



The Polish Museum of America

The First Polish Americans

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The First Polish Americans T. Lindsay Baker, 1996 An account of the ethnic Polish immigrants who left Upper Silesia then part of Prussia and settled in Texas in the 1850s They formed the first organized Polish American communities in America

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Bukowczyk, 2017-07-12 In the last rootless decade families neighborhoods and communities have disintegrated in the face of gripping social economic and technological changes This process has had mixed results On the positive side it has produced a mobile volatile and dynamic society in the United States that is perhaps more open just and creative than ever before On the negative side it has dissolved the glue that bound our society together and has destroyed many of the myths symbols values and beliefs that provided social direction and purpose In *A History of the Polish Americans* John J. Bukowczyk provides a thorough account of the Polish experience in America and how some cultural bonds loosened as well as the ways in which others persisted

Polish-American Politics in Chicago, 1880-1940 Edward R. Kantowicz, 1975-05 The new immigrants who came from southern and eastern Europe at the turn of the century have rarely been the subject of detailed scholarly examination In particular Poles and other Slavic groups have usually been written about in a filiopietist manner Edward Kantowicz fills this gap with his incisive work on Poles in Chicago Kantowicz examines such questions as why Chicago with the largest Polish population of any city outside of Poland has never elected a Polish mayor The author also examines the origins of the heavily Democratic allegiance of Polish voters Kantowicz demonstrates that Chicago Poles were voting Democratic long before Al Smith Franklin Roosevelt or the New Deal Kantowicz has made extensive use of registration lists and voting records to construct a statistical picture of Polish American voting behavior in Chicago He draws on church records and census records to provide a detailed description of Chicago's many Polish neighborhoods He also has studied the city's Polish language press as well as the few manuscript collections left by Polish American politicians These collections together with data gleaned from interviews with individuals who were acquainted with these figures are used to sketch profiles of the political leaders of Polonia's capital Kantowicz focuses on the goals which the Polish American community pursued in politics the issues they deemed important and the functions which politics served for them He links this analysis to observations on the homeland and the reasons for which the Poles emigrated In this context he is able to draw conclusions about the nature of the ethnic politics in general His work will appeal to a variety of readers urban and twentieth century historians political scientists and sociologists

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have contributed greatly to American history and society During the largest period of immigration to the United States between 1870 and 1920 more Poles came to the United States than any other national group except Italians Additional large scale Polish migration occurred in the wake of World War II and during the period of Solidarity s rise to prominence This encyclopedia features three types of entries thematic essays topical entries and biographical profiles The essays synthesize existing work to provide interpretations of and insight into important aspects of the Polish American experience The topical entries discuss in detail specific places events or organizations such as the Polish National Alliance Polish American Saturday Schools and the Latimer Massacre among others The biographical entries identify Polish Americans who have made significant contributions at the regional or national level either to the history and culture of the United States or to the development of American Polonia

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culture and economy is still inadequate in Academia and among the Polish Americans themselves The book discusses the major themes in Polish American history such as organizational life and the structure of the community facing subsequent waves of immigration from Poland its leadership and political involvement in Polish and American affairs as well as living and working conditions and the everyday life of families and communities their culture ethnic identity and relations with the broadly understood American society starting from the outbreak of World War 2 in Poland in September 1939 and ending with the highlights of the 21st century developments It depicts Polish Americans transition from a minority through ethnic group to Americans who take pride in their symbolic ethnicity maintained intentionally and manifested occasionally This volume will be of great value to students and scholars alike interested in Polish and American History and Social and Cultural History

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Polish Americans Helena Znaniecka Lopata, Mary Patrice Erdmans, *Polish Americans* examines the impact of post communist changes in Poland and the presence of the third wave of immigrants on Polish communities abroad It studies this community as a living entity with internal divisions and conflicts and explores relations with the home nation and the country of settlement

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