.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

Grand Rapids Public Library, Grand Rapids History and Special Collections Department October 2003

Immediate Source of Acquisition note

Gillis family and the Grand Rapids Historical Commission, accession number 2000.115A-E.

Processing Information note

Thanks to the work of volunteer processor Dick Jones, the photographs in this collection have item level descriptions, which include much of the rich information about each image, given Gillis or Gillis original source for the photographic image.

The original envelopes used by Gillis for his photos were not acid free, and have been discarded. However, the rich information, which he had recorded on these envelopes to document the photos has been retained:

- 1) The envelopes have been copied on acid free paper and are filed in Box 2 within the collection for consultation.
- 2) Portions of the data have been entered in this finding aid as a research and access guide.
- 3) Lithuanian surnames have been anglicized. Special characters and accent marks over letters have not been used.
- 4) SS. Peter & Paul Roman Catholic Church and SS. Peter & Paul Catholic School are the correct names of the Church and School according to the Church office. Mr. Gillis abbreviated SS. as S.S. and in some cases made Paul possessive (Paul's).

Controlled Access Headings

Genre(s)

- personal papers
- photographs

Geographic Name(s)

- Grand Rapids (Mich.) -- History

Subject(s)

- Immigrants -- Michigan -- Grand Rapids -- History
- Lithuanian Americans -- Michigan -- Grand Rapids -- History
- Publications -- Michigan -- Grand Rapids

Series I. Biographical & research materials on the Lithuania Community**Collection Inventory**

Series I. Biographical & research materials on the Lithuania Community		
	Box	Folder
Biographical information on Edward V. Gillis.	1	1
Series II. Book Publication		
Scope and Contents note		
<p>Included here are documents related to the Chicago publication proposal, fuller earlier drafts of Gillis book, edited materials, a digital version of the book, a version of the final publication and a folder on Lithuanian Golfers. Oversize graphics from the book publication also exist in the collection.</p> <p>Gillis' original manuscript consists of 27 chapters and ancillary materials. His chapters are numbers 1-x, each chapter beginning with 1 again. Because of this numbering, each chapter has been placed in its own folder, to avoid misplacement and loss.</p>		
	Box	Folder
Chicago proposal and early printing quotations 1997-2000	1	3
Gordon Olson's editorial file	1	4
Draft edit	1	5
Second draft	1	6

Original Gillis manuscript

Preliminary art and design	1	7
Lithuanian golfers	1	8
Growing up in Old Lithuanian Town	1	9
Miscellaneous items	1	10
5 diskettes of book drafts	1	11
Original Gillis manuscript		
	Box	Folder
Synopsis	1.5	1
Biographical Sketch	1.5	2
Dedication	1.5	3
Preface	1.5	4
Credits	1.5	5
List of Illustrations	1.5	6
Table of Contents	1.5	7

Original Gillis manuscript

Chapter 1	1.5	8
Chapter 2	1.5	9
Chapter 3	1.5	10
Chapter 4	1.5	11
Chapter 5	1.5	12
Chapter 6	1.5	13
Chapter 7	1.5	14
Chapter 8	1.5	15
Chapter 9	1.5	16
Chapter 10	1.5	17
Chapter 11	1.5	18
Chapter 12	1.5	19
Chapter 13	1.5	20
Chapter 14	1.5	21

Original Gillis manuscript

Chapter 15	1.5	22
Chapter 16	1.5	23
Chapter 17	1.5	24
Chapter 18	1.5	25
Chapter 19	1.5	26
Chapter 20	1.5	27
Chapter 21	1.5	28
Chapter 22	1.5	29
Chapter 23	1.5	30
Chapter 24, 1-11 pages	1.5	31
Chapter 25, 1-7 pages	1.5	32
Chapter 26, 1-3,5-9,11-15 pages. Missing pages 4 and 10	1.5	33
Chapter 27, 1-32 pages	1.5	34
Epilogue, 1-5 pages	1.5	35

Series III. Photographs

Appendix A, 1-10 pages	1.5	36
Bibliography, 1-6 pages	1.5	37
Map (1)	1.5	38

Series III. Photographs

Scope and Contents note

The photographs and the information that Gillis collected related to these photos are the core of this collection. All photographs are black and white, and are understood to have been collected from the previous owner for the express purpose of use in the book. Most of the photos shows people or scenes. Others are copy images, or photographs of other photos and illustrations from other sources, including sketches or maps.

Not all of the photos in the collection were used in the final version of the book as published. The master copy of the book, included with the collections, is annotated with a pencil number which corresponds to Gillis' original list of illustrations, and to the folder numbers in Boxes 3-4 of this collection.

For example, the illustration of the “Horse-drawn funeral procession on Quarry Ave....” pg. 30 top in the book, is Illustration #99 on Gillis list, and Box 3 Folder 99. The badges shown lower left on at same page in the book are illustration #197 on Gillis list, and Folder #197 of Box 4 of the photos.

The Photo Description Sheets in Box 2 of this collection are photocopies of the descriptive information which was recorded on the original envelopes. The original envelopes were acidic, and discarded after the photos were moved to acid free folders.

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Photo Description Sheets	2
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Box

Folder

Series III. Photographs

Pencil portrait of Edward Victor Gillis by Frits HoenderVonger 1988	3	1
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SS. Peter & Paul Catholic School 8th Grade Graduating Class 1928	3	2
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General note

Bottom Row (L to R): 1. Helen Stank, 2. Julia Urban, 3. Eva Grublauskas, 4. Fr. Joseph Lipkus, 5. Ella Ludzus, 6. Albina Staras 7. Anna Staras 8. Helen Navitsky

Center Row (L to R): 1. John Prusevicz 2. Marian Harmonska 3. Mary Anksoritis 4. Nellie Kucinskas 5. Bertha Dakauskas 6. Anna Baltrusaitis 7. Clara Barstis 8. Helen Danavicz 9. Agatha Brazaitis 10. Marcella Zelonis 11. George King

Top Row (L to R): 1. Charles Green 2. Ben Bartnick 3. Anthony Denny (Coon) 4. John Cyzauska 5. Bernard Barto 6. Edward Zyckus 7. Joseph Sakocius 8. Victor Kavalauskas 9. Edward Kvietkauskas 10. Walter Adomaitis

Note: The Teacher (not pictured), Sister M. Rosana was of the Gregaitis family.

Simanas Daukantas, for whom a Lithuanian Society was named with a chapter in Grand Rapids MI.	3	3
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Harrison Park School 6th Grade Class, Miss Hall; teacher. Edward V. Gillis standing far left by 6 dioramas he made depicting the Crusades 1933	3	4
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Lithuanian hockey team circa 1930s	3	5
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General note

Series III. Photographs

(L to R) Victor Gerulis / Joseph Totoraitis / Jimmy Conrad / Raymond Palczewski / Edward Gerulis / Frank Palczewski / Raymond Matulaitis

SS. Peter & Paul Catholic School 8th Grade Graduation 1922

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General note

Top Row (L to R): J. Gribas / Ed Wizgard / W. Viesnoraitis / A. Gedris / M. Saleski / E. Saleski / K. Kaminskas / Wm. Nausaidis / F. Kaminskas / J. Sackinskas / J. Grublauskas / J. Tauter

Bottom Row (L to R): C. Kurant / V. Szeiva / T. Klvinskas / N. Chapla / V. Brazaitis' / H. Barto / Rev. A. Dexnis / H. Swoba / M. Popel / M. Kupris / H. Zickus / M. Begonis / J. Norkevicz

Lithuanian Sons & Daughters Aid Society's Lithuanian Art Choirs on 20th Anniversary May 2, 1936

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General note

Top Row (L to R): Charles Kyauskas / Jim Rose / Anthony Urban / Donald Gelgotas / Justin Adamaitis(?) / Charles Lackus

Middle Row (L to R): Unknown / Violet Matulaitis / Ann Lackus / Mrs. Kyauskas / Ann Shuckstas / Lucy Zilinskas / Aldona Dauksza / Anthony Lujus

Bottom Row (L to R): Stella Villcunas / Aldona Victoravic / Victoria Victoravic / Betty Margus / Mr. Palagn, Director / Eleanore Matulaitis / Unknown / ? Kamashuskas / Helen Yasitis

State Champion Bowling Team sponsored by Felix Zukaitis, Founder and President of the Westside Beer Distributing Co. 1939-1940

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Series III. Photographs

General note

Seated (L to R): Vic Szeiva / Burly Kuasiak / Ed McCoy

Standing (L to R): Al Wenger (Sponsor) / Felix Aukaitis / Therm Gibson

Fox Deluxe Beer Co. Bowling Champions 1941-1942

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General note

(L to R) Vic Szeiva, W. "Burly" Kubasiak, Al Wenger, Therm Gibson and Ed McCoy.

St. George killing the dragon, namesake and patron of the second Lithuanian Catholic Society founded in Grand Rapids, Mich.

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St. George Aid Society 50th Anniversary 1953

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General note

L to R Joe Puplis, Sr. & Joe Puplis, Jr.

John Sabaitis' experimental paddle propulsion aircraft with Joe Yurkinas, pilot circa 1930s

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SS. Peter & Paul Catholic School 10th Grade graduation 1936

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General note

Top Row (L to R): Dorothy Maciejewska / Corinna Bart / Mary Kruchkas / Rose Grublauskas / Nellie Prusewicz / Nellie Alksnis / Helen Baura / Anne Kavalauskas / Thersa Kucinskas / Alice Druskis / Adella Genautis / Rosalina Vicsnor

Series III. Photographs

Seated (L to R): Benedict Dubinskas / Charles Klimavicz / Robert Kurant /
Rev. Joseph A. Lipkus / Raymond Matulaitis / Marion Kisankiewicz /
Joseph Tabor

Russell Thrall at the Our Theater Paige Organ keyboard with Nick Woetjer
of radio station WOOD as they did their regular Sunday morning broadcast
with canaries singing in accompaniment to organ music.

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West Leonard street looking east from the railroad tracks. The vacant lot
on the south side of the street just past the Texaco gas station was the site
of the West Leonard Elementary School from 1885-1928.

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SS. Peter & Paul Catholic School 10th Grade Graduation June 1937

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General note

Standing back row (L to R): Edward Masck / R. Dubart / Joseph Savickas /
Robert Zemaitis / George Sacatka / Edward Baura / John Tabor / Vince
Pinkas / Felix Adomaitis / Richard Wesilaitis / John Viltrakis

Bottom row (L to R): Eleanor Tamasunas / Florence Rubasouskas /
Bertha Krikchunas / Fr. Joseph Lipkus / Fr. Jerome S. Winikaitis / Bertha
Rinkevich / Agnas Kamsicskas / Stella Bartnick

Harrison Park Junior High School Glee Club 1935

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General note

Top row (L to R): Daniel McClure / Robert Decker / Ella Mae Boos /
Joyce Haan / Maria Schramm / Irene Luyk / Jean Heeringa / Jeanne
Heemstra / Lillian Jessup / Lorraine Zeeff / Shirley Cohen / Helen

Series III. Photographs

Anderson / Charles Smith / Caryl Vanderwerf / Clarence Robison / Carl Phillips

Middle row (L to R): Clarence Fortuin / Casimir Mioduchowski / Oscar Rysdyk / Marjorie Smith / Arlene Stehouwer / Irene Maghielse / Ruth Daugin / Betty Misner / Louise Lanski / Johanna Moerdyk / Dorothy Drenth / Bill Borgeld / Bert Van Der Werff / Rodney Mulder / Raymond Pinder / Andrew Steketee

Bottom row (L to R): Robert Jakems / Junior Vande Vrede / Minnie Byle / Lillian Draugalis / Dorothy Emmons / Marian Peterson / Virginia Viktaravich / Marjorie Knoll / Emajian Sterken / Emma Kirschman / Elaine Wietsma / Ruth Blink / Marian Rypkema / Chester Pearson / Raymond Sikanas / Homer Van Portfliet / George Frose

Lithuanian Son's & Daughter's Aid Society Minstrel Show, partial cast 1928

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General note

(L to R): Joe Yurgaitis / John Kutchinkas / Joe Levanovich / Mike Gregaitis / Tony Syripka / John Yurgaitis / Bill Sveadas / Peter Yurgaitis / Bill Raseckas / John Stacilauskas / Joe Draugelis / Bill Yurkinas / John Yurkinas (on floor)

Lithuanian Son's & Daughter's Aid Society Minstrel Show, full cast 1928

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General note

(L to R): Joe Yurgaitis (York) / Charles Jakems / William Yurkinas / Joe Draugelis / Mike Gregaitis / William Sveadas / Joe Levanovich / Nellie Stacilauskas / Tess Plechus / John Kutchinkas / Tillie Grusas

Series III. Photographs

Tony Kaupas / Anna Sukstas / Peter Yurgaitis / Anna Kaupas / William Ruseckas / John Stacilauskas / John Yurkinas (stooping at center)

Harrison Park Junior High School all girl 9th Grade choir 1936

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General note

First row (L to R): Ruth Daughin / Irene S. / Margitte Vander Werf / Marian Peterson / Minnie Byle / Lillian Draugels / Dorothy Emmons / Marian Rykama / Betty Ensign / Catherine Ansile / Helen Giles / Florence Oelink / Jane Talsma / Arlene Canfield / Virginia V. / Marjorie Nol

Second row (L to R): Marian Boone / Joyce Haan / Greta S. / Jeannette H. / Elamae B. / Maria S. / Irene M. / Arlene Robinson / Emajean S. / Emma Kirksman / Marian Verhomy / Pearl Reinhard / Eva Wallace / Lucille B. / Betty M. / Shirley C.

Third row (L to R): Nella Englesman / La Verne H. / Lucille Z. / Helen S. / Dorothy Dreath / Aldoma Takus / Jean H. / Eleanor Block / Helen Anderson / Eleanor Post / Jack Van Til / Margaret B. / Marian Veshey

Sons & Daughter Aid Society drama production circa 1920s

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20th Anniversary of the Lithuanian Sons & Daughters Aid Society at Grand Rapids Mich. November 3, 1929

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General note

Top row (L to R): A. Dauksas / W. Gasmulis / J. Antonaitis / F. Kamsickas / P. Madalinskas / J. Vaitkevicius / A. Kauskas / A. Lujus

Center row (L to R): B. Adamson / T. Rasikas / C. Petrika / J. Urbunas / M. Rupsis / S. Barto / F. Kilotaitis / P. Kriksciunas / K. Pasluosta

Series III. Photographs

Seated (L to R): Mrs. M. Adamson / Mrs. M. Globiciene / W. Zvirblis / I. Medestavicius / A. Adomaitis / C.T. Jakems / A. Garbon / P. Samolonis / Al. Cameron

Officers and delegates attending the opening ceremony celebrating the Lithuanian Sons Aid Society's new facility at 1057 Hamilton Ave. NW in Grand Rapids, Mich. May 30, 1913

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General note

Seated (L to R): #9 M. Gillis / #8 J. Teiberis / #2 J. Garnupis / #1 W.K. Liumas, President / #3 P. Kauszius / #20 F. Graiczaitis / #19 L. Braszkis

2nd Row (L to R): #16 J. Stankus / #11 J. Svygris / #13 J. Gurskis / #12 B. Bacevycze / #24 P. Sarata / #23 Ig. Medestavyczius

3rd Row (L to R): #10 K. Liubinskas / #5 G. Bielinis / #18 J. Andriuszka / #26 A. Adomaitis / #6 J. Dementis

4th Row (L to R): #27 Z. Urbanavyczius / #17 S. Karsokas / #22 J. Bergelaitis / #21 V. Valinskas / #25 J.Bizauskas

5th & Top Row (L to R): #7 J. Brazaitis / #15 J. Margelis / #4 J.K. Valinskas / #14 A.Bernotas

SS. Peter & Paul Aid Society Golden Jubilee in Grand Rapids, Mich. May 23, 24 and 25, 1941

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General note

Photo taken on the front steps of the clubhouse at 1408 Hamilton NW.

1st Row Seated (L to R): Antanas Martinaitis / Victor Szeiva / Vincas Puzaras / Fr. Jerome Winikaitis / George Orent / Joe Naudjis / John Brazaitis

Series III. Photographs

2nd Row (L to R): Mrs. Ann Szeiva / Mrs. Joseph Guston / Mrs. Joseph Driza / Mrs. Veronica Kamsickas / Mrs. Marijona Cepla / Mrs. Mary Paura / Unknown / Mrs. Andrew Karsokas

3rd Row (L to R): John Teiberis / Unknown / Unknown / John Staras / Joeseph Diozbali / Sam Edkins / Joseph Naudzius

4th Row (L to R): Dan Greicaitis / Peter Medelinskas / Bernard Gibson / Antanas Dauksza / Jonas Zilinskas

5th Row (L to R): Albert Kareckas / Charles Jakems / John Baura / Unknown / Walter Morris

6th Row (L to R): Walter Tursky / Charles Rimkus, Sr. / Unknown / Jim Rose / Shatkus

Photocopy of a post card in Lithuanian promoting farms for sale in the Scottville, Mich. area circa 1917

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Group photo of St. Ann's Society members at the SS. Peter & Paul Society Clubhouse July 24, 1947

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Simano Daukanto Aid Society founded 1913

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General note

Standing (L to R): #11 P. Jakimavicius / #10 K.Arcikauskas / #7 Juoz. Arminas / #6 A.Jasaitis / #5 A. Adomaitis / #3 F.Skripka

Seated, Middle Row (L to R): #8 V. Juskaitis / #4 Jon. Arminas

Seated on Floor (L to R): #9 A. Skripka / Framed picture of Simanas Daukantas (1793-1864) / #2 J.K. Valinskas

Item Missing

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Series III. Photographs

Map of the City of Grand Rapids, Michigan (circa 1930) with a more current inset showing the boundaries of Lithuanian Town. The U.S. 131 Expressway depicted on the inset was constructed in 1963, and 100 – 150 homes in old Lithuanian Town were lost.	3	29
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Photo of a lithograph of Vytautas The Great (1392-1430), namesake of the Grand Rapids, Mich. Vytautas Aid Society.	3	30
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Photo of a computer enhanced sketch of Edward V. Gillis's father's Whiskey Still and related paraphernalia as it appeared in about 1932	3	31
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SS. Peter & Paul Roman Catholic Church Lithuanian Choir circa 1958	3	32
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General note

Front row (L to R): Michalina Maskaliunas / Jevdiga Mikuzis / Sophia Lastas / Jean Oksas / Francis Jurgal / Ann Puzar / Mary Salatka / Ona Biezis / Agnes Totoraitis / Petronele Seniunas / Varonika Paovys / Ann Kareckas / Janina Puodziunas / Anzle Lukuseviceute

Back row (L to R): Pranas Zilaitis / Vincas Lukusevicius / Alfredas Puodziunas / Antanas Maskaliunas / Vytautas Beniukaitis / Jonas Paovys / Pranas Kestaukas / Jonas Bartaskas / Kostas Stasiunas / Walter Matulis / Vincas Strolis

SS. Peter & Paul Aid Society "Kitchen Crew" circa 1948	3	33
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General note

Standing back row (L to R): Mrs. Adomaitis / Ann Naujalis / Mrs. Steponavicius / Mrs. Pauline Warner

Series III. Photographs

Standing back row (L to R): Mrs. Alksnis / Unknown / Ann Puzar

Lithuanian Sons & Daughters Aid Society “Kapusta Burger Crew” Mothers’ Club circa 1945	3	34
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General note

Front row (L to R): Mrs. Yurgaitis / Unknown

Back row (L to R): Mrs. Zilinskas / Mrs. Adomaitis / Mrs. Gillis (author’s mother) / Unknown / Unknown

Interior view, Ritz Variety Store, northwest corner of Broadway and Leonard. circa 1927	3	35
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The Great West Side Flood, looking east on Leonard Street from the intersection with Hamilton. Includes VanBree Hardware, 75' gas illumination tower April 14, 1904	3	36
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Lithuanian Athletic Club’s Championship Football Team 1929	3	37
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General note

Seated (L to R): Alex Strokis / Pete Zegunis / Frank Uzas / Bill Tauter / John (Cy) Simmons / Capt. John (Skeezer) Skuzinskas / Mike Mazgalis / Al Salatka

Standing (L to R): Pete Mazgalis / Joe (Chink) Apacinka / Frank Zvailauskas / Frank Skeestone / Al Margalis / Bob Adomaitis / Duke Gedris, Mgr. / Pete Savage / Johnny Virkstis

Series III. Photographs

Gunn Furniture Co. desk finishing room. The plant superintendent, Lithuanian John Yurkinas is 6th from the left in a dark suit.	3	38
Interior view, VanBree & Sons Hardware Store, 436 Leonard NW. The men in the photo are presumably Mr. VanBree and his sons. Mr. VanBree was highly respected and trusted by the Lithuanian community. circa 1915	3	39
American Seating Co. employee baseball team. Identified Sam Edkins, 5th from left and Frank Skestone, 7th from left, first row circa 1930	3	40
Lithuanian cheese press circa 1930	3	41
Lithuanian cabbage shredder, known as an "Olius." The shredded cabbage was then used to make "Kapustus." circa 1920	3	42
Various Lithuanian funnels (piltuvelie) used in food preparation.	3	43
Exterior view, Archibald B. McKay Saloon, 456 Leonard St NW. Man 2nd from left is Joe Matulaitis and on far right is Victor Gustainis. circa 1917	3	44
Funeral wake in Lithuania circa 1900	3	45
Funeral of Zose Malekauskiene in Telsius, Lithuania 1989	3	46
Funeral wake of Zose Malekauskiene in Telsius, Lithuania 1989	3	47
Vytautas Aid Society 50th anniversary Jubilee Committee 1960	3	48
General note		

Series III. Photographs

Front row (L to R): Anthony Childs / Walter Tursky / Joseph Galinis /
Joseph Matulaitis / George Orent

Back Row (L to R): Joseph Gelwich / Dan Meconis / Raymond Matthews /
Anthony Martinaitis / John (Kavalauskas) Francis / Jerome Adamaitis /
John Chapla

American Lithuanian Roman Catholic Women's Alliance XIII Annual
Meeting in Detroit, Mich. 1927

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General note

Fr. Cizauskas, pastor of Detroit's St. Georges Lithuanian Catholic Parish is
seated in the front row, 6th from the left.

SS. Peter & Paul Aid Society Mother's Club on kitchen duty

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General note

Left to right is Veranika Kamsickas, Mrs. Ambutas, Alice Steponavicius,
Pauline Warner and unknown.

SS. Peter & Paul Catholic School 4th Grade Class October 19, 1927

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General note

Teacher was Sister Rudolphine. Columns left to right and top to bottom:

Column 1: Joe Salatka / Paul Nausaitis / Bill (Rabzevich) Ross / Bishop
Charles Salatka / Ddmond Wassel

Column 2: Frank Maistis / Joe Jashinskas / Albert Shapinski / Ben Zickus /
Edward Kazelskas

Series III. Photographs

Column 3: Bill Kuckor / Ray Saukas / Leo Barstis / Joe Undraitis / Victor Svigris / Norbert Vaichunis

Column 4: Mildred (Bogush) Gregel / Esther Asmutis / Elene Jancaras / Stella Masck / Henen Bartnick / Charles Zigmont / Unknown

Column 5: Ann Jakuciunas / Lucille Adkins / Margaret Kukta / Adella Parauka / Helen Barstis / Bertha Klimavich

Column 6: Unknown / Eleanore Yadvinskas / Philamena Medlin / Agnes Barstis / Elsie Ondraitis

Column 7: Alda Mazur / Madalene Gaubas / Martha Gaubas / Nellie Masck

SS. Peter & Paul Catholic School 8th Grade Basketball team 1931-1932

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General note

Front Row (L to R): Jerry Gedris / Benny Zickus / Joe Puplis, Jr. / Charles Lackus / Al Kukta

Back Row (L to R): "Duke" Gedris / Joe Stankus / Leo Bajorinas / Alex Urban / Charley (Simonaitis) Simmons

Lithuanian Town Girls Softball team circa 1930s

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General note

Bottom Row (L to R): Mary Vaivada / Agnes Pizzaro / Unknown

Top Row (L to R): Frank Uzas, Mgr. / Lucy Uzas / Ann Zelainis / Stella Uzas

Middle Row (L to R): Liz Grubalauskas / Pauline Kurlis / Jennie Grubalauskas

Series III. Photographs

SS Peter & Paul Catholic School 9th Grade graduating class 1935

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General note

Bottom Row (L to R): Mary Kuchkas / Rose Grublauskas / Corinna
Bart / Rev. Joseph A. Lipkus / Assit. Rev. Jerome S. Winikaitis / Anne
Kavalauskas / Elda Salatka / Alice Druskis

Middle Row (L to R): Eva Raulinaitis / Mary Zadvickas / Teresa
Kuchinkas / Nellie Auksnis / Mary Matulaitis / Helen Baura / Adelle
Genautis / Nellie Prusevicz / Rose Grublauskas / Rosaline Viesnor / Irene
Bernot

Top Row (L to R): Ray Matulaitis / Charles Klimavich / Benny
Dubinskas / Joseph Tabor / Casmir Kluonis / Marion Kisankevich / Bob
Kurant

SS. Peter & Paul Catholic School 6th Grade Class 1924

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General note

Top Row (L to R): Ann (Kamsickas) Kamm / Nettie Simonovich / Frank
Snyder / Charles Walukonis / Dominic Viesnoraitis / Emily Luksa / Mary
(Czepla) Chapla

2nd Row down (L to R): Mary Tabor / Edna Urban / Alice Jagmanus /
Pauline Kirlas / Nellie Kizavich / Edna Paluskas / Constance Gribas /
Emily (Amelia?) Grublauskas

3rd Row down (L to R): Frances Prusevich / Mary Virszulas / Magdalena
Viesnoraitis / Katherine (Karalius) King / Marcella Meistas / Agnes
Alexis / Albina Naudzius / Elda Yancarar / Sophie Kazelskis / Catherine
Grubolauskas / Anne Zalenas

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4th Row down (L to R): Joseph Rinkevich / John Kavalauskas / Adolph (Ciuplis) Chaples / John Ambutavicius / Albin Kamen / Alex Bernotas / Victor Kilikevicz / Edward Kurant

5th Row down (L to R): Walter Drungilas / Anthony (Stankus) Stank / William Nemanaitis / Frank Matulaitis

Either 2nd row, far left or 4th row, far right: Joseph Petrovich

Greeting Archbishop George Matulaitis - Matulevicus upon his arrival at Grand Rapids MI Union Railway Station for the 25th Anniversary Celebration of the establishment of S. Peter & Paul Roman Catholic Church. July, 1926

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General note

Flower Girls (L to R): S. Grigaliunaite / L. Reklaciute

Back Row (L to R): J. Kurant / A. Blaskus

Front Row (L to R): Rev. J. Maculionis / Rev. Joseph Lipkus / The Archbishop / A. Vaivada / J. Kaman / J. Savickas / J. Kvietkauskas

Staff of the Rowe Hotel Grand Rapids, Mich. Many Lithuanians worked as cooks, chefs and chambermaids at Rowe, the Pantlind and Morton House hotels. circa 1930

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John Sabaitis with his experimental, louvered paddle-wheel aircraft.

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“Spooky,” John Sabaitis’s German Shepard dog whom he trained to sing and serve beer in his tavern. circa 1930

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General note

Seated (L to R): O. Griniene / M. Alksniniene / Rev. Joseph A. Lipkus / Fr. Alfonsas / E.Misiuviene / A. Adomaitiene

Standing (L to R): Marcele Buoziene / A. Kamsicviene / A. Steponauskiene / J. Vasiciauskiene

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General note

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General note

Front Row (L to R): R. Gedris, Mgr. and Captain / J. Virkstis / . Nauseda / A. Kueder / Wm. Nauseda / V. Szeiva, Asst. Mgr

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Back Row (L to R): Wm. Tauter / A. Dauksza / A. Strockis / J. Bagdon / F. Skistimas / M. Mazgalis

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Founders of SS. Peter & Paul Aid Society circa 1892 3 90

General note

Seated (L to R): L. Galinas / Sidaravicius / Vilkauskas / M. Bagdonavicius / V. Bagdonavicius / J. Kamantauskas

Row 1: J. Orenta / V. Burinskas / K. Matukevicius / P. Slapikauskas / J. Bielskas / A. Ciuplis

Row 2: J. Kurantavius / S. Strimaitis / J. Burinskas

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Row 3: J. Grinevicius / A. Kaleda / J. Didzbalis / P. Skiinkis / M. Dulskis / M. Zemaitis / Unknown / Unknown		
Row 4: V. Vizgirda / P. Bielskis / V. Bagdanavicius / V. Juskaitis / A. Gerdis / J. Sadauskas		
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General note		
Front Row (L to R): Stanislovas Motiejaitis / Juozas Zemaitis / Stanis Atkuciuonas / Povyl Asmurauskas / Juozas Krovelskis / Vincas Asmutis / Vincas Niksas (Comdr.) / Aleksandra Giedraitis / Antanas Adomaitis / Vincas Janulaitis / Jonas Ambrosas / Vincas Valinskas		
Second Row (L to R): Baltrus Baltusis / Mikodemas Grigetis / Adolph Slapikauskas / Vincas Lintkevicia / Pranas Mozurevicia / Vincas Mozurevicia / Vincas Sesnauskas / Antanas Blaskevicia / Juozas Birgiolaitis / Jonas Dielininkaitis		
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General note		
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Row 2 (L to R): Nellie Prince / Unknown / Adela Siratovich / Trenis / Mary Skestone / Anne Tauter / Helen Tauter / Anne Tabor / Grace Baylis / Mary Vishota / Edna Klimaitis		
Row 3 (L to R): Unknown / Eleanore King (Karalus) / Petronella Vivada / Unknown / Nellie Naudzius / Nellie Cegalis / Sister Cegalis / Connie Zemaitis / Eleanore Pitchel / Della Brazaitis		
Row 4 (L to R): Unknown / Francis Kamantauskas / Vince Bagdon / Ed Rasimas / Vince Asmutis / Unknown / John Misius / Robert King (Karalus) / Albert "Boots" Jadvinskas / Tony Alksnis / Edward Sakocious / Dick Burns / John Cizauskas / Bill Wallace		
Row 5 Bottom: Ed Kutchinkas / Matt Cizauskas / Unknown / Robert Adkins / Vince Klimavicz / Bill Kazelskas / Ray Sherwin / Al Bernot		
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Front Row (L to R): Jerry Adamaitis A / Norbert Puplis A / Al Base V / John Taruta V / Unknown AF NCO who accompanied Lt. Barto's remains home / Frank Kamsicskas V / John Kamsicskas V / Eugene Bagdon V		
Back Row (L to R): Father Jude / Joe Jarich N / John Krikchunas A / Tom Gelwich N / Roger Sherwin AF / Ray Saukas A / John Tabor AF / John Bagdon A / John Niedwic A / Tony Childs ? / Ray Sakainas V / Albert Griegel V / Charles Galinas V / George Salatka V		
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General note

Seated (L to R): L. Chase / J. Edkins / J. Nelson / W. Morris, Pres. / N. Tuma / W. Mazur / J. Mol / J. Puplis

Middle Row (L to R): F. Skestone / P. Matthews / L. Boyer / W. Sherwin / R. Saukas / F. Zukaitis / J. Totoraitis / R. Kurant / J. Norkus / H. Schippers

Top Row (L to R): S. Edkins / E. Scullion / E. Masck / J. Morris / V. Grey

Barto & Son Funeral Home located at the NW corner of Quarry and Myrtle circa 1930	4	116
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John Sabaitis standing in front of his restaurant/tavern on the SE corner of Richmond ST NW and Muskegon AVE NW circa 1930	4	117
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General note

Msgr. Simon Pangonis of St. Adelbert Church presiding.

Elected were: Joseph Dubinskas, President / John Barczauskas, Vice President / John Bielskas, 1st Secretary / Vinsas Rinkevicz, 2nd

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Secretary / Vinsas Kulbokas, Treasurer / Vinsas Bielskas, ? / Dominikas Barcauskas, ? / George Oleka, ? / George Kamantavicze, Sick Benefits / Joseph Salatka, Marshall

Joe Gillis and his wife Mary (Marciulaitis) Gillis in their canoe "My River Home" on the Grand River circa 1940 4 121

Tony Dauksze, Lithuanian Arctic explorer posing with Narwal whale tusk at Prince Regent Inlet; Northwest Territories, Canada. Also see photo 178. circa 1969 4 122

Grocery store (exterior view) at the corner of 11th ST and Hamilton AVE NW. circa 1940 4 123

General note

Known for its herring circa 1940. The store was founded by Jaccubus Bach in the 1920s and later owned and operated by his brother, Morris Bach in the 1930s and later by Tony & Betty Lukas.

Sons and Daughter Aid Society bar room 1057 Hamilton AVE NW after its merger with the Simonas Daukantas Aid Society circa 1920 4 124

Sons and Daughter Aid Society bar room 1057 Hamilton AVE NW circa 1920 4 125

St. George Aid Society (founded 1903) Hall (exterior view) at 1513 Quarry AVE NW circa 1953 4 126

Lithuanian Freedom Cemetery Maintenance Building under construction circa 1919 4 127

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General note

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General note		
The business was operated at this site by John Lubinkas, Sr. and later by his sons Victor and John, Jr. from 1927 to 1981, and specialized in Lithuanian preferred cuts of meat. See photo 177.		

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Walter F. Thomasma Meat Market (interior view) located at the SW corner of Leonard ST and Turner AVE circa 1895	4	174
General note		
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SS. Peter & Paul Catholic School 6th grade class October 19, 1927	4	175
General note		

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The teacher, Sister Sebastian is not pictured. Students are listed top to bottom.

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Column 2: Anthony Martinkevicz / Edward Kuchinskas / Vincent Asmistis / Matthew Cizauskas / Frank Kamantauskas / Albert Bernott

Column 3: Ed Sakocious / Louis Cizauskas / Edward Navickas / Albert Jadvinskas / Unknown / Vincent Bagdon

Column 4: Unknown / Joseph Jacewicz / Peter Lucas / Peter Gerulis / Joseph Waitkonis(?)

Column 5: Pat Vaivada / Eleanor Pitchell / Nellie Naudzius / Eula Smelges / Eleanor King / Raymond Sherwin

Column 6: Edna Klimaitis / Pat Nausadis / Connie Zemaitis / Mary Moskevicz / Florence Shupinsky / Deda Brazaitis

Column 7 (far right): Mary Mikulaitis / Helena Bernott / Marian Youvish / Anna Tabor / Patricia Yancharas / Adella Chepla

John Lubinskas, Jr. in front of his store, Lubinskas Market March 5, 1978

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General note

The business was founded by his father, John Lubinskas, Sr. in 1927 and was located at the NE corner of Muskegon AVE NW and Crosby ST NW. Also see photo 160.

Map of the Northwest Passage showing route traversed by Lithuanian Arctic explorer, Anthony Dauksza. His solo expedition being only the fourth to have made the 3,500 mile passage by 1976. Also see photo 122.

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Purchaser's Receipt from the North German Lloyd Steamship Co. April 18, 1912	4	182
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General note

Pranziskus Dovidaitis (Frank Dover) had bought passage for his wife, Ona Dovidaitis and their two children to travel from Tilsit, Lithuanian to join him in Grand Rapids MI.

Dovidaitis family portrait. Left to right are Emily (later surname was Morris), Frank, Jr., Ona and Pranziskus (Frank Dover, Sr.). 1912	4	183
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Lithuanian Town wedding 1904	4	184
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General note

Seated (L to R): Anthony J. Ambrazas, Best Man; Joseph Andrusis, Groom; Anna Stoliunas, Bride; unknown, Maid of Honor. Standing (L

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to R): unknown, Usher; Helen A. Grigaitis (Barto), Bridesmaid; Ignase Draugelis, Usher and unknown, Bridesmaid.

Thomasma Brothers Meat Market (interior view), northwest corner Leonard St NW and Davis Ave NW May 1920	4	185
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Group photo of Grand Rapids MI Chapter 42 of the Lithuanian Alliance of America (L.L.A. or S.L.A. in Lithuanian) 1936	4	190

General note

Persons pictured are: K. Arcikauskas, K. Pasluosta, V. Vitunskiene, K. Greicaitiene, E. Misiuviene, M. Bernotiene, V. Zigas, P. Kluonis, J.M. Smilgius, J. Vitunskas, J. Vaitkevicius, P. Medelinskas, D. Greicaitis, K. Andriusis, P. Greicaitis, K. Mecionis, J. Savickas, A.J. Bernotas, A. Karsokas. The photo caption is in Lithuanian, so each person's position is not known.

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American-Lithuanian Roman Catholic Womens Alliance group photo at a convention in Grand Rapids MI. The group is posing at the main entrance to SS. Peter & Paul Roman Catholic Church. 1985	4	194
Three Lithuanian Lodge badges (obverse side) L to R: D.L.K. Vitauto Kareivu Dr. Ste, Draugiste Pagelbos – Svz. Petro ir Povilo and Dr-Te Bro Paszelpo Sz. Jurgio. See photo 197.	4	195
Three Lithuanian Lodge badges (reverse side) L to R: Vytauto Aid Society, SS. Peter & Paul Aid Society and St. George Aid Society. See photo 196.	4	196
Lithuanian Societies badges, tokens and commemoratives.	4	197
General note		
L to R Queen of Holy Rosary Pray for us founded 1902, St. Agatha Society, American-Lithuanian Roman Catholic Womens Alliance 1914 – 1989 75th year and SS. Peter & Paul Catholic School 1932 graduation pin and ribbon. Lower center group (l to r) SS. Peter & Paul Aid Society 25th		

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Anniversary pin and ribbon, Vytautas Aid Society medal and Lithuanian Sons & Daughters Aid Society 5 cent bar tokens. See photo 199.

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The Royal Theater at 306 Leonard ST NW. John Francis (John Kavalauskas) was the manager in the 1930s. March 13, 1947 4 199

Series IV. Exhibit

Scope and Contents note

A small case exhibit related to the publication of the Gillis book was done in the Local History Department circa 2000. Laser copies of images and captions from that exhibit are available, including some oversized items.

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Small graphic	1	10
Oversized	6	