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IN SEARCH OF POLONUS' ROOTS

For the Fortieth Anniversary of Polonus the exhibition committee for POLPEX 79 will invite the wives of our original members now deceased, plus the living members who attended that first meeting of the Polonus Philatelic Society on February 26, 1939 at the Polish Veterans Hall on Wood Street in Chicago. The reunion will take place on March 17, 1979 at

Chicago's Palmer House banquet room that evening.

Originally there were 32 members who responded to the announcements placed in the "Polish Daily Zgoda" by Chester Mikucki and attended that first meeting. Of that group among us today are: Roman Reinowski, Joseph Kupiec, Walter Leja, Stanley Madro, Walter Lewinski, John Skot-



Reproduced here is a picture that appeared in the October 28, 1939 edition of the "Polish Daily Zgoda." The caption reads: "At an annual stamp exhibition held in Chicago there appeared 39 frames of stamps of Poland presenting some outstanding valuable material." Was this our first stamp exhibition or did our members participate in another stamp club's exhibition?

nicki and Chester Mikucki.

The early days of our Society will be recalled at the reunion for the benefit of present day members interested in Polonus' roots.

This is just one of the events planned for POLPEX 79, the greatest show ever planned by our Society. Of course, the exhibition is the main event and if you have not already done so, send in your entry application for your best material to be shown. The deadline for entries is November 15th, 1978. Applications are available from John Bobo, 1668 Sycamore St., Des Plaines, IL 60018.

Another feature of POLPEX 79 will be the gilded commemorative medallion struck especially for this event and available to Polpex Patrons who contribute the sum of \$50.00 or more to help defray the costly expenses of the exhibition. One side of the medallion is designed by L. Kawecki and will show the ancient Polish god 'Światowid'. The other side is designed by W. Gawron and will show the head of Gen. Casimir Pulaski commemorating the 200th anniversary of his death at the Battle of Savannah. Make checks payable to Polonus and mail them to Roman Strzelecki, 1620 N. Latrobe Ave., Chicago, IL 60639. Beginning next month a listing of Polpex Patrons will appear in our Bulletin.

Polonus will be the only Polish philatelic group in the world to have achieved forty years of existence next year. Our Bulletin was published continually through the war years. No other Polish stamp society can claim this distinction.

DECEASED

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POLAND PHILATELIC CLUB

The Poland Philatelic Club of Milwaukee held its first Stamp Exhibition on Sunday, September 17, 1978 at the Polish Army Veterans Post Hall, 1629 South 10th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

The winners in the Novice Group:

First place — David Stefancic, "Poczta Polowa Legiony Polskie".

Second — Bolesław Kowalski, "Mikołaj Kopernik".

Winners in the Advanced Category:

First Place: Erik Martini, "Polish Stamps and Postal Stationery Used During The German Occupation".

Second Place: Irene Orz, "Polish Artists".

Third Place: Ramona Schmidler, "Polish Millennium, Vatican City"

Alvin Kosmatka served as judge.

The Poland Philatelic Club was organized in September 1976. It is a member of the Wisconsin Federation of Stamp Clubs. The 1978 officers are: Carl Skupski, President; Raymond Orzechowski, Vice President; Edith Malson, Secretary-Treasurer. The club meets on the third Sunday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Polish Army Veterans Post Hall, 1629 South 10th Street, Milwaukee.

POLISH COLLECTIONS AROUND THE WORLD

One of the largest Polish airmail collections belongs to Dr. R. De Graeve of Brugge. The collection exhibited at LUPOSTA 77 in the German Federal Republic was awarded a gold medal and a special grand prize of the Burgo-meister of Berlin. The collection contains many very rare items such as issues prior to 1918, the first rare flights of 1921-34, an almost complete set of labels of LOPP, and many other items.

POLONUS PHILATELIC SOCIETY

Dear Polonus Member:

Two years ago you were asked to complete a "Membership Directory Form." However, due to unforeseen circumstances, the "Membership Directory" was not published. This time we have worked out a plan of action and we are committed to have an up-to-date "Membership Directory" published and available to our members in time for POLPEX-79, which will mark the 40th Anniversary of our society.

Your cooperation in carefully completing and promptly returning this form is essential. We intend to start compiling this list at the beginning of November so as to have it ready for the publisher by the middle of January. While attempting to be as flexible as possible, we will be forced to exclude any directory forms received after **November 15**. The members who do not return the form by November 15th will be listed by name and address only, as indicated below.

The Membership has three options to follow regarding the Membership Directory.

1. To be listed only by name and address, **do nothing**.
2. To be listed by name and country of residence **ONLY**, check the appropriate box on the card and return it (no address will be given).
3. To be listed by name, address, and collecting specialties, list the specialties on the card and return it.

Remember, all cards **MUST** be returned by November 15th. Send them to:

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| 2. Poland Postal History, all periods and areas. | 10. Locals and Provisionals |
| 3. Territories annexed by Austria to 1918 | 11. Military and Field Post |
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| 6. Prestamp only | 14. Plebiscites |
| 7. Republic of Poland 1918-39 | 15. World War I foreign occupations |
| 8. Peoples Republic of Poland, 1945 to present | 16. World War II foreign occupations |
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| | 18. Postal Stationery |

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Post Offices in POLAND, Maine

By DR. MIECZYSLAW A. LIPINSKI, Poznan, Poland

In Polonus Bulletin No. 364 I found information on the post office Poland, Maine. Because I found this incorrect and incomplete, am sending in this new information.

Prior to its statehood, the State of Maine was part of and belonging to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and was first known as the Province of Maine and later the District of Maine. At the end of the 17th and in the 18th centuries Maine was immigrated by French, English, Scots, Irish, German, Dutch and a scattering of others. Each of the immigrant groups kept their identity in the form of the names of towns and villages as: Denmark, Norway, Peru, Mexico, Berlin, Naples, Paris, etc. The name of "Maine" is itself after an ancient French Province located in the southwestern part of France.

The first post office operated in early 1789 and the history of this post office is based on records at the National Archives in Washington, D.C. The foremost English and American encyclopedias contain no information on the ancient melody "Poland" connected with ancient psalms.

In the State of Maine there are four post offices bearing Poland in their names:

Poland, ME 04273
 Poland Spring, ME 04274
 East Poland, ME 04230
 West Poland, ME 04291

At the beginning of the 19th century there was a Poland, Maine, which is described in the Polonus Bulletin. Today it is called Minot, ME 04258.

All above mentioned post offices are located in the Androsscoggin area near the capital city of Auburn. The early post office called Poland, Maine was established September 13, 1800 with Samuel Sweet as Postmaster. On February 18, 1802 the settlement was incorporated into the town of Minot, Maine, and the name of the post office changed to Minot, Maine on April 1, 1802.

Three miles southwest of Minot, on state Route 26 is located the town of Poland. On May 3, 1813 a new post office was opened here with Ebenezer Simonton as Postmaster.

The town of Poland is located 10 miles west of Auburn. Settled in 1768, incorporated in 1795, it includes the resort town of Poland Spring, famous for its mineral water. Today the post office Poland Spring, ME 04274 is established here.

West of Poland a new post office, West Poland, ME 04291 was

opened. Eastwards, East Poland, ME 04230 was opened. Today the following Polonica related post offices exist:

Minot, ME 04258 (formerly Poland) Box 69

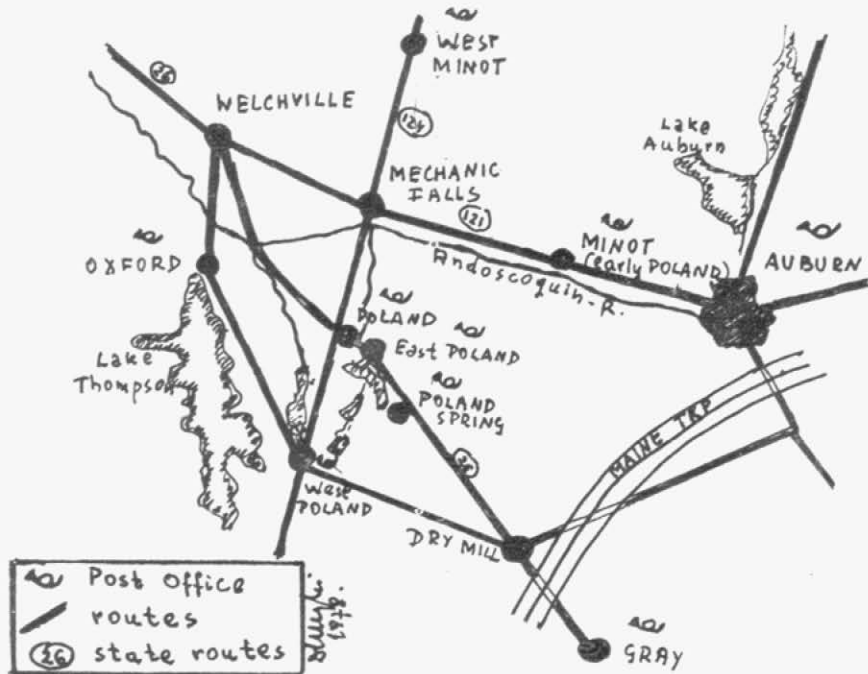
Poland, ME 04273, S38, Box 104

Poland Spring, ME 04274, R367, S5, Box 23

West Minot (formerly Poland), ME 04288, Box 23

West Poland, ME 04291, S13, Box 53.

In my opinion all of the above post offices were named by the first settlers in this area after their homeland.



Explanation:

R—post offices having rural delivery, followed by the number of families served on routes starting from that post office.

S—post office box delivery by star route, followed by the number of families served.

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Bibliography:

Arthur Hecht and Poul Hannemann: "Post Offices of the District of Maine" — B'LLIG'S PHILATELIC HANDBOOK, Vol. 26, pages 6-22.

U.S. Postal Service Directory of Post Offices 1978, Washington, D.C.

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POLCAPEX 78

The Polish Philatelic Society of Canada will present POLCAPEX 78 in conjunction with INPEX-CANADA 78 (ASDA Stamp Market) at the Sheraton Landmark Hotel in Vancouver, B.C. November 10-11-12. The exhibition will consist of a Court of Honor; a

philatelic competitive class of Poland, Canada and its Provinces, Topicals and Thematics, other countries, and a Junior Class; and a numismatic competitive class. Many Polonus members will participate. A Special 10th anniversary show is planned for 1980.

NEXT MEETING

Friday, October 27, 1978:

Program Meeting at Veterans Hall. Fred Blau to speak on the "Lot" Airlink of Poland-Palestine. Starting at 8:00 p.m.

Friday, November 24, 1978:

Joint Meeting with the German Philatelic Society at the Collectors Club of Chicago, 1029 N. Dearborn St., starting at 7:30 PM. Tour of Library, plus two speakers: James Mazepa on the First Polish Corps in relation to the German Occupation; John Bartczak on Galicia. Refreshments served.

APPLICANTS PENDING

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CONGRATULATIONS

At the recent Chicago Philatelic Society Annual Exhibition Alred Szebel received a Vermeil medal for German Fieldpost, and James Mazepa a Vermeil for Polish I Corps in Russia.

MEMBERS MART

Postal History, all periods, especially Russia used in Poland and Poland No. 1. Air Mails to 1939, first and special flights. Will buy/trade. James Mazepa, Hines VA Hospital, Box 381, Hines, IL 60141.

Wanted: Letters and documents pertaining to postal history prior to 1870 as well as literature covering that period. Will buy/trade. Ryszard Z. Poddubiuk, 31 Trotter, Dollard des Ormeaux, Quebec, Canada H9A 2C8.

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