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Finding Aid for the Frydrych (Frederick) and Mroz family photographs Collection 515

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Summary Information

Repository:	Grand Rapids History Center
Title:	Frydrych (Frederick) and Mroz family photographs
ID:	Collection 515
Date [bulk]:	1900-1989
Physical Description:	.5 Linear Feet
Language of the Material:	English .
Abstract:	The Frydrych (Frederick) and Mroz family photograph collection contains twenty-eight photographs, mainly formal portraits, taken in the early to middle part of the 20th century and left at the Grand Rapids Public Library by an anonymous donor. The people represented are members of the Polish Catholic community from the west side of Grand Rapids, Michigan. It is unclear if all of the individuals represented are part of a larger family. However, the Frydrych (Frederick) family and the Mroz family were connected. John Stanley Frydrych and Stephania Mroz were siblings. John Frydrych (1894-1956) and Viola Biadasiewicz (1887- 1990) had four children. John's sister, Stella (1890-1980), married John Mroz, Sr. (1889-1945) and they had six children. Those researching the Polish community in Grand Rapids may find this collection of interest, as would those researching Polish genealogy.

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Biographical / Historical

John Frydrych (1894-1956) and his wife, Viola Biadasiewicz (1887- 1990), were both born in Poland. They immigrated to the United States in the 1910s. It is unclear where they met and married. They settled in Grand Rapids, Michigan and had four children; John (1919-1985), Joan (1921-2009), Harry (1923-2009) and Thomas (1934-2020). The Frydrychs attended St. Adalbert Basilica and John, Sr. was employed by American Seating.

John Mroz, Sr. (1889-1945) and his wife, Stella Frydrych (1890-1980), were both born in Poland. They were married in Grand Rapids and they had six children; twins Mary

(1912-1986) and Marcia (1912-1985), John Jr. (1914-1967), Adam (1916-1985), Stanley (1921-1996), and Dorothy (1929-2008). John, Sr. operated a grocery and meat market, and the family attended St. Adalbert Basilica.

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Scope and Contents

The Frydrych (Frederick) and Mroz family photograph collection contains twenty-eight photographs, mainly formal portraits, taken in the early to middle part of the 20th century, of members of the Polish community in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Approximately half of the photographs include identifying information. A number of the photos are of the Frydrych and Mroz families, connected through the marriage of John Frydrych's sister, Stella, to John Mroz, Sr. Other family names identified in this collection are Galka, Kunish, Truskowski, Dominski, and Zoppa.

Additional genealogical research might explain how the Frydrych and Mroz families are connected to the other individuals represented in this collection, as well as provide a better understanding of early 20th century life in this Grand Rapids community.

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Immediate Source of Acquisition

Anonymous donor. Frydrych (Frederick) and Mroz family photographs 2022.047.

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Controlled Access Headings

- Grand Rapids (Mich.) -- History
- Polish Americans -- Michigan -- Grand Rapids -- History
- Grand Rapids (Mich.) -- Genealogy
- Catholic Church -- Michigan -- Grand River Valley
- Portrait photography -- Michigan -- Grand Rapids

Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Instances	
Helen Galka portraits; White Studio (undated), Zane Studio, 1936	Box 1	Folder 1
Helen Galka and Bert Kunish wedding portrait, Wallace Studio	Box 1	Folder 2
Truszkowski family wedding portrait, Wallace Studio	Box 1	Folder 3
Truszkowski, portrait of two men	Box 1	Folder 4
Beatrice Dominski, first Communion, Zane Studio, 1937	Box 1	Folder 5
Anthony Zoppa, portrait, White Studios	Box 1	Folder 6
John Frydrych (Frederick) family portrait, Wallace Studio	Box 1	Folder 7
Harry Frydrych's son, first Communion, Wallace Studio, 1960	Box 1	Folder 8
Rev. John A. Maksymowsk with note on reverse, "married Ed Walczak and Dorothy Mroz"	Box 1	Folder 9
John Mroz, Sr. funeral, photo by VanDyke, 1945	Box 1	Folder 10
Elaine Mroz, first Communion, 1946	Box 1	Folder 11
High school class photo and prom photo of Veronica (illegible last name), with notes from her on the reverse, 1986-1989	Box 1	Folder 12
Two photographs of an unidentified woman, one with an illegible first name on the reverse and a note, "Aunt Ellen's place, Cumberland, Wisconsin Oct 1975"	Box 1	Folder 12
Portrait of a couple in formal attire, with a note on the back, "Stan's friends in L.A."	Box 1	Folder 12

Processing Information:

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The photographs in Folder 12 arrived together, inside the burgundy studio folder, with the portrait of the unidentified couple. For this reason they were processed together, should there be a connection between the individuals.

Bridal portrait, unidentified	Box 1	Folder 13
Wedding portrait, unidentified couple	Box 1	Folder 14
Wedding portrait of an unidentified couple, Kosciuszko Studio, Stocking St.	Box 1	Folder 15
First Communion, unidentified girl, 1922	Box 1	Folder 16
First Communion of an unidentified girl, Kosciuszko Co., 1926	Box 1	Folder 17
First Communion, unidentified girl, Wallace Studio, 1931	Box 1	Folder 18
First Communion, unidentified boy, Kosciuszko Co., 1923	Box 1	Folder 19
First Communion, unidentified boy, 1923	Box 1	Folder 20
First Communion, unidentified boy, 1924	Box 1	Folder 21
Portrait, unidentified boy, Wallace Studio	Box 1	Folder 22
Baby portrait, unidentified	Box 1	Folder 23