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This booklet provides a guide to archival and library collections related to the history of Hungarians in Pittsburgh and western Pennsylvania. Information was obtained from churches, clubs, cultural and civic organizations, fraternal associations, libraries, special collections, and private collections. Descriptions of the holdings of 13 libraries, 25 church collections, and 24 organizational archives are recorded. In addition, Hungarian-American newspapers and periodicals published in the Pittsburgh area are cited. (Author/JD)

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#### INTRODUCTION

The Hungarian Ethnic Heritage Study of Pittsburgh is pleased to present a series of ten educational curriculum kits concerning the history, culture and current community life of Hungarians in Greater Pittsburgh.

The purpose of this series is to provide an easily understandable guide to the Hungarian ethnic community in Greater Pittsburgh. The ten curriculum kits can be read and understood by the interested student, teacher, and general reader. No special training in Hungarian studies is presumed.

The format of curriculum kits was chosen for several reasons. By treating specific topics separately, we wished to present to the reader, student and teacher a comprehensive view of a well-defined topic. For example, the reader interested in current ethnic life will find most of that information in kits 3 and 4, concerned with "Historic Hungarian Places" and "Hungarian Community Life;" respectively. On the other hand, the historically-inclined reader will turn to kit 2, "Hungarian Immigrants in Greater Pittsburgh, 1880-1980." Another practical consideration was that teachers should be able to use each kit as a basic information source, reading material, and teaching guide on a specific topic. Those interested in several topics will probably review all kits and consult additional sources listed in each of them.

The titles of the ten curriculum kits are:

1. Children's Hungarian Heritage

- 2. Hungarian Immigrants in Greater Pittsburgh, 1880-.
- 3. Guide to Historic Hungarian Places in Greater Pittsburgh
- 4. Hungarian Community Life in Greater Pittsburgh
- 5. Hungarian Folk Traditions Revisited
- 6. Hungarian Folk Arts and Crafts
- 7. Survey of Hungary: Past and Present
- 8. Hungarian Historical Sources and Collections in Greater Pittsburgh
- 9. Bibliographical Guide to Hungarian-American Sources

10. Teaching Guide for Hungarian Curriculum Kits.

These curriculum kits respond to the special need of the classroom teacher for relevant materials and a teaching guide to Hungarian ethnic studies. The first seven kits



introduce selected subject areas, while kits 8-10 provide guidelines for research and teaching.

Another feature of our study is that it makes available an extraordinary amount of primary source material relating to the history of the Pittsburgh Hungarian community. In the course of our research, we have identified and evaluated historical resources preserved in 13 libraries, 25 church collections, and 24 organizational archives, amounting to a total of 62 separate documentary collections. All major holdings in each collection are identified, evaluated, and annotated for the benefit of the prospective student and scholar in kit 8. To illustrate the potential value of these resources, we have used them liberally in our narrative:

This publication is not intended as the final word on Hungarians in Pittsburgh, but the first major step leading to the discovery and better understanding of the Hungarian heritage. Our primary task was to prepare an inventory of documentary resources, to present selected aspects of the Hungarian heritage, and to design guidelines for classroom teaching We hope that the results of our work will encourage students, teachers, and scholars to explore the Hungarian heritage We welcome such explorations and are prepared to

provide assistance if requested.

We extend our sincere appreciation to all persons and organizations who supported this undertaking. We acknowledge the financial assistance provided to us by the Ethnic Heritage Studies Program of the United States Department of Education, which made our study possible. We express our special thanks to the Pittsburgh Hungarian community, to all churches and synagogues, fraternal, social, and cultural organizations, as well as individuals who responded so generously to our requests. We wish to extend our appreciation to our Advisory Council, representing both Hungarian organizations and ethnic studies specialists. We appreciate also the support received from our organizational sponsor, the American Hungarian Educators' Association: Finally, as project director I wish to take this opportunity to commend the outstanding cooperation, dedication, and sustained performance, often under trying circumstances, of all study participants, and especially of their families, whose patience, sacrifices, and sense of humor made the completion of this study possible.



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## Preface

This inventory is a detailed guide to archival and library collections relating to the history of Hungarians in Greater Pittsburgh.

The preparation of this inventory was the initial step in assembling a series of curriculum kits pertaining to the history of Hungarians in Western Pennsylvania. The resources found in the Pittsburgh region were evaluated for their relevance to the history, culture, and traditions of Hungary, the history, culture, and traditions of Hungarian-Americans, and the contributions of Hungarians to the American heritage. On the basis of this evaluation, the specific topics for the kits were chosen.

The information contained in this inventory was obtained from churches, clubs, cultural and civic organizations, fraternal associations, libraries, special collections, and, in some cases, from private collections. Infitally, we consulted existing books and directories, as well as individuals. Based on these, we assembled a file containing the names of collections, their addresses, and names of contact persons. We then contacted each collection and set up interviews with appropriate contact persons. Each interview incorporated the preparation of a historical sketch of the organization or institution and an inventory of the available Hungarian resources. We visited most collections more than once.

As presented here, this inventory is of primary value as a rigorous evaluation of historical sources that document the past century of Hungarian life in Western Pennsylvania Source materials in 13 libraries, 25 church collections, 24 organizational archives, amounting to a total of 62 separate collections are recorded in this inventory. The scholar seeking to reconstruct the Hungarian experience will therefore find this guide indispensable. Since the inventory lists, evaluates, and annotates the holdings of the major collections, the user can identify with ease the specific sources to be reviewed. As a result, future research on Pittsburgh Hungarian life should become an enjoyable and potentially successful pursuit.

The cooperation of caretakers of collections was indispensable in the successful conclusion of this inventory, Their help and understanding are gratefully acknowledged. The editor received assistance in the gathering of this material from her husband Andras.



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#### I. LIBRARIES/ARCHIVES

## Elizabeth, SISTERS OF THE DIVINE REDEÉMER

Historical Summary

This religious order, known in Hungarian as the Isteni Megvalto Leanvai, sent its first four members to the United States in 1912. They came to McKeesport from Sopron, Hungary at the request of Reverend Kalman Kovacs of St Stephen's Hundarian Roman Catholic Church.

The American Province of the Order was established in 1923, and in 1926 a motherhouse was purchased in Elizabeth. The present chapel and motherhouse were dedicated in 1961. The stained glass windows in the airy new chapel pictorially illustrate their history.

Throughout the years, the Sisters have served as teachers and nurses to the Catholic Community, not only in Pennsvlvania, but also in surrounding states.

Affiliated with the Motherhouse is the Penn View Art Center, a cultural: educational nonprofit institution founded in 1976.

**Holdings** 

Files on individual schools and churches served by the Order, 1912 to present

Personal files on all members of the Order, 1912 to present Chronicles, 1912 to present

Correspondence, 1912 to present

Memorial book, 1961

Periodical holdings The Fountain, 1958 to present

Abauj-Kassa Közlöny, 1899 .

Szabadság, 1911

Magyarok Csillaga, 1902-1905

Magyar Zászló, 1906-1909

## Location of the Holdings

Sisters of the Divine Redeemer, Motherhouse, Rock Run Road, Elizabeth, PA 15037. Telephone: 412-751,8600 The holdings are well cared for and well organized in steel file cabinets. They are housed in a separate room of the Motherhouse which is coal and dry.



#### Contact Person

Mother M. Ignatius or Sister M. Edith Nemeth

#### Note on Holdings

These holdings are significant for the history of the greater Pittsburgh Hungarian community. Of special value are the files and chronicles kept by the Sisters on their activities. The 1902 issues of Magyarok Csillaga have not been located in any other collection.

## Ligonier, BETHLEN ARCHIVAL COLLEGION

### Historical Summary

Bethlen Home (Bethlen Otthon) in Ligonier has continuously served as a home for the elderly since 1921 Until 1977, the Hungarian Reformed Church also met the needs of those children who were orphaned.

The Bethlen Home has also provided shelter for the resources documenting the history of the Hungarian Reformed Protestants in America. This collection has never been systematically cataloged.

## Holdings

The collection is presently assigned to the care of a Permanent Committee on Museum, Archives, and Library Materials representing the various Hungarian Reformed churches The Committee did not grant us permission to examine the holdings

### Location of the Holdings

Bethlen Home, P.O. Box 657, Ligonier, PA 15658 Telephone 412-238-6711 The collection is temporarily being oused at the Hungarian Reformed Church in Youngstown, Ohio.

#### Contact Person

Reverend Paul Kovacs, Administrator

## Pittsburgh, CARNEGIE LIBRARY, MÁIN BRANCH

## Holdings

Books on Hungary and Hungarians, including some dealing specifically with immigration.

Press clippings

Press clippings



## Periodical holdings American-Magyar Review, 1952

**Location of Holdings** 

Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh, Central Library, 4400 Forbes Avenue; Pittsburgh, PA 15213 Telephone. 412-622-3131,

Note on Holdings

Three books in the collection which are of special importance on immigration include. Géza Berko, ed., Az Amerikai Magyar Népszava diszalbuma, 1899-1909 (New York: 1910); Géza Kende, Magyarok Amerikában, 2 vols. (Cleveland: 1927); Kálmán Kaldor, ed., Magyar Amerika irásban és képben, Vol-1 (St. Louis, MO. n.d.).

## Pittsburgh, ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESAN ARCHIVES

**Holdings** 

Scrapbooks pertaining to Catholic affairs, 1900 to present

Personal files on Hungarian priests (deceased) who have served the Pittsburgh Diocese. Files on following: M. Erdujhelyi, O. Horvath, N. Komlossy, C. Kovacs, D. Major, A. Martinovich, S. Nyiri, R. Novak, A. Soltesz, F. Szabo, and S. Varga

Files on individual Hungarian Roman Catholic churches in the Diocese included correspondence and newspaper clippings

Current files on and correspondence with presently active congregations

Location of Holdings

Diocesan Historical Archives, 125 N. Craig Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15213. Telephone: 412-621-6217. The materials are well cared for, although not cataloged. A separate room has been set aside for the archival materials, generally stored, in steel file cabinets.

Current (active) files are located at the Diocese of Pittsburgh, 111 Blvd. of Allies, Pittsburgh, PA 15222. Telephone: 412-456-3000.

## Contact Person

Reverend Edward F. McSweeney, Archivist.

Note on Holdings



The archives are disappointingly sparse on records regarding Hungarians. Most useful are the files on individual priests who have served in the Diocese.

# Hittsburgh, DUQUESNE UNIVERSITY TAMBURITZANS INSTITUTE OF FOLK ARTS

## Holdings

300 volumes on Hungarian folk traditions, especially folk dance.

Phonograph records and slides on Hungarian folk art, films, 16 mm, on Hungarian folk traditions, taperecordings of folk songs and dances, Hungarian folk costumes and objects of folk art, videotapes of DUTIFA performances

## Location of Holdings

DUTIFA, 1801 Blvd. of Alllies, Pittsburgh, PA 15219. Telephone: 412-281-9192.

#### **Contact Person**

Walter or David Kolar

### Note on Holdings

The collection is significant for anyone interested in Hungarian folk traditions, especially dance. No other single location in the area, can rival the wealth of this collection on the subject.

## Pittsburgh, THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA

## Holdings

Miscellaneous newspaper clippings

Church records of Rossiter Reformed Church, microfilm, 1905-1925

Church records of First Hungarian Reformed Church of Pittsburgh, microfilm, 1891-1910

Periodical holdings

Western Pennsylvania Historical Magazine, Vol. 15 (1932), Vol. 20 (1937), and Vol. 23 (1940) for articles on Hungarians

## Location of Holdings

The Historical Society of Western Pennsylvania, 4338



Bigelow Blvd., Pittsburgh, PA 15213. Telephone: 412-681-5533.

Note on Holdings

Although these holdings are small with regard to Hungarians in the Pittsburgh area, they are important Of special value are the records of the two Hungarian churches It would be useful to determine what happened to other Hungarian archival materials (e.g. newspapers) deposited there in the 1930s.

## Pittsburgh, PITTSBURGH THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

Historical Summary

Until 1959, this Presbyterian seminary was known as the

Western Theological Seminary.

Due to a close affiliation between the Presbyterian Church in the United States and the Hungarian Reformed (Calvinist) Protestants, which dates back to the turn of this century, some Hungarian ministers were trained or retrained here

Few records have remained at the Seminary The Presbyterian Historical Society in Philadelphia should have addi-

tional materials.

**Holdings** 

About 50 volumes about Hungarians, a few dealings with immigration .

Periodical holdings -

Bulletin of the Western Theological Seminary, 1909-1959.

Location of Holdings

Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, Clifford E. Barbow Library, 616 N. Highland Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15206. Telephone: 412-362-5610.

Note on Holdings

These holdings are poor with regard to Hungarians in the Pittsburgh area, but the Bulletin does provide brief biographical information on enrolled students, including those from Hungary.

Pittsburgh, UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH HILLMAN LIBRARY, ARCHIVES OF INDUSTRIAL SOCIETY



### Holdings

Files on individual churches and organizations compiled for ethnic resources survey by members of the Archives Tapes and transcripts, Oral History Project, Pittsburgh branch of National Council of Jewish Women Tapes and transcripts, Oral History Project, Homestead "The Early History of the McKeesport Jewish Community," by Sarah Landesman, ca. 1954, 35 pp. typescript American Service Institute files on 1956 Hungarian refugees Two articles produced by the "Audit of the International Institute on Pittsburgh's Nationality Community," dated 1928 and 1935.

#### Location of Holdings

Archives of Industrial Society, Hillman Library, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA 15260. Telephone. 412-624-4429.

#### Contact Person

Frank A. Zabrosky, Curator of Archives

#### "Note on Holdings

The Archives' holdings are important for the history of Hungarians in the Pittsburgh area. Of special value are the records of the American Service Institute on 1956 refugees. Mrs. Landesman's paper is unique in providing written information about Hungarian Jews, who formed a significant part of the McKeesport Hungarian community. Both oral history projects contain interviews with immigrants from Hungary.

The two articles compiled by the International Institute provide a good summary of Hungarian life in the 1920s.

## Pittsburgh, UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH HILLMAN LIBRARY, GENERAL COLLECTIONS

### Holdings

Approximately 700 volumes about the history and culture of Hungary and of Hungarian Americans

Theses/Dissertations (University of Pittsburgh)

Balogh, Joseph K. "An Analysis of Cultural Organizations of Hungarian-Americans in Pittsburgh and Allegheny County." Ph.D., 1952.

Becker, Hilda M "A Statistical Analysis of the Census Reports on the Distribution of the Foreign Born White Population of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 1890-1930."



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M.A., 1932

Butosi, John. "Church Membership Performance of Three Generations in the Hungarian Reformed Churches of Allegheny County, Pennsylvania." Ph.D., 1962.

Kalassay, Louis A. The Educational and Religious History of the Hungarian Reformed Churches in the United States." Ph.D. 1939

Kautz, Edwin L. "The Hungarian Baptist Movement in the United States: A Socio-Historical Study." M.A. 1946

Periodical holdings

Amerikal Magyar Reformátusok Lapja; 1933-1936.

Amerikai Magyar Szó, current, discarded after six months

Location of Holdings

Hillman Library, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA 15260.

## CHURCHES/SYNAGOGUES

#### **Protestant**

Brownsville, CALVIN UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Historical Summary

Until 1913, the Hungarian Protestants of Brownsville and vicinity held services in the sanctuary of the Central Presbyterian Church. They formed their own ohurch in 1907, but it was not until December 29, 1913 that the congregation purchased its present church building. In 1919 the manse was built. The pastor of the Hungarian Presbyterian Church (its name until 1964) served other congregations in the area, including Pricedale; Star Junction, and Masontown.

The congregation celebrated its Golden Jubilee in 1958. It erected Calvin Hall in 1963 to house the church school and to serve as a meeting hall.

#### **Holdings**

Registries (2 vols.), 1911 to present Financial Records, current Photographs, 1912 to present Anniversary Booklets, 1937, 1947, 1957 Souvenir Book Dedication of the Sanctuary and Honor Roll, may 30, 1945



Dedication Album, published in commemoration of new church school building. "Calvin Hall." n.d.

"History of the Calvin United Presbyterian Church, Brownsville," by Rev. A. Jalso, n.d., 3 pp. (mimeographed).

Church Bulletin, current

Location of Holdings

Calvin United Presbyterian Church, 307 Spring Street, Brownsville, PA 15417. Telephone. 412-785-5745. The records are stored in the church office and rectory. The photographs are kept in the church basement.

## Contact Person

Reverend Alexander Jatso

## Note on Holdings

Clubs affiliated with the Church also have existing records, but these were unavailable for perusal at the time of our visit. The Church has a good selection of photographs documenting its history.

## Daisvtown, UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

#### Historical Summary

The Daisvtown congregation dates back to 1917. In 1918 the present small wooden church was completed with the help of the "Pittsburgh Coal Company." During the 1920s and 1930s the town had two Presbyterian congregations, the Hungarian and the American. In 1944, the pastor of the Hungarian church was designated to assume responsibilities in both churches, and in 1956 they were formally united.

## **Holdings**

Registries, 1917 to present 50th Anniversary Booklet, 1967

## Location of Holdings

United Presbyterian Church, P. O. Box 265, Daisytown, PA 15427 Telephone. 412-938-8449. The records, housed in the church office, are in disarray.

#### Contact Person

Steve Z. Berczik (churchwarden), R.D. 1, Box 207, Daisytown, PA 15427.



Note on Holdings

Additional holdings may exist, but due to the illness of the pastor, Alexander Silay, who has served the congregation since 1928, only limited information could be obtained.

Worthwhile reading is a recent article about Daisytown: John F. Baumann, "Ethnic Adaptation in a Southwest Pennsylvania Coal Patch 1910-1940, "Journal of Ethnic Studies," VII, #3, 1979, pp. 1-23.

## Duquesne, HUNGARIAN REFORMED CHURCH

Historical Summary

The first Hungarian Reformed Church in Duquesne traces its history back to 1912. The original home of the congreagation was on the banks of the river where the U.S. Steel Plant now stands. Later, the congregation purchased a church on Third Street which they used until the present church was built in 1956. The church has had its own cemetery since 1918.

Due to a split among Hungarian-American Reformed Protestants, Duquesne had two separate Hungarian Reformed

congregations from the 1920s through the 1940s.

### Holdings -

Registries, 1919 to present Golden Anniversary Album, 1960-61 Annual Reports, 1965 to present Assorted photographs

Location of Holdings

Hungarian Reformed Church, 1411 Kennedy Avenue, Du. . guesne\_PA 15110. Telephone: 412-466-2300. The holdings are kept-in the church office.

### **Contact Person**

Reverend Louis Illes ·

Note on Holdings

For records prior to 1919, see registries of the First Evangelical and Reformed Church of McKeesport.

Additional holdings do exist, but were inaccessible to us due to renovations at the church.

Johnstown, UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



Historical Summary

Prior to the establishment of this church in 1901 at the corner of Chestnut and 9th Streets, the Hungarian Protestants of Johnstown had organized a Reformed Benefit Society in 1896. In 1902, the present church building was completed.

Throughout the years, the church has been inundated several times by floods which destroyed many of its records.

The present pastor also serves Hungarian congregations in Vintondale and Windber

Holdings

Registries, 1901 to present
Correspondence, current
Financial records, current
Church bulletin, January 1980 to present
Golden Jubilee Album, 1952
Assorted Protestant periodicals
Assorted photographs

Location of Holdings

United Church of Christ, 711 Chestnut Street, Johnstown, PA 15906. Telephone: 814-539-2415

**Contact Person** 

Reverend Joseph Benedek

# McKeesport, FIRST EVANGELICAL AND REFORMED

Historical Summary .

Hungarian Protestants in McKeesport regularly travelled to Pittsburgh for worship services before 1908. In 1909, they began to organize their own separate congregation, resulting in the purchase of a building in 1913 which the congregation had renovated. This same church is still being used by the members today.

The sanctuary is furnished in traditional Hungarian Calvinist fashion and is significant because it is the only Hungarian Reformed church in the area to have preserved the original interior. The beautiful wooden pulpit is one of the noteworthy traditional furnishings.

Holdings

Registries (2 volumes), 1917 to present By-laws, 1955





Anniversary Booklets, 1929, 1938, 1944, 1953, 1978 Golden Anniversary Album, 1958, 80 pp.

10th Anniversary Booklet, Ladies Aid Society, 1936 Memorial Booklet, 1931

Memorial Booklet Commemorating Burning of Mortgage Papers 1947

Periodical Holdings

Magyar Egyhaz, scattered issues of 1936. 1937. 1942 Reformatus Uisag scattered issues of 1936. 1962. 1963. 1964

Assorted photographs, 1910s to present

#### Location of Holdings ·

First Evangelical and Reformed Church, 134 Eighth Street. McKeesport, PA 15132. Telephone: 412-678-3427. The present pastor has a deep appreciation for the historical importance of the church Consequently, she makes a careful effort to maintain and to preserve church records. Many of the photographs documenting the history of the congregation are displayed on the walls of the church's meeting room

## Contact Person

Reverend, Eva Fabian

Note on Holdinas

This church has retained a very rich collection of photographs documenting its own history. The present pastor is continuing the effort to preserve a photographic record of the life of the present congregation through the assembling of photo albums.

## McKeesport. FREE MAGYAR REFORMED CHURCH

Historical Summary

This independent Hungarian Reformed church emerged after a disputé between Hungarian-American Reformed Protestants following World War I, as to whether the Hungarian Reformed Churches in the United States should be affiliated with an American church or should remain independent. The founders of this church firmly believed that they preferred non-affiliation.

Reverend Endre Sebestyén of Duquesne founded this church on June 20, 1922. In 1923 the congregation pur-



chased property at 115 Seventh Street which they renovated and converted into their house of worship. As the congregation grew, more space was needed, so in 1926, they tore down the existing building and built a new church which was dedicated the same year.

The present church and rectory on University Drive were built in 1972. They furnish the congregation with the most modern facilities of any Hungarian Reformed congregation in

the Pittsburgh area.

## Holdings

Registries, 1922 to present 15th Anniversary Book, 1937 50th Anniversary Album, 1972

Location of Holdings

Free Magyar Reformed Church, 101 University Drive, McKeesport, PA 15132. Telephone: 412-672-7298.

#### Contact Persons

Reverend Dénes Tamás

Mrs. Mary Fedor (a very active member of the church), 510 Midtown Plaza, McKeesport, PA 15132. Telephone: 412-673-5170.

Note on Holdings

A complete list of holdings could not be made, as the new pastor had not arrived at his post at the time this inventory was compiled.

## Munhail, FIRST HUNGARIAN REFORMED CHURCH

Historical Summary

In 1903 Reverend Sandor Harsanyi, who had helped to organize Hungarian Reformed churches in the Cleveland and Chicago areas, came to Homestead-Munhall to set up a new congregation. The typically Hungarian Calvinist church, which has continued to serve the congregation to the present day, was built in 1904. The church has had its own cemetery since 1921.

An interesting feature of the congregation, throughout its history, even to the present, is that its membership has consisted of both Hungarians and Slovaks.

The congregation celebrated its Diamond Jubilee in 1978.



The present pastor also serves the Hungarian Reformed Church in Rankin.

Holdings

Registries (5 vols.), 1903 to present
Controllers-Report (2 vols), 1929-41, 1941-50
Minutes of Ladies Aid Society meetings, 1952-66
Treasurer's Report, Ladies Aid Society, 1952-1979
"Golden Book" of donors to church, 1905-1906
Treasurer's Report, Sunday School, Dec. 1949-Dec. 1960
Annual Report, 1942, 1943, 1952, 1954, 1957 to present
Minutes, Council of Elders meetings (2 vols.), Aug. 9, 1930Jan. 1939, March 10, 1962-Sept. 11, 1974
Anniversary Book, 1913, 1943
Diamond Jubilee Album, 1978

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Assorted photographs
Church Buffetin, current
Monthly Reports, current

Charter, November 7, 1903

First Hungarian Reformed Church of Homestead, 416 Tenth Avenue, Munhall, PA 15120. Telephone: 412-461-3345. The holdings are housed in the church office of the rectory and are well cared for.

Contact Person
Reverend Zoltán Kovács

Pittsburgh, FIRST HUNGARIAN EVANGELICAL AND LUTHERAN CHURCH.

Historical Summary

This is the only Hungarian Lutheran church in the Pittsburgh area, and one of only a handful in the United States. The congregation built its new church on Hazelwood Avenue and dedicated it on April 24, 1925. They remained at that same location in Hazelwood until 1979, when the congregation was disbanded and the church sold to another congregation

Holdings



Registry (1 vol.), 1925-1979

Minutes, Council of Elders monthly meetings, Vol. 2 and 3, unbound, Jan. 3, 1941-March 5, 1950 and April 2, 1950-Jan. 26, 1964

Controller's Report, Dec. 1944-1955

Treasurer's Report, 2 vols., 1925-1944 and 1970-1974 Miscellaneous notices, 1934, 1943 to present

Miscellaneous correspondence, 1925-1979

Mortgage papers

Quarterly Report, 1928, 1941

Monthly Report, 1939-1941

Membership list, 1950-1956, 1965-1968, 1970

Annual Report, 1934, 1939, 1946-1976, 1978

Constitution and By-Laws (proposal), n.d., bilingual

Amerikai Magyar Evangélikus Kis Énekes Könyv, 1943, 88 pp. Church Bulletin, 12 yols, Oct. 1946-1956; July 9, 1961-

Jurle 22, 1964; June 1965-June 1966 -

Blueprint and plans, parsonage renovation, 1964

Contract with Pittsburgh Stained Glass Studios, March 1, 1926

Inventory of church, 1938

Minutes, Special Meeting, Sept. 23, 1945

Anthiversary Booklets, 1930, 1935, 1945, 1950, 1955,

1965, 1970, 1975

Periodical holdings

Erős Várunk, scattered issues

Papers and Reports of the Altar Society, 1925-1978

#### **Location of Holdings**

Thiel College Library, 104 College Avenue, Greenville, PA 16125. Telephone: 412-931-1484. The holdings are professionally cared for by a full-time archivist in a special area of the library.

#### **Contact Persons**

Reverend Luther E. Fackler, Assistant Archivist Reverend Paul Markovits, former pastor, 1946-1970, R. D. # 2, Box 346, Carmichaels, PA 15320. Telephone. 412-966-2532

#### Note on Holdings

The registry, in addition to a record of births, marriages, and deaths, also includes the constitution and by-laws, a list of pastors who have served the congregation, and a detailed history of the church.



## Pitfsburgh, FIRST HUNGARIAN REFORMED CHURCH

## **Historical Summary**

This congregation was originally organized on April 6, 1890 as the First Hungarian and Slovak Evangelical and Reformed St Paul Church On October 23, 1892 they dedicated their first home on Bates Street as the First Hungarian Reformed Church This church, the first Hungarian Reformed church to be built in the United States (the structure is still standing today), was used until 1904 when the present imposing stone church on Johnston Avenue in Hazelwood was dedicated.

Sánder Kalassay, pastor from 1904 to 1921, was a dynamic clergyman and community leader who contributed significantly to the growth and strengthening of the congregation.

Recently the congregation proudly celebrated its nmetieth anniversary. The present pastor continues to conduct services in both Hungarian and English.

### Holdings

Registry, 1891 to present Blueprint of Church, 1903

Treasurer's book, April 6, 1891 Annual Report, 1951 to present

Charter, Pittsburgh and Vicinity Hungarian Reform and Aid Association: April 18, 1896

Harminc év, 1891-1921..., by Sándor Kalassay (Pittsburgh: n.d.), 82 pp.

Anniversary Booklets, 1929, 1955, 1965, 1975, 1980
 Our Church, 1890-1960 (anniversary booklet)

Memorial Booklet, dedication of church school building, Nov. 6, 1927

Jubileumi Emlékkönyv, edited by Sándor Toth and published by the Ámerikai Magyar Reformátusok Lapja, 1940

Church bulletin, current

Church Bells, 1979 to present (monthly newsletter)

Assorted photographs

## **Location of Holdings**

First Hungarian Reformed Church, 221 Johnston Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15207. Telephone: 412-421-0279.



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#### **Contact Persons**

Reverend Nicholas Novak

Earl Jones, 5014 Ladora Way, Pittsburgh, PA 15207 Rele-

## Rankin, HUNGARIAN REFORMED CHURCH

This congregation dates back to 1916. It was only in 1938 that they purchased a former Methodist church to meet their needs.

The congregation is presently served by the pastor from Munhall.

## Holdings.

Registry, 1916 to present

#### Location of Holdings

First Hungarian Reformed Church, 416 Tenth Avenue, Munhall, PA 15120. Telephone: 41,2-461-3345.

#### Contact Person

Reverend Zoltán Kóvács

## Springdale, HUNGARIAN REPORMED CHURCH

**Historical Summary** 

The roots of this congregation extend back to 1908 when, the pastor of the Homestead-Munhall Hungarian Beformed Church would minister to members of the Hungarian Reformed faith in the Springdale and Cheswick mining area In 1914 the congregation purchased its own church on Keene Street. In 1968 the congregation purchased the building owned by a local branch of the William Penn Fraternal Association. The congregation has renovated the church through the tireless efforts of the present pastor, and it continues to prosper.

## Holdings

Registry, 1914 to present Annual Reports, 1953 to present

By-Laws, n.d.

.25th Anniversary Booklet, 1934







Three-page summary on history of church by Reverend Imre Kovacs.

## Locations of Holdings

Hungarian Réformed Church, Walter Lane, Springdale, PA 15144.

#### **Contact Person**

Reverend Imre Kovács, 415 Butler Street, Springdale, PA 15144. Telephone: 412-274-9262.

#### Roman Catholic ,

# Beaver Falls, ST. LADISLAUS ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH Historical Summary

This congregation was established in 1924. The church has been kept in beautiful repair. It continues to function with a retired priest serving the small congregation of largely Hungarian descent.

#### Holdings

Registry (2 vols.), 1924 to present Two-page letter from John Vekasy (summary of history)

### Location of Holdings

St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church, 605 10th Street, Beaver Falls, PA 15010. Telephone. 412-846-4585. The registries are kept at the church overseeing St. Ladislaus. Little interest was shown in the preservation of other materials if they do exist.

#### **Contact Persons**

Reverend Lawrence O'Hara, Administrator John Vekasy, 3248 37th Street Extension, Beaver Falls, PA 15010. Telephone: 412-843-5159.

# Brownsville, SACRED HEART ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH Historical Summary

The congregation was organized in 1911. It acquired its first permanent home in 1926 in the Shibbeth Building. There a chapel and a convent for the Sisters of the Divine Redeemer was furnished. In 1941 a church was built at 214 6th Avenue which served the congregation until its dissolution in 1966.



**Holdings** 

Registry, 1911-1966

Location of Holdings

Immaculate Conception Roman Catholic Church, Connells-ville, PA 15425.

#### Contact Person

Most Reverend Norbert F. Gaughan, Greensburg Diocese, 723 E. Pittsburgh, Greensburg, PA 15601. Telephone: 412-837-0901.

## Connellsville, ST. EMORY'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

**Historical Summary** 

This congregation was organized before the turn of the century, but it was in 1904 that the cornerstone for the church was laid at 114 Porter Avenue. The church no longer exists.

**Holdings** 

Registry, 1904-1969

Location of Holdings

Immaculate Conception Roman Catholic Church, Connells-ville, PA 15425.

Contact Person

Most Rev. Norbert F. Gaughan, Diocese of Greensburg, 723 E. Pittsburgh, Greensburg, PA 15601. Telephone: 412-837-0901.

## Daisytown, ASSUMPTION CHURCH

Historical Summary

This mission church was organized in 1908 and was administered by St. Emory's of Connellsville. In 1937-38 the congregation erected its own church building.

Presently the congregation is served by the pastor of St. Ann's Hungarian Roman Catholic Church of Pittsburgh. The present church was erected in 1952.

**Holdings** 



Registry, 1952 to present

Joint memorial booklet with St. Ann's Hungarian
Roman Catholic Church of Pittsburgh, 1979

Location of Holdings

St. Ann's Hungarian Roman Catholic Church, 4735 Chatsworth Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15207. Telephone: 412-421-3063:

Contact Person
Reverend Paul Bolvárv

# Johnstown, ST. EMERICH'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

This church was established in 1905 as St. Ladislas Roman Catholic Church on Power Street. In 1913, St. Emerich's replaced the former church.

The congregation celebrated its Golden Jubilee in 1955.

#### **Holdings**

Registry (3 vols.), 1905 to present Charter, 1905 Weekly bulletin, 1972 to present Golden Jubilee booklet, 1955 Assorted photographs, 1930 to present Financial records, current Clippings and scrapbooks (privately owned)

Location of Holdings

St. Emerich's Roman Catholic Church, 412 Sixth Avenue. Johnstown, PA 15906. Telephone: 814-536-6013

**Contact Person** 

Reverend Thomas J. Mahrer

## Leechburg, ASSUMPTION CHURCH

Historical Summary

Assumption Church has served this mining community and the surrounding area since 1917. In 1962 the congregation built a new modern house of worship on the outskirts of Leechburg to replace the former church on Third Street.



#### **Holdings**

Registry, 1917 to present -

Memorial booklet, dedication of new church, 1962-

#### Location of Holdings

Assumption Church, R. D. 1, Leechburg, PA 15656.

#### Contact Person

Most Reverend Norbert F Gaughan, Greensburg Diocese, 723 E. Pittsburgh, Greensburg, PA 15601. Telephone: 412-837-0901.

## McKeesport, ST. STEPHEN'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

#### **Historical Summary**

St. Stephen's was among the earliest Hungarian Roman Catholic churches to be organized in the United States. Through the efforts of its dynamic pastor Kalman Kovaes, the church assumed a leading role among Hungarian Catholics in the Monongahela Valley. Reverend Kovaes was instrumental in organizing other congregations in the area. He also edited a Hungarian Catholic newspaper from 1899 until his death in 1927.

The same church building has served the congregation since its construction in 1901. St. Stephen's also served as the first home of the Sisters of the Divine Redeemer, four of whose members arrived in McKeespert in 1912 through Reverend Kovács' efforts.

An elementary school was added to the facilities in 1931, and it continued to function until 1967.

The church has also owned its own cemetery, at Fite Station in East McKeesport, since before the First World War In recent years, the care of this cemetery has been neglected.

### **Holdings**

Registries, 1899 to present

Annual financial and statistical reports, 1900 to present Blueprints of church building, 1900

Charter of foundation, 1900

Records of St. Stephen's School (grades only), 1931-1967

Anniversary Booklet, 1950, 1975

25th Anniversary Medallion

Film (16 mm) made in honor of 25th anniversary, 1924



Financial Records of the Holy Name Society, 1919-1967 Minutes of St. Stephen's Social and Dramatic Club, 1927 1937

Scrapbook of St. Stephen's Choir. 1948-1953

Assorted photographs .

Periodical Holdinas

Magvarok Csillaga, 1903-1905 Magyar Zászló. 1907-1909

Location of Holdings

St. Stephen's Roman Catholic Church. 2125 Beacon Avenue, McKeesport, PA 15132. Telephone: 412-672-0693. A microfilm copy of the church registries is located at the Diocese of Pittsburah. Other holdings, housed in the rectory attic, such as the newspapers, are in need of permanent preservation because of their fragility.

### **Contact Person**

Reverend Stephen Kato

Note on Holdings

These holdings are of great importance for the history of the Greater Pittsburgh Hungarian community. Of special value are the following: Magyarok Csillaga, Magyar Zászló, and the film of the 25th anniversary. It would be important to identify and arrange for the preservation of the records of St. Stephen's School

## Munhall, St. MARGARET'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

**Historical Summary** 

St. Margaret's was organized in 1923 and in the following year the present church was built. Prior to this time, the Hungarian Roman Catholics of Homestead-Munhall had gone to McKeesport to worship at St. Stephen's Church.

Holdings

Repeated efforts to contact the pastor were unsuccessful, so no statement can presently be made on the nature of the holdings.

Location

St. Margaret's Roman Catholic Church, 435 Tenth Avenue, Munhall, PA 15120. Telephone: 412-461-9345.



#### Contact Person

Reverend Richard Molnar

## Pittsburgh, ST. ANN'S HUNGARIAN ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

**Historical Summary** 

This parish was established in 1914 in the heart of the Hungarian settlement in the Hazelwood section of Pittsburgh. In 1919 the congregation laid the cornerstone for the present church, which was finally completed in 1925.

The church is presently also serving as the home of the

Pittsburgh Hungarian girl and boy scout troops.

## 'Holdings

Registries, 1914 to present
Annual Reports, 1925-1926, 1934-1937, 1939, 1941
Anniversary booklet, 1979
Periodical holdings
Szent Anna Hirnöke, 1923, No/3
Magyarok Csillaga, 1899-1900

Magyar Katholikus Zászló, 1912-1927 Magyarországi Szent Erzsébet Amerikai Hirnők, 1894-1898

Assorted photographs, 1925 to present

### Location of Holdings

St. Ann's Hungarian Roman Catholic Church, 4735 Chatsworth Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15207. Telephone:412-421-3063. The present pastor seeks to organize and preserve the records of the church and to keep them in the rectory office.

#### · Contact Person

Reverend Paul Bolváry

## Note on Holdings

These holdings are of great importance for the history of the Greater Pittsburgh Hungarian community. Of special value are the following: Magyar Katholikus Zaszló and Magyarok Csillaga.



## Byzantine Rite Catholic

## Duquesne, ST. MARY'S OF THE HOLY PROTECTION BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Historical Summary

St. Mary's was founded in 1915, and until 1954 the congregation continued to be served by the pastor of Holy Transfiguration Church in McKeesport.

The congregation of St. Mary's continues to worship in the

church which their forefathers built in 1938.

#### **Holdings**

Registries, 1954 to present 25th Anniversary Booklet, 1940 Anniversary Picnic, July 8, 1951 (35th anniversary booklet)

#### Location of Holdings

St. Mary's Byzantine Catholic Church, 1209 Kennedy Avenue, Duquesne, PA 15110. Telephone: 412-466-1914. Holdings and registry entries prior to 1954 are to be found at Holy Transfiguration Church in McKeesport.

#### **Contact Persons**

Reverend Edward Lucas

Msgr. Basil Shereghy, Transfiguration Hungarian Byzantine Catholic Church, 121 Sixth Street, McKeesport, PA-15132. Telephone. 412-672-0728.

# McKeesport, TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD HUNGARIAN BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Historical Summary

Reports, 1943

In 1913 Hungarians of the Greek Catholic rite in McKeesport began to organize their own congregation. Until they built the present church in 1916, St. Nicholas Byzantine Catholic Church also served the Hungarian congregation.

#### **Holdings**

Registries, 1913 to present Charter of foundation, 1913 By-Laws, 1915 Minutes, 1923

Weekly bulletin, 1950 to present

Souvenir Book of the Silver Jubilee Anniversary, 1940 Anniversary Picnic, July 8, 1951 (35th anniversary booklet) 50th Anniversary Booklet, 1963



Location of Holdings

Holy Transfiguration Church, 121 Sixth Street, McKeesport, PA 15132. Telephone: 412-672-0728.

Confact Persons

Monsignor Basil Shereghy

Dr. Victor Molnar, 545 Sinclair, McKeesport, PA 15132. Telephone: 412-672-3380.

Note on Holdings

The pastor's very substantial collection includes books, folk art, and documents related to the history of Hungarians and Carpatho-Ruthenians.

# Munhall, ST. ELIAS HUNGARIAN BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Historical Summary

This congregation was organized in 1904-05 as St. Anthony's Church. In 1907, the Bishop granted permission for the establishment of the new church, but in order to avoid confusion with another church, it was renamed. The congregation purchased a former Episcopalian church at the corner of 9th and McClure Streets and remodelled it in subsequent years.

The present church became the congregation's new home in 1966. The interior design, to be completed for the diamond anniversary, will display carved marble columns from Italy, cloisonne designs executed in Canada, and mosaics prepared by Vatican craftsmen. Endre Fazekas, a Hungarian-American artist, is the designer.

### **Holdings**

Registries, 1907 to present
Charter of foundation, 1907
Minutes, 1907
Church bulletin, 1958 to present
50th Anniversary Booklet, 1958
Memorial booklet for dedication of church, 1966
Mindszenthy scrapbook, 1974 to present
Miscellaneous scrapbooks, 1920s-1950s
Assorted photographs
Church School Roll Book, 1925 to present
Periodical holdings



Homesteadi es videki Szt. Illes Magyar Gorog Katholikus Hitkozseg Ertesitoje, few scattered issues from 1920s

Location of Holdings

St. Elias Hungarian Byzantine Catholic Church, 4200 Homestead-Duquesne Road, Munhall, PA 15120. Telephone: 412-461-1712. The holdings have been well preserved in the church office. Part of the holdings (scrapbooks and photographs) are from a private collection temporarily housed at St. Elias Church while the booklet for the diamond anniversary of the congregation is being prepared.

## Contact Persons

Monsignor George Vida

Mrs.Margaret Katrincsak, 216 21st St. Rear, Munhall, PA 15120. Telephone: 412-461-0265.

Note on Holdings

These holdings are significant for the history of he Hungarians in the Pittsburgh area. Of special value are the scrapbooks assembled by Mr. John Katrincsak, cantor at St. Elias for many years.

#### Jewish

## McKeesport, GEMILAS CHESED

**Historical Summary** 

Gemilas Chesed Anshe Ungarn (Men of Hungary) was founded and chartered in 1886 by Hungarian, Orthodox Jews. After renting several places of worship, the congregation acquired its own building on 3rd and Market Streets in the old First Ward.

In 1963, the Congregation moved to its new home in White

Oak, where it had built a new, modern synagogue.

**Holdings** 

Constitution, 4th ed., 1925

1886-1966 Dedication Program and Testimonial for Adolph A. Ungar, March 13, 1966, includes "Fifty Years of Progress: A History of the Gemilas Chesed Synagogue, McKeesport, 1886-1966."

Financial Records, 1893-1900, 1928-1945 Minutes, Board of Directors Meetings, 2 vols., 1923-1937,

1942-1955



Roster of founding members and their contributions
Building fund records, 1960-1969
"History of the McKeesport Jewish Community of the First
Ward," by Louis Lefkowitz, ca. 60 pp., typescript

Location of Holdings

Gemilas Chesed, 1400 Summit Street, White Oak, PA 15131. Telephone: 412-678-2725

Contact Persons

. Rabbi Irving Chinn

Mrs. Sarah Landesmann, 609 Shaw Avenue, McKeesport, PA 15132. Telephone: 412-672-2951.

#### Pittsburgh, POALE ZEDECK .

**Historical Summary** 

Hungarian Jews founded Poale Zedeck, the first Orthodox congregation in Pittsburgh, in 1881. The founders rented facilities on Grant Street until they purchased a building on Federal Street in 1885. In 1901 they moved to the corner of Crawford and Rose Street, across from where the Washington Plaza now stands. Since 1929, the congregation has been at

## **Holdings**

"Anniversary Banquet Narrative of Poale Zedeck Congregation," May 1980, in *Poale Zedeck: A Century of Progress.* 

"A Minyan and Half 100 Years Later," Jewish Chronicle of Pittsburgh, April 2, 1981

## **Location of Holdings**

Poale Zedeck, Shady Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15217. Telephone: 412-421-9786. The records do not seem to have been well preserved. Additional holdings may yet be uncovered.

#### Contact Persons

Rabbi Eliyahu Safran Mrs. Marian Beck, Telephone: 412-521-3090.

#### III. FRATERNAL ASSOCIATIONS



Daisytown, FIRST HUNGARIAN BENEFICIAL SOCIETY

**Historical Summary** 

This organization known in Hungarian as the "Walkertowni Első Magyar Betegsegélyző Egylet" was formed in 1915 as a mutual benefit society. Since the 1930s it has served as a social club.

The club ownsits own two-story brick building in Daisytown

#### Holdings

Charter, 1915

By-Laws, 1915, 1920, 1927, 1936, 1947

Jubilee Album, 1950

Golden Jubilee Album, 1965

· Location of Holdings

First Hungarian Beneficial Society, Main Street, Daisytown, PA 15427.

Copies of the jubilee albums may be found at the University of Pittsburgh in the Hillman Library's Archives of Industrial Society.

# Pittsburgh, VERHOVAY AID ASSOCIATION

See Pittsburgh, William Penn Fraternal Association

# Pittsburgh, WILLIAM PENN FRATERNAL ASSOCIATION

Historical Summary

The Verhovay Aid Association was established in 1886 in Hazleton, Pennsylvania by a small group of Hungarian miners. In 1926, its headquarters were moved to Pittsburgh.

The William Penn Association was formed through the merger of the Verhovay Aid Association with the Rakoczi Aid Association of Bridgeport, Connecticut. The William Penn has grown in the intervening years, continuing to absorb smaller Hungarian fraternals. The most recent sizeable merger occurred in 1979 when the American Sick Benefit and Life Insurance Association (known as the Hungarian Aid Association until 1936, or colloquially as the Bridgeport Federation) joined the William Penn.

In 1981, the William Penn Association, representing the continuation of the Verhovay Society, proudly celebrated its 95th anniversary. As the largest Hungarian fraternal in the



United States, it is continuing to look forward to serving the Hungarian community in cultural as well as insurance matters.

#### **Holdings**

Secretary's Report, Hungarian Aid Association, 1902-1905 Minutes of general membership meetings, Hungarian Aid Association, 1901-1909

Minutes of special meetings, Hungarian Aid Association, 1917-1923

Membership list, Hungarian Aid Association, 1892 Record of payments, Hungarian Aid Association, 1914-

1927
History of Fifty Years 1892-1942: The Story of the American Sick Benefit & Life Insurance Association, compiled by John Walko

Minutes of monthly meetings, Rakoczi Aid Association, 1892-1895

Minutes of conventions, Rakoczi Aid Association, 1932-1955

By-Laws, Rákóczi Aid Association, 1912, 1923, 1951

Emlékkönyv a Bridgeporti Connecticut Rákóczi Magyar Betegsegélyző Egylet 25 Éves Jubileumára (25th anniversary book of Rákóczi Aid Association), by Vince Troll

Rákóczi Aid Association Golden Jubilee Book 1888-1938, edited by Laszlo Lakatos

Minutes, Verhovay Athletic Club, Springdale, 1947-1949 Minutes of monthly meetings, Verhovay Branch #296, Springdale, PA, 1943-1958

Membership list, Verhovay Branch #296, 1944-1945 List of officers and trustees, Verhovay Branch #296, 1953-1964

By-Laws, Verhovay Aid Association, 1927, 1931, 1934, 1935, 1939, 1943, 1951

Minutes of Board Meetings, Verhovay Aid Association Convention reports, Verhovay Aid Association

Minutes of Board Meetings, William Penn Association, 1955 to present

Minutes of Conventions, William Penn Association, 1955 to present

By-Laws, William Penn Association, 1955, 1959, 1963, 1967, 1971, 1975, 1979

By-Laws, Workingmen's Sick and Benevolent Federation, 1932, 1942



By-Laws of the McKeesport Hungarian Social Club, n.d. 15th Triennial Convention Report of the American Hungarian Federation, 1950

An Outstanding Collection of Treasured Hungarian Recipes, n.d., published by William Penn Association

Magyar Amerika Irásban és Képben, 2 vols., edited by Kálmán Kaldor

Files on individual mergers with Verhovay Aid Association Files on individual mergers with William Penn Association Assorted photographs

Periodical holdings Összetartás, 1912-1939 Rákőczi Szemle, 1923-1955 Szövetség, 1919 (Vol. 3)-1948 Verhovayak Lapja, 1918-1955 The Torch, 1966-1971 William Penn, 1956-1965 William Penn Life, 1966 to present

Location of Holdings

William Penn Fraternal Association, 429 Forbes Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15219. Telephone: 412-281-8950. The president of the William Penn Association is interested in preserving the holdings. The materials listed are bound and maintained in separate file cabinets. Additional holdings are scattered in various storage areas. Access to these areas would yield additions to the list of holdings.

Contact Persons

Elmer Charles, President Albert J. Stelkovics, former National Secretary

Note on Holdings

All of these holdings are highly significant for the history of the Hungarians in the United States in general and in Western Pennsylvania specifically. Of special value are the collections of periodicals and the various minutes. Newspapers relevant to the Pittsburgh area specifically are: Verhovayak Lapia and Osszetarias (the journal of the Workingmen's Sick and Benevolent Federation).

It would be useful to preserve the more fragile portion of the holdings (e.g. newspapers) on microfilm and to conduct a thorough inventory of resources owned by the William Penn

Association.



# (East) Pittsburgh WORKINGMEN'S SICK AND BENEVOLENT FEDERATION

Historical Summary

This fraternal benefit society, known in Hungarian as the Munkás Betegsegélyző Szövetség, was established in 1906 in Newark, New Jersey. Its headquarters moved to East Pittsburgh in 1908.

In 1947 the Federation merged with the Verhovay Aid Association.

Holdings\*

See Pittsburgh, Wiliam Penn Fraternal Association

# Zelienople, HUNGARIAN BENEFICIAL SOCIETY Historical Summary

This organization, known as the Hungarian Workingmen's Society until 1965, traces its history back to 1912.

Since the 1930s the society has functioned as a social club.

Holdings<sup>\*</sup>

1912 photograph of club building and members

Charter, 1916

Minutes of meetings (including by aws), 1938 to present Financial records, current

Membership applications, 1946 to present

Location of Holdings.

Hungarian Beneficial Society, Hazel and Market Streets, Zelienople, PA 16063. Telephone: 412-452-9955. The holdings, including a roster of original members, are kept at the club. Additional records have recently been deposited at Slippery Rock State College and were not surveyed.

#### \*Contact Persons

Steve Lucas, secretary Joe Boros ' Lou'Buczko John Blizman

> IV. ORGANIZATIONS AND CLUBS



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Duquesne, FIRST HUNGARIAN SELF-CULTURE CLUB Historical Summary

This club, known in Hungarian as the "Első Magyar Önképzőkör," was formed in 1908. Its home until 1941 was on the corner of Hamilton and First Streets near the river. Due to the expansion of the steel mill, the club was forced to move to a new location at 33 North Fifth Street. The club was closed in 1978.

Holdings

No written records were located.,

Contact Person

Gabriel Czernai, 141 N. Third Street, Duquesne, PA 15110. Telephone: 412-466-8408.

# Duquesne, GRAND COMMITTEE OF DUQUESNE

**Historical Summary** 

. This umbrella organization, consisting of thirteen Hungarian organizations in Duquesne, was formed in 1925 and remained active until the 1960s.

Holdings

.Minutes, 1925-1956

Financial records, 1925-1956

·Contact Person

Gabriel Czernai, 141 N. Third Street, Duquesne, PA 15110. Telephone: 412-466-8408.

The holdings are in the hands of the former president.

Homestead, FIRST MAGYAR SELF CULTURE SOCIETY

Historical Summary

This organization, known in Hungarian as the "Homesteadi Első Magyar Önképzőkör," was founded in October 1909. and chartered the following year. In 1941, due to the expansion of the steel mill, the club moved from its Fifth Avenue home to one on McClure Street.

Holdings

By-Laws, 1910, 1948 Minutes, 1940-1947, 1959-1977 Membership roll books, 1959-1977



Business correspondence Miscellaneous reports Financial records, 1937 Insurance policies Assorted photographs Assorted trophies

#### **Location of Holdings**

California State College Library, California, PA.

# Johnstown, AMERICAN-HUNGARIAN CITIZEN'S CLUB OF JOHNSTOWN

#### Historical Summary

This Hungarian social organization was formed in 1935.

#### Holdings

Charter, Feb. 5, 1935 Minutes, 1954 to present Financial reports Assorted photographs, 1930s

#### Location of Holdings

American-Hungarian Citizen's Club of Johnstown, 15 Gilbert Street, Johnstown, PA 15906. Telephone: 514-536-3969.

## McKeesport, HUNGARIAN SOCIAL CLUB

#### Historical Summary

This club, known in Hungarian as the "Magyar Társas kor," was originally formed in 1913 as a suffrage league in order to demonstrate and provide support for the reform of the voting system in Hungary. In 1917, however, when the club was chartered, it functioned as a social club and did not maintain any political affiliation. The club continues to function today as a social organization. The club house on Walnut Street also serves as the location for various Hungarian memorial celebrations.

### **Holdings**

Minutes, 1936 to present Financial records, current Charter, 1917 By-laws



Assorted photographs Anniversary Booklet, 1938, 1978

# Location of Holdings

Hungarian Social Club, 3004 Walnut Street, McKeesport, PA 15132. Telephone: 412-678-9871.

## **Contact Person**

Dr Victor Molnar, 515 Sinclair, McKeesport, PA 15132. Telephone: 412-672-3380.

# Pittsburgh, AMERICAN HUNGARIAN FEDERATION, Western Pennsylvania Branch

Historical Summary

This national Hungarian organization, created in 1907, has its headquarters in Washington, DC. Throughout the years, it has sought to serve as spokesman for the Hungarian American community on East European affairs.

The Western Pennsylvania branch was reorganized in 1975.

#### Holdings

By-Laws

Amerikai Magyar Szövetség Hiradó, 1979 to present (newsletter)

#### **Contact Person**

Dénes de Török (president), 119 Greenwood Drive, Bridgeville, PA 15017. Telephone: 412-221-4427.

# Pittsburgh, AMERICAN-HUNGARIAN SOCIAL **ASSOCIATION**

Historical Summary

Hazelwood has been the permanent home of this club. The club's history dates back to 1917, although the club was not chartered until the following year.

Throughout the years, the club has had three homes: Bates Street, Second Avenue, and since 1942, when the new building was opened, on Flowers Avenue.

The annual "Venison Supper" held in February continues to attract Hungarians from the Pittsburgh area. Some of the other local Hungarian clubs also utilize the facilities for special events throughout the year.



### Holdings

By-Laws Anniversary Booklet, 1968 Financial records, current Correspondence, current

## Location of Holdings

American-Hungarian Social Association, 120 Flowers Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15207.

#### **Contact Person**

Joseph Berei, President

# Pittsburgh, CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF HUNGARIAN CHURCHES AND SOCIETIES OF PITTSBURGH

Historical Summary

This organization, which has existed since the 1930s, has sought to serve as an umbrella organization for Hungarlan groups in Pittsburgh.

#### **Holdings**

Membership list

Minutes, 1954 to present

Other records may exist in the hands of former officers.

#### **Contact Person**

Dénes de Török (president), 119 Greenwood Drive, Bridgeville, PA 15017. Telephone: 412-221-4427.

# Pittsburgh HUNGARIAN ETHNIC GROUP OF WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA

## Historical Summary

This organization is dedicated to the preservation and active demonstration of Hungarian folk arts, especially folk dances. It represents the Hungarian community at the Pittsburgh Folk Festival performances eacy year. It performs locally for Hungarian and American organizations and events. In recent years, it has presented the annual Hungarian Day at Kennywood Park.

#### Holdings

Minutes of the Board of Directors Minutes of the General Meetings



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Minutes of the General Meetings **Financial Records** Correspondence Program Books Photographs, Slides/Illustrations Folk Art Materials Folk Costumes

**Contact Person** 

Mrs. Rose Gerzsenyi (president), 13585 Ann Drive, N. Huntingdon, PA 15642. Telephone: 412-864-0042.

## Pittsburgh, HUNGARIAN CULTURAL SOCIETY . **OF WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA**

Historical Summary

This organization was formed in 1973 to provide a forum for Hungarian visiting lecturers.

**Holdings** 

Invitations, 1973 to present Assorted photographs, 1973 to present

Contact Persons

Steven B. and Agnes Várdy, 5740 Aylesboro, Pittsburgh, PA 15217. Telephone: 412-422-7176.

#### Pittsburgh HUNGARIAN FREEDOM FIGHTERS FEDERATION, INC.

**Historical Summary** 

This international organization was founded in the West following the Hungarian Revolution of 1956. The members , have continued to remain steadfast to demands set forth during the revolution, including the removal of Soviet occupation troops from Hungary and the right of self-determination Jor Hungary through free elections.

From 1962 to 1969, the secretary general of the organi-

zation was László Pásztor of Pittsburgh.

**Holdings** 

Membership files, 1962-1969 Correspondence, 1962-1969 Biennial International Conference files, 1962-1969 National Conferences files, 1962-1969



Annual summary of activities, 1962-1969

Magyar Szabadságharcos, (monthly newsletter) 1962-1970

Hungarian Freedom Fighter, (quarterly newsletter) 1967-1970

Assorted photographs

Memorabilia

#### Contact Person

László Pásztor, 656 Greenlee Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15227. Telephone: 412-885-4311.

The holdings are located at Mr. Pasztor's residence.

#### Note on Holdings

These holdings are significant in documenting the views and activities of the 1956 Hungarian refugees.

# Pittsburgh HUNGARIAN INDEPENDENT SINGING SOCIETY OF ALLEGHENY

#### Historical Summary

This organization, known in Hungarian as the "Fuggetlen Magyar Dalkor," was formally organized in 1916 and closed its doors in 1978. The scanty records indicate that after the initial years the club served a largely social function until it ceased. The home of the club was at 915 Spring Garden Avenue.

The initial basis for the club was to organize the working class Hungarians in the area and to serve as a means of instilling in them socialist ideas. This is indicated by the musical scores found among records of the club. These include Hungarian translations of the "Internationale" and the "Marseillaise" among others.

### **Holdings**

Minutes of founding meeting, April 1916
Minutes of annual meetings, 1924-1960
Financial records, 1918-1962
Membership applications, 1963-1978
By-Laws, n.d.
Songs and scores
Emblem of society
Assorted photographs



Contact Person

Steven B Várdy, 5740 Avlesboro, Pittsburgh, PA 15217. Telephone: 412-422-7176.

The holdings are housed in the basement of the Várdv residence

# Pittsburgh, HUNGARIAN LITERARY CIRCLE

**Historical Summary** 

This club (Irodalmi Kör) was formed in 1957 by a local writer. Mrs. Antonia Harangi, wife of the Hazelwood Hungarian Reformed Church's pastor. For many years, the club met at the church to listen to presentations of Hungarian literature The club continues to promote appreciation of Hungarian literature. It meets at the homes of individual members.

#### **Holdings**

Minutes of meetings, 1960 to present Correspondence, 1960 to present List of lectures presented, 1960 to present

#### **Contact Persons**

Isabella Youngmayer (President, 1978-81), 242 Rosecrest Drive, Monroeville, PA 15146, Telephone: 412-824-7413.

Borbala Kerékgyártó (former president), 221 Joyce Terrace, Pittsburgh, PA, Telephone: 412-521-4771.

# Pittsburgh, HUNGARIAN PROFESSIONAL SOCIETY

**Historical Summary** 

This club traces its origins to the 1930s. First and second generation Hungarians with university training felt the need to form a separate club which could serve as a bridge between the Hungarian and the American communities. This role became especially significant during the Second World War

The club continues to meet monthly at the YWCA in downtown Pittsburgh. A special lecture on cultural, scientific\* or historical topics is followed by an hour of socializing.

### **Holdings**

Minutes, 1961 to present Invitations, 1941 to present Newspaper clippings Assorted photographs Bv-Laws



#### **Contact Persons**

Elizabeth Mazura, 3912 Dowling, Pittsburgh, PA 15221.

Telephone: 412-351-1286

Stephen Zentay, President, 1141 Richard Road, No. Hundon, PA 15642. Telephone: 412-751-8996.

# Pitesburgh, HUNGARIAN SCOUTS ASSOCIATION

**Historical Summary** 

The Hungarian Scouts (Cserkesz) were organized locally in 1964 Since the Second World War, a strong Hungarian scout movement has existed outside of Hungary. In addition to teaching familiar scouting skills, Hungarian scouting also promotes familiarity with the Hungarian language, history, literature, and culture.

Two troops, one for girls and one for boys, continue to function in Pittsburgh, meeting at St. Ann's Hungarian Roman Catholic Church in Hazelwood.

#### **Holdings**

Annual Reports, 1964 to present Assorted photographs

Location of Holdings

(National Headquarters) Hungarian Boy Scout Association, P. O. Box 68, Garfield, NJ 07026.

#### **Local Contact Person**

László Ligeti (founder and former scoutmaster of the Pittsburgh troop), 622 Whitney, Pittsburgh, PA 15221. Telephone: 412-242-2985.

# Pittsburgh, UNITED MAGYAR CIVIC ASSOCIATION Historical Summary

This umbrella organization, composed of two representatives from each Hungarian organization in the Pittsburgh area, was formed in 1926 to assume responsibility for the annual Hungarian Day at Kennywood Park. Throughout its history, the membership has participated in other activities including the 1952 celebration of the 100th anniversary of Lajos Kossuth's visit to Pittsburgh. The festivities included a special program in the Carnegie Music Hall. The Association was also instrumental in having a memorial plaque installed in downtown Pittsburgh at the corner of 3rd Avenue and Wood Street where Lajos Kossuth, the Hungarian leader of



the 1848 Revolution, stayed during his 1852 visit to the city. In conjunction with the annual Hungarian Day the UMCA published an annual program of activities entitled *American-Magyar Review* during the 1950s.

The Hungarian name of the Association is the "Egyes(Ilt

Magyar Polgári Szövetség."

**Holdings** 

Programs, annual Kennywood Magyar Day, 1930-1970 American-Magyar Review, special programs, 1952-1959

**Contact Persons** 

Ignac Lengyel (former president), 4106 Harvey, Munhall, PA 15120. Telephone: 412-461-6449.

Earl Jones, 5014 Ladora Way, Pittsburgh, PA 15207. Telephone: 412-421-7570, has the largest collection of programs from the annual Magyar Day celebrations.

#### V. OTHER COLLECTIONS

Ligonier, BETHLEN PRESS, INC.

**Holdings** 

Eighth Tribe, 1974 to present (monthly Miscellaneous Hungarian-related publications

**Locations of Holdings** 

Bethlen Press, Inc., P. O. Box 637, Ligonier, PA 15658. Telephone: 412-238-9244.

Contact Person

Sandor Chomos, manager-editor

## Pittsburgh, FOLK FESTIVAL

**Historical Summary** 

The Pittsburgh Folk Festival is one of the major presentations of American ethnic folk traditions in the United States since 1956. Initially sponsored by Duquesne University, it is now supported by Robert Morris College. Participants from more than twenty Pittsburgh ethnic groups present folk dances, songs and celebrations for overflow audiences.



Except for 1961-1963, the Hungarians have been represented at each festival.

#### Holdings

Annual Booklets, 1956 to present Miscellaneous correspondence Assorted photographs and slides

## **Location of Holdings**

Robert Morris College, 610 Fifth Avenue, Pittsburgh, PAY 15219. Telephone: 412-227-6811.

#### Contact Person

· Charles Cubelic, Director

# Pittsburgh, HUNGARIAN NATIONALITY ROOM

**Historical Summary** 

The Hungarian Nationality Room is located in the Cathedral of Learning on the University of Pittsburgh campus. Initial plans for creating the Room were begun in 1926-27. The local Hungarian community supported the idea and contributed generously to the setting up of the Room. A competition for the design was held in Hungary and was won by János Györgyi. On September 29, 1939, when the newly-completed Hungarian Room was dedicated, it was among the first of the Nationality Rooms to open.

#### **Holdings**

General Correspondence & architectural correspondence,

Assorted photographs and blueprints

Financial statements, 1927-1941

Publicity material, 1927 to present
Minutes, Hungarian Room Committee meetings, 1927 to present

"The Hungarian Room in the Cathedral of Learning, University of Pittsburgh. — Dedication Ceremonies, Sept. 29, 1939." 20-page booklet.

29, 1939," 20-page booklet "Kossuth in Pittsburgh, January 22, 1852 — Ninefiert

Anniversary Program, January 22, 1942, 16-page booklet "The Hungarian Classroom in the Cathedral of Learning University," 1942, 15-page booklet

"Hungarian Room Windows," by Samuel C. Gömöry, pages



**Location of Holdings** Nationality Rooms, University of Pittsburgh, Cathedral of Learning, Pittsburgh, PA 15260. Telephone: 412-624-6150 /6000.

**Contact Persons** Maxine Bruhns, Director Karen Kleppner, Assistant Director

# NEWSPAPERS/PERIODICALS

(The following have been or are being published in the Pittsburgh area. As this is a historical bibliography, a title may be listed even though existing copies have not been located).

## American-Magyar Review

1953 -

Annual, Pittsburgh

Special booklet for annual Hungarian Day, Kennywood Location:

Pittsburgh, Carnegie Library, Main Branch: 1953

Pittsburgh, University of Pittsburgh, Hillman Library, Archives of Industrial Society. 1954.

Pittsburgh, Earl Jones, 5014 Ladora Way, Pittsburgh 15207: 1953, 1956, 1957, 1959-1965, 1967-1970

Amerikai Magyar Reformátusok Lapja (Journal of Reformed Hungarians in America)

\_1901 <del>-</del>-

Weekly/Biweekly, Pittsburgh

Location:

Pittsburgh, University of Pittsburgh, Hillman Library:

1933-1936

Budapest, Hungary, National Széchenyi Library: 1908-1909, 1911-1916, 1921-1923, 1931, 1935-1938,

· 1940-1941



Pápa, Hungary, Special Collections of the Reformed church: 1902, 1907, 1909-1914, 1921-1926, 1930-1941

Sárospatak, Hungary, Ráday Collection, 1907-1915, 1920-1933, 1938-1941

Amerikai Magyar Szövetség Hiradó (Newsletter of the American Hungarian Federation)

August 1979 –
Quarterly, Bridgeville
Éditor, Dénes de Török, 119 Greenwood Drive, Bridgeville,
PA 15017

Bethlen Naptár (Bethlen Almanach) ... 1921 -

Annual, Ligonier, Published by The Bethlen Home, P. O. Box 057, Ligonier, PA 15658

Location:

St. Paul, MN, Immigration History Research Center, 

1943-1951, 1953-1968, 1969-1970, 1972

Connellsville és Vidéke (Connellsville and Vicinity) 1909 – Connellsville

Editor, Lajos Fenyes

Egyetértés (Concord)

1925-1931 ₩eekly/Monthly, Homestead

Published by the Magyar Greek Catholic Churches and the Saint George Federation Editor, N. Szabo

Location: -

St. Paul, MN, Immigration History Research Center: Vol. 4, #9, 1928



Egyházi Élet (Church Life)
Pittsburgh
Editor, Reverend Julius Hanko

The Eighth Tribe
1974 –
Monthly, Ligonier
Editor, Sándor Chomos, The Bethlen Press, Inc., P. O. Box
637, Ligonier, PA 15658
Location:

St. Paul, MN, Immigration History Research Center. 1974 -

Az Élet (Life)

1922 – Weekly, Pittsburgh Editor, E. F. Foldes

Publisher, Newark, N.J. Eastern Publication Office

Location:

Budapest, Hungary, National Széchenyi Library: 1922 (one number only)

Gyermekkert (Garden of Children)

1921 -Pittsburgh

Location:

Budapest, Hungary, National Széchenyi Library: 1921-1923

Debrecen, Hungary, Special Collections of the Reformed Church, 1921-1924

Homesteadi és Vidéki Szt. Illés Magyar Görög Katholikus Hitközségi Értesítő (Newsletter of St. Elias Hungarian Greek Catholic Church, Homestead and Vicinity)



Monthly, Homestead Location:

Munhall, St. Elias Hungarian Byzantine Catholic Church, 4200 Homestead Duquesne Road: Vol. 5, #3, March, 1923

Budapest, Hungary, National Szechenyi Library, 1922-1923 (incomplete)

Hungarian Freedom Fighter 1967 ∸

Monthly, Pittşburgh (1967-1969)

Published by the World Federation of Hungarian Freedom Fighters, Inc.

Location:

Pittsburgh, László Pásztor, 656 Greenlee Road, Pittsburgh 15227

Hungarian Varieties Newsletter

1963-1978

Bimonthly, McKeesport

Editor, Dr. Victor Molnar, 515 Sinclair, McKeesport, PA 15132

Johnstowni Hirado (Johnstown News)

1910 -

Johnstown Editor, Ernő Porzsolt

Location:

- Budapest, Hungary, National Széchenyi Library, 1911-1916 (incomplete)

Magyar Egyház (Hungarian Church)

1921 -

Weekly/Monthly/Bimonthly, Duquesne/McKeesport/Ligonier



Published by the Free Magyar Reformed Church in America Location:

McKeesport, First Evangelical and Reformed Church, 134 Eighth Street, McKeesport 15132: 1936, 1937; 1942 (scattered issues)

St. Paul, MN, Immigration History Research Center. 1942, 1968, 1970-1975

Magyar Hiradó (Hungarian News)

1907 - 1925 (until 1915, #14, called Pittsburghi Hiradó) Weekly/Biweekly, Pittsburgh

Location:

Budapest, Hungary, National Széchenyi Library: 1911-1915 (scattered issues)

Chicago, Center for Research Libráries: 1917-1925 Philadelphia, Balch Institute for Ethnic Studies: 1917-1919, 1924-1925-(microfilm)

Sárospatak, Hungary, Raday Collection: 1909-1913 (scattered issues)

Magyar Katholikus Zászló (Hungarian Catholic Standard) 1912-1927

Weekly/Monthly, McKeesport

Editor, Reverend Kálmán Kovács, St. Stephen's Hungarian Roman Catholic Church

Lócation:

Pittsburgh, St. Ann's Hungarian Roman Catholic Church, 4735 Chatsworth Street, Pittsburgh 15207: 1912-1927

Magyar Szabadságharcos (Hungarian Freedom Fighter) 1962 -

Bimonthly, Pittsburgh (1962-1969)

Published by the World Federation of Hungarian Freedom



Fighters, Inc.

Location:

Pittsburgh, László Pásztor, 656 Greenlee Road, Pittsburgh 15227: 1962-

Magyar Világ (Hungarian World)

1914-1934

Weekly, Pittsburgh

Editor, Istvan Győngyőssy

Location:

Budapest, Hungary, National Szechenyi Library: 1915-1916, 1920-1923, 1926-1931 (incomplete)

Magyar Zászló (Hungarian Standard)

1906-1912

Weekly, McKeesport

Editor, Reverend Kálmán Kovács, St. Stephen's Hungarian Roman Catholic Church

#### Location:

Elizabeth, Sisters of the Divine Redeemer, Motherhouse, Rock Run Road, Elizabeth 15037: 1906-1909

McKeesport, St. Stephen's Roman Catholic Church, 2125 Beacon Avenue, McKeesport 15132: 1906-1909

Magyarok Csillaga (Hungarian Star)

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Weekly, McKeesport

Editor, Reverend Kálmán Kovács, St. Stephen's Hungarian Roman Catholic Church

Location:

Elizabeth, Sisters of the Divine Redeemer, Motherhouse, Rock Run Road, Elizabeth 15037: 1902-1905 McKeesport, St. Stephen's Roman Catholic Church,



2125 Beacon Avenue, McKeesport 15132: 1903-1905

Pittsburgh, St. Ann's Hungarian Roman Catholic Church, 4735 Chatsworth Street, Pittsburgh 15207: 1899-**2**900

Magyarország (Hungary) 1909-1910 Pittsburgh Editor, Elek Perenyi

Magyarsåg (Hungarians) 1902-1903 Pittsburgh Editors, Károly Nevada (Neszvalda) and Ferenc Sima

Magyarság 1925 -

Weekly/Biweekly, Pittsburgh Editor, Jenő Szebedinszky, 200 Johnston Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15207. (Founding editor, Albert Fiók) Location:

Budapest, Hungary, National Széchenyi Library: 1925-1940 (scattered issues)

St. Paul, MN, Immigration History Research Center. 1969 -

Napsugár (Sunbeam) 1933 -

Monthly, Ligonier Published by the Bethlen Orphanage Editors, Mary Cziraky and Raymond Nadassy



Népszószéke (People's Pulpit) 1909 – ° Pittsburgh Baptist

Örömhir (Good News) 1904 –

Pittsburgh

Published for children by the Reformed Church

Location:

Budapest, Hungary, National Szechenyi Library: 1907-1909 (incomplete)

Összetartás (Unity) 1912-1939

Monthly, East Pittsburgh

Official publication of the Workingmen's Sick and Benevolent Federation

Location:

Pittsburgh, William Penn Fraternal Association, 429 Forbes Avenue: 1912-1939

Pittsburgh Hiradó See Magyar Hiradó

Református Ujság (Reformed News)

1923 – Monthly, McKeesport (1926-1962)

Location:

Budapest, Hungary, National Szechenyi kibrary: 1932-1940 (scattered issues)



Sárospatak, Hungary, Ráday Collection: 1932-1935 (complete), 1936-1940 (incomplete)

McKeesport, First Evangelical and Reformed Church, 134 Eighth Street: 1936, 1962-1964 (scattered issues)

Szent Anna Hirnöke (St. Ann's Herald)

1923 –

Monthly, Pittsburgh
Religious magazine published by St. Ann's Hungarian
Roman Catholic Church

Editor, Reverend Istvan Varga

Location:

Pittsburgh, St. Ann's Hungarian Roman Catholic Church, 4735 Chatsworth Street: Vol. 1, #3, Dec. 1923

The Torch

1966-1971

Quarterly, Pittsburgh

Published by the William Penn Fraternal Association Editors, Elmer Charles and Albert J. Stelkovics

Location:

Pittsburgh, William Penn Fraternal Association, 429 Forbes Avenue: 1966-1971

Verhovayak Lapja (Journal of the Verhovay Aid Association) 4,918-1955

Biweekly/Monthly, Pittsburgh

Location:

William Penn Fraternal Association, 429 Forbes Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15219

William Penn 1956-1965 Monthly, Pittsburgh



Published by the William Penn Fraternal Association Location:

William Penn Fraternal Association,429 Forbes Avenue, Pittsburgh. PA 15219

William Penn Life

1968 -

Quarteny, Pittsburgh

Published by the William Penn Fraternal Association

Elmer Charles, Editor

Location:

William Penn Fraternal Association, 429 Forbes Avenue Pittsburgh, PA 15219

# VII. COLLECTIONS OUTSIDE GREATER PITTSBURGH

## Chicago, THE CENTER FOR RESEARCH LIBRARIES

#### **Holdings**

Periodical holdings

Magyar Hiradó, December 13, 1917-June 1925

Location of Holdings.

The Center for Research Libraries, 5721 Cottage Grove Avenue, Chicago, IL 60637.

Note on Holdings

Magyar Hiradó was published in Pittsburgh. The 1917-1919 and 1924-1925 issues are available on microfilm.

# New Brunswick, New Jersey, AMERICAN HUNGARIAN FOUNDATION

Historical Summary

This institution seeks to further understanding and appre-



ciation of the Hungarian cultural and historical heritage in the United States. Its substantial manuscript and museum collection includes archival materials on the role of Hungarians in America since 1776 and on the current contributions of Hungarians to American life.

**Holdings** 

Edmund Vasváry collection, 23-microfilm reels of notes on Hungarians in America, compiled ca. 1927-1977.

"The Vasváry Collection: A Descriptive Essay," by Robert S. Hosh, American Hungarian Foundation, New Brunswick, New Jersey, 33 pp. (unpublished)

George Szécskay collection, ca. 12,000 3x5 index cards containing biographical information on individual Hungarian Americans: compiled ca 1920-1958

Location of Holdings

American Hungarian Foundation, 177 Somerset Street, New Brunswick, New Jersey 08903. Telephone: 201-846-5777.

Contact Person

August J. Molnar, President

Note on Holdings

Only holdings specifically relevant to the Pittsburgh area are listed above. The substantial book and manuscript holdings of the Foundation are useful to the research of Hungarian American topics as well as of other topics relating to the Hungarians.

The Szecskay card collection is a rich reservoir for future study of Hungarians in the Pittsburgh area as well as throughout the United States.

The Vasváry collection includes information on persons and institutions of significance in the Pittsburgh area Hungarian community.

Philadelphia, BALCH INSTITUTE FOR ETHNIC STUDIES Holdings

'American Friends Service Committee, case files on refugees from Eastern Europe, 1933-1952



Periodical holdings

Magyar Hiradó, 1917-1919, 1924-1925 (microfilm)

Location of the Holdings

The Balch Institute for Ethnic Studies, 18 South Seventh street, Philadelphia, PA 19106. Telephone. 215-925-8090.

# St. Paul, Minnesota, IMMIGRATION HISTORY RESEARCH CENTER

#### Holdings

Substantial collection of books, dissertations, and manuscripts on Hungarian-Americans.

Periodical holdings (only those published in Pittsburgh area listed here)

Bethlen Naptár, 1943-1951, 1953-1968, 1969-1970, 1972-1975.

Egyetértés, v.4, #9, 1928

The Eighth Tribe, 1974 (vol. 1) - present

Magyar Egyház, v. 21, #11 (1942), v. 47, #2-3 (1968), v. 49-53 (1970-1974), v. 54, #1-9 (1975)

Verhovayak Lapja, v. 19, #2, 1936,

Magyarság, 1969-1976 (incomplete)

## **Location of Holdings**

Immigration History Research Center, 826 Berry Street, St. Paul, MN 55114 Telephone: 612-373-5581.

#### Note on Holdings

These holdings are significant for the history of the Hungarian community in the United States. Of special value for the Pittsburgh area are the listed periodical holdings. The Verhovayak Lapja issue listed is a special fiftieth anniversary number which includes a history of the Verhovay Aid Association.

For a more complete list of holdings at the Center, see Hungarians in the United States and Canada: A Bibliography compiled by Joseph Széplaki (University of Minnesota: 1977).



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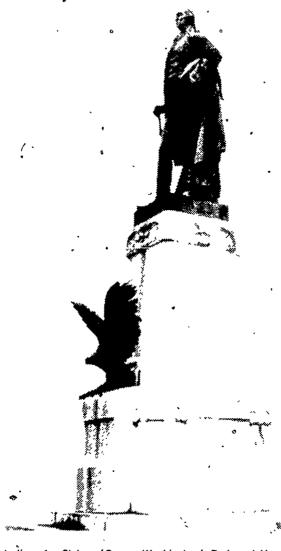


Illustration 1. Statue of George Washington in Budapest, Hungary, erected in 1906 by initiative and financial support of Hungarian immigrants in the United States. By courtesy of the American Hungarian Foundation.



# HUNGARIAN ETHNIC HERITAGE STUDY OF PITTSBURGH

The Hungarian Ethnic Heritage Study of Pittsburgh has published ten curriculum kits that present aspects of the Hungarian ethnic heritage in Greater Pittsburgh. Following are the curriculum kits that have been published:

- 1. Children's Hungarian Heritage
- Hungarian Immigrants in Greater Pittsburgh, 1880– 1980
- 3. Guide to Historic Hungarian Places in Greater Pittsburgh
- 4. Hungarian Community Life in Greater Pittsburgh
- 5. Hungarian Folk Traditions Revisited
- 6. Hungarian Folk Arts and Crafts
- 7. Survey of Hungary: Past and Present
- 8. Hungarian Historical Sources and Collections in Greater Pittsburgh
- 9. Bibliographical Guide to Hungarian-American Sources
- 10. Teaching Guide for Hungarian Curriculum Kits

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