

A HEALTHY, HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR!

In This Issue—

With the beginning of the new year, it behooves us to let our active members know who their fellow members are. With this in mind, you'll find the address list of our active members in the following pages. Some of our members have unlisted telephone numbers and do not want them disseminated, so we did not include them. E-mail addresses, those that we have, are included in the listings. Please let me know either by snail mail (U.S. Postal Service) or e-mail (edjmendyka@aol.com) of any change of address or misspellings. Please retain this newsletter as we hope to publish the surnames that our members are researching in our next newsletter and you'll need to match the name and address of the researcher with whom they are researching. And with any luck, someone may have done all your research for you. We should be so lucky.

An address listing of Polish-American churches who receive our newsletter is also found in this issue. Churches in Akron, Elyria, Lorain and of course Cleveland, are included. Some of our members might wish to write to them for copies of marriage records, baptismal records etc. They now have an address to which they can write and hopefully fill in one of those blank spaces on their pedigree charts.

Genealogy is all about collecting facts. Sometimes we need to get an overview of our Polish community and its neighborhoods, a little history about its founding and formation. Inside these pages you'll find an excellent article entitled, *Poles*, which is written by John J. Grabowski of the *Western Reserve Historical Society* and found in the book, *The Encyclopedia of Cleveland History*. Four biographical sketches of individuals mentioned in the article are also found here.

Toward the Future—

In the next newsletter, as mentioned above, we'll publish the surnames of the ancestors that our active membership is researching. It is quite a lengthy list so if it cannot be done in one issue, we'll split it up and publish it in the next two issues. Again, if there are misspellings or if you want to add any names to your list, you can contact me at that time and corrections and additions will be made.

We've asked for and received permission from *Gray and Company Publishers* to reprint a chapter from one of their books *The Corpse in the Cellar*. It concerns Joe Filkowski who was much talked about on the South Side of Cleveland during the '30's. There were many stories about him, some true and some not so true. Again, the story gives us a slight hint of what times were like "way back then".

Wally Huskonen will be our speaker at the March meeting, March 6, 2001. He is a member of the *Cuyahoga Valley Genealogical Society*. The title of his talk is *Ships of Our Ancestors*.

For our April meeting, April 3, 2001, Mary Kay Wisnieski of the *Cuyahoga Valley Genealogical Society* will address the group on the topic of *Ellis Island*. Hope to see you all there.

Rest in Peace—

Earlier this year, Emil Kowalczyk passed away. He was born and raised in the St. Casimer's area of Cleveland. He was our first and only member from Alaska. We are saddened by the death of Edmund J. Chojnicki, friend and one of the founders of our group. Helen Tusick, mother of MaryAnn Vizdos, passed away last August. Say a prayer also for Mary (Gembus) Bentley, mother of Joyce Hillson, who passed on Jan. 3, 2001. God rest their souls.

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The Internet—

Unless a person actually gets on the Internet, he/she has no idea what it is. For the onlooker, it is a new technological toy used for the most part by yuppies, nerds and adolescents to play games, communicate with each other through e-mail and whatever. Once you dial into the Internet yourself, it's a new world, an entirely new realm. This is not said to frighten anyone, just the opposite in fact. It is a new challenge, complete with its own set of rules, its own etiquette, its own vocabulary. A newbie (a newcomer to the Internet) has much to learn but the anticipated rewards shall be great indeed. In time, most of our genealogical research will be done on the Internet. Of course, we will still want a hard copy of a birth certificate, a marriage license etc., but with the Internet, we will know exactly where to find this information and where to write for it.

Having finally succumbed to the temptation of the Internet and being a newbie, I asked Ralph Lysyk for some help. He was kind enough to come over and when we got on the Internet, he told me to type in "google". For sure, this guy is pulling my leg. Well, it turns out he wasn't. Once the "google" site comes up, I asked the computer to search for "genealogy". Lo and behold, there are 14,124 web sites under that listing. A web site is where you can find information about the subject you asked for. Under the heading of "Polish", there are 16,945 web sites; under "Polish genealogy" 332 web sites and 7,459 web pages. So, let's hit the web pages button and see what that is.

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The Internet—

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The first item under web pages is the Welcome Page for the PGSA, *The Polish Genealogical Society of America*, our Chicago brethren. On the left side of the screen are categories such as; Home (the first or welcoming page), About PGSA, Calendar, Membership, PGSA Publications, Ancestor Index, Book Korner, Databases, Gen Hints, Geography/Maps, History, Heraldry, Info Exchange, Resource Center, Ships/Immigration, Arts/Customs, Members' Pages, Polish Forum, Polish Museum and PRCUA. You can go to any of these categories by just clicking on its button. Let's click on databases and see what they have. Here's a listing of *Haller's Volunteers*.

In our limited library, we have a national, state and local index for these volunteers. There were three forms that they were asked to fill out, forms A, B and C. Not all of the records have survived. In the past, one had to look through the volumes, find the volume and page number, find the address to write to, write the request and send it out with the enclosed donation. With the Internet, you can search the database by typing in a surname, choose "wild card search" for a broader listing, hit the enter key and out come the names. There is a form that you can download and fill in with the requests you have, there is an address to send the form to, and the donations are, \$10.00 for members for each name submitted and \$15.00 for nonmembers. What a convenience and a time saver. And this is just one example of what the Internet can do. If you haven't tried the Internet, give it a go. One of our members uses the computer at the public library. It's exploring like no one has ever dreamed of!

POLES*

Poles formed one of Cleveland's largest nationality groups in the 20th century and had an important influence on the city, particularly during its period of heavy industrial growth. Individuals may have visited or temporarily settled in the area before the Civil War, but the first cohesive settlement of Poles occurred in BEREA in the late 1860s, where they were employed in the stone quarries. At about this time, isolated groups of Poles arrived in Cleveland; 77 were counted in the 1870 census. The Cleveland Poles did not form a specific neighborhood at this time but settled within the Czech community around Croton St. Several factors subsequently increased Polish migration to Cleveland, especially German cultural pressures in Prussian Poland and poverty and repression in Russian Poland. Combined with relatively safe and inexpensive ocean transport and the need for workers in Cleveland's rapidly growing industries, the city's Polish population grew to 35,024 by 1920, with most growth occurring between 1900-14. Travel brokers in the city's Polish neighborhoods, such as MICHAEL KNIOLA, made all necessary arrangements for transporting people from Poland to relatives already in Cleveland. All immigration after World War I was inconsequential, so this great pre-World War I influx determined the neighborhoods and organizations of Cleveland's Poles.

Distinct Polish neighborhoods began forming by the late 1870s as immigrants worked in specific industries and lived nearby. By the late 1870s, a number of Poles worked in Cleveland Rolling Mills in NEWBURGH. Although initially residing with Czechs, Poles eventually created their own settlement adjacent to Tod (E. 65th) St. and what became Fleet Ave.; influenced as much by its proximity to the mills as by their selection of a site at Tod and Forman Ave. for their church, ST. STANISLAUS CHURCH. With construction of a church building in 1881, the settlement, soon known as Warszawa, began a period of growth that continued into the 1920s and remained viable into the 1990s, when it was known as SLAVIC VILLAGE/BROADWAY. By the late 1880s, another Polish settlement, Poznan, was established around E. 79th St. and Superior Ave. Settled as early as 1878, this neighborhood was close to industries that stretched along the railroad lines on the lakefront to the north. A third major settlement, Kantowo, arose in the TREMONT area in the late 1880s and 1890s as steel-mill activity grew in the Cuyahoga valley immediately eastward. By World War I, several smaller neighborhoods were also settled: Josephatowo in the late 1890s near E. 33rd St. and St. Clair Ave., close to Otis Steel works; Barbarowo after 1900 at Denison Ave., near GRASSELLI CHEMICAL CO.; and along Madison Ave. in the early 1890s, settling with other groups, including SLOVAKS, near NATIONAL CARBON CO.

Though the immigrants began a number of small enterprises to serve their neighborhoods—by 1900 there were 32 Polish grocery stores and 67 saloons in Cleveland—the economic base of each neighborhood was strongly linked to its adjacent industry. Indeed, the first CLEVELAND ROLLING MILL STRIKES in 1882 was responsible for a sizable growth in the area's Polish population, as immigrants were recruited in New York to break the strike. By 1919 Poles constituted over 50% of the workforce of U.S. STEEL CORP. American Steel & Wire Div. (formerly the Rolling Mills). Other enterprises in the Warszawa area employing many Poles included Kaynee Blouse Co., CLEVELAND WORSTED MILL CO. and Grabler Mfg. Co. Until the coming of age of the 2nd and, primarily, 3rd generations, Cleveland's Poles were largely linked to heavy industry and labor; the entrepreneurial ventures founded were directed toward fellow Poles, not to the community at large.

The Roman Catholic church proved the cultural center of each neighborhood. St. Stanislaus (est. 1873) was the mother parish for Cleveland Poles. Serving Warszawa, it was the basis for 2 other congregations, Sacred Heart of Jesus (1889) and St. Hyacinth (1907). St. John Cantius (1897) served, and gave its name to, the Kantowo region, and St. Casimir (1893) served Poznan. Other parishes were St. Hedwig (1914) in LAKEWOOD; St. Barbara (1905), after which the Barbarowo neighborhood was named; and St. Josaphat (1908), after which Josephatowo was named. As Poles migrated to the suburbs, nationality parishes were established there. St. Mary of Czestochowa (1914) served Poles in the Corlett area around E. 131st and Harvard; SS. Peter & Paul (1925) served the growing GARFIELD HEIGHTS Polish population; and Corpus Christi (1936) at Biddulph and Pearl Rds. served Poles migrating to that area.

Because of the importance of the church, it was often the center of controversy, as priests assumed great influence and often came into conflict with diocesan authorities. Indeed, the major internal conflict in Cleveland's Polish community came about when Fr. ANTON F. KOLASZEWSKI was removed from St. Stanislaus parish by the diocese in 1892. Though the exact charges against Kolaszewski are still unclear, it is apparent that his enormous expenditures to construct a new church created a debt that alienated many of his parishioners, as well as the bishop. Sent to Syracuse, NY, Kolaszewski returned to Cleveland in 1894 at the request of some of his former parishioners and established IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY PARISH. Having defied diocesan authority, he and the parish members were excommunicated; they were received back into the church and diocese only after Kolaszewski resigned his pastorate in 1908. The rancor between pro- and anti-Kolaszewski factions in Warszawa was extreme and led to the establishment of separate fraternal organizations and newspapers and influenced the outcome of elections, with its stigma remaining into the 1930s. Continued dissatisfaction with a diocese directed by German and Irish interests eventually led some Cleveland Poles to join the independent POLISH NATIONAL CATHOLIC CHURCH. The first parish, Sacred Heart of Jesus (1914), was established in the Kantowo neighborhood. Eventually 4 additional parishes were established in the city.

Despite the overwhelming influence of the Roman Catholic church, several non-Catholic churches served Cleveland's Poles, including Trinity Baptist (ca. 1910), eventually located at Broadway and Fullerton. In 1943 its building was sold to the Catholic Diocese and used for Transfiguration Church, the last Polish Roman Catholic parish established in Cleveland. In the 1980s a second Baptist church was begun on E. 59th St., occupying a building that once housed Mizpah Mission Church for Poles and Bohemians, a Congregational body established by Schaufler Missionary Training School in the late 1880s.

Outside of the church, fraternal insurance organizations claimed a large hold on the Polish immigrant neighborhood. The 2 major national fraternal organizations, the Polish Roman Catholic Union and the Polish Natl. Alliance, established their first Cleveland branches by 1880 and 1886, respectively. The former was closely linked to the church, while the latter was more secular and a principal advocate of Polish national independence. While the PRCU often met in church facilities, the PNA constructed meeting halls in each of the 3 major neighborhoods; the one serving Kantowo was the Polish Library Home, housing a notable collection of Polish literature until closing in 1982. Religious factionalism also affected the fraternal organizations. The local UNION OF POLES IN AMERICA began in 1894 as the Polish Roman Catholic Union of the Immaculate Heart of Mary for members of the schismatic Immaculate Heart parish. The ALLIANCE OF POLES OF AMERICA was established in 1895 by Clevelanders unhappy with the Polish Natl. Alliance's decision to admit socialists to membership and its strong ties to Chicago. As many of the early fraternal organizations prohibited membership by women, local Polish women established the ASSOCIATION OF POLISH WOMEN IN THE U.S.A. in the U.S. in 1911; it grew out of the Polish Women's Alliance.

Poles also established cultural organizations, many of which had ties to the fraternal organizations or to the church. Among the more important were HARMONIA CHOPIN SINGING SOCIETY, a choral group founded in 1902; the Polish Natl. Choir of the Polish Natl. Alliance; and the Halka Singing Society of the Assn. of Polish Women. More than a dozen choral and drama groups were active by the 1920s. The Cleveland Society of Poles, formed in 1923 from a branch of the Polish Natl. Alliance, consisted largely of Polish businessmen. Active into the 1990s, it held annual debutante balls for members' daughters and donated funds to Polish colleges and organizations dedicated to perpetuating Polish culture. A similar women's group, the American Polish Women's Club, was also established in 1923. Of great importance in the community's history was the SOKOL POLSKI, or Polish Falcons, a national organization fostering Polish nationalism through gymnastics. The local branch, Nest 141, was the base for recruiting Polish volunteers to fight with the Allies in World War I. The nest later became known largely for its athletic program, with Olympic gold medal winner STELLA WALSH being one of its most prominent members.

The local community peaked in 1930 with a population of 36,668 foreign-born Poles. At that time the city

supported 2 Polish-language daily newspapers, WIADOMOSCI CODZIENNE and MONITOR CLEVELANDSKI, the latter a descendant of Polonia w Ameryce, which was the first Polish paper to be published in Cleveland (1892). The community also supported banks and savings and loans, including Warsaw Savings & Loan (1916), Bank of Cleveland (1913), and THIRD FEDERAL SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSN. OF CLEVELAND (1938). Despite the size and apparent prosperity of the community, it was still fragmented and already in decline. Though the St. Stanislaus-Immaculate Heart of Mary rift had largely healed, it was replaced by differences over the political situation in the new Polish state. Poles in Kantowo, largely from Russian Poland, tended to be socialist and supported Marshal Joseph Pilsudski, while residents in Warszawa had supported Ignace Paderewski, the first premier (1919) of independent Poland. Pilsudski became Poland's minister of war in 1926. The split, reflected in the newspapers, with the Wiadomosci being pro-Pilsudski and the Monitor anti-Pilsudski, stifled attempts to unify Polish organizations or opinion in Cleveland, although a League of Polish Organizations attempted to bridge such differences. Only the German invasion of Poland ended the problem, but a similar problem arose after World War II, with the community divided in its opinion of the Communist Polish state. Such division within the community could be the chief reason for the almost total lack of achievement by Polish politicians beyond the ward level. Although Warszawa has almost always been represented on the city council by someone of Polish background since 1905, no Polish-American has seriously contended for the mayoralty despite the size of the community. Predominantly Democratic in outlook since the Depression, Cleveland's Polish community has produced only a few notable political figures, most importantly JOSEPH SAWICKI, elected to the state house in 1906 and to municipal court in the 1920s and 1930s.

By 1930 the community began to wane. With no new immigration, the number of foreign-born Poles declined. Not even the influx of displaced persons after World War II did much to reverse the trend. By 1970 only 6,234 Poles resided in Cleveland. In 1980 the number had risen to 8,323. By the 1990s, Poles were one of the ten largest immigrant groups coming to the U.S., their movement being spurred by economic uncertainty as Poland moved from a command to a free economy. In 1990 the U.S. census estimated that 1,635 Poles resided within Cleveland proper, making them the second largest European immigrant community (following that of the states of the former Yugoslavia) in the city. However, these immigrants were scattered throughout the area. All of the old neighborhoods, except that around Fleet Ave., had severely shrunk or disappeared as 1st-generation immigrants died and their offspring moved away. Indeed, the movement to suburban areas began as early as 1910, when Poles followed the streetcar lines out of Warszawa to the Corlett district. Other streetcar lines and automobiles permitted additional movement into GARFIELD HEIGHTS and areas near PARMA in the 1920s. Halted by the Depression and war, movement began again in the 1950s as the old neighborhoods emptied into Garfield Hts., WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS, MAPLE HEIGHTS, and Parma. Further exacerbating the situation in the old neighborhoods was the decline of the industries around which they had been built. Many the basic industries around Fleet Ave. had closed by the end of the 1960s.

Despite the decline of the pioneer Polish neighborhoods, all of the city's Polish Catholic churches remained active as of 1995, a testament to the central position of the Roman Catholic church in the culture. However, most of those attending some of the churches came from suburban homes to do so; whether their offspring continue the tradition is very much in doubt, and it is likely that all of the old neighborhoods, except that along Fleet Ave., will have totally disappeared by the next century. The continued life of Warszawa—Slavic Village—cannot, however, depend on the restricted immigration from Poland or upon nearby industrial opportunities; the area's residents must make their heritage a viable attraction for tourists, middle-income home buyers, and the nostalgic descendants of the area's founders.

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KNIOLA, MICHAEL P.**

KNIOLA, MICHAEL P. (16 Sept. 1859-17 Sept. 1944), prominent businessman in Cleveland's Polish community, was born in Samostrzel, Poland to Peter and Anna Nowakowski Kniola. He immigrated to Spotswood, N.J. in 1873 and moved to Cleveland in 1880, working at Cleveland Rolling Mill Co. He continued his education at Broadway Night School, and eventually became a mill foreman. In 1886 Kniola opened a grocery store and, using the store as a base, provided other services to the Polish community: advancing credit, renting lodgings, selling insurance and real estate, and, working as a labor broker, finding jobs for immigrants. He sold money orders and arranged steamship passages, organizing Kniola Travel Bureau in 1890, which was so successful by 1900 that he sold his grocery and concentrated on the travel business until the late 1920s, when he turned it over to his son, Raymond.

Kniola helped organize Cleveland's first Polish newspaper, *Polonia w Ameryce*, in 1892. In 1893 he began the Polish Republican Club; he also was a director of the Polish-American Chamber of Commerce, an administrator of probate court, and ran for city council in 1909. Kniola helped organize the Knights of St. Casimir, and was a director of both the Polish Alliance of America and the Polish Roman Catholic Union of the U.S. He was a purchaser, incorporator, and president of Polish Falcon Hall and was director and treasurer of Polish Falcon Nest 141 (see SOKOL POLSKI). Kniola was also an organizer and trustee of ST. STANISLAUS CHURCH. In 1880 he married Mary Skarupski and they had 7 children: Caroline, Benjamin, John B., Raymond J., Celia, Casimer, and Joseph M. Kniola died in Cleveland and was buried in St. Joseph's Cemetery.

Coulter, Charles W. *The Poles of Cleveland* (1919). Kniola Travel Bureau Records, WRHS.

KOLASZEWSKI, ANTON FRANCIS**

KOLASZEWSKI, ANTON FRANCIS (5 Sept. 1851-2 Dec. 1910), dynamic priest, was born in Russian Poland to John and Catherine Gergens Kolaszewski. His family immigrated to America, and Kolaszewski studied for the priesthood at Franciscan College at Teutopolis, Ill. and St. Mary Seminary in Cleveland, being ordained in 1883 and becoming pastor of ST. STANISLAUS CHURCH. His congregation grew as Polish immigrants arrived seeking steel mill jobs. With their religion alone familiar in the new land, Kolaszewski was not only their pastor but also their community leader. As his congregation grew, Kolaszewski envisioned a soaring brick Gothic church and, counting on the generosity of his poorly paid parishioners, let out contracts and began the work in 1886. When completed in 1891, St. Stanislaus Church cost \$250,000. Earlier Kolaszewski established Sacred Heart of Jesus church for Poles living in the southern part of the district. By 1889 he built a church for that congregation.

St. Stanislaus parish developed factions. Kolaszewski's appraisal of his congregation's financial resources proved false, and Kolaszewski had unwisely concealed both the church cost and resulting debt from diocesan authorities. Bp. IGNATIUS HORSTMANN demanded Kolaszewski's resignation in 1892. Kolaszewski went to Syracuse, N.Y., beginning an association with a Polish nationalistic movement of dissident Roman Catholics. In 1894, Kolaszewski returned to Cleveland. Popular with many former parishioners, a number joined IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY PARISH, which Kolaszewski organized, emphasizing both the congregation's orthodoxy yet its independence from diocesan control. Kolaszewski refused to concede and was excommunicated. He reconciled with the church in 1908 but resigned the pastorate.

SAWICKI, JOSEPH F.**

SAWICKI, JOSEPH F. (18 Mar. 1881-30 Oct. 1969), lawyer, politician, and judge, was born in Gorzno, Poland to Peter and Bogumila Jurkowska Sawicki, immigrated with his family to Cleveland when he was 5, and worked his way through St. Ignatius College, BALDWIN-WALLACE COLLEGE, Western Reserve University Law School, and Cleveland Law School, receiving the LL.B. degree, being admitted to the Ohio bar, and beginning to practice law in 1904. Sawicki served in the Ohio legislature from 1905-08 and 1911-12. He was appointed judge of municipal court on 1 Jan. 1919 and won his first election to the post that November. In 1932, Sawicki was forced into involuntary bankruptcy, with over \$200,000 debt from real-estate investments and campaign expenses. When court records made public the numerous loans made to Sawicki from practicing lawyers, the executive committee of the CLEVELAND BAR ASSN. (CBA) demanded his resignation, so Sawicki retired from the bench

in 1933 and returned to private practice. In 1953, Sawicki served as a member of the Cleveland Charter Commission, and in 1959 was appointed special counsel for the Ohio attorney general. Active in the Polish-American community, Sawicki was honored by the Cleveland Society of Poles as "Good Joe of 1967" for his work in numerous Polish relief groups and the Polish-American Chamber of Commerce. An avid coin collector, he was president of the Western Reserve Numismatic Assoc. Sawicki married Elizabeth Veronica Sadowska in 1908 and had 2 daughters, Mrs. Edward Gilbert and Mrs. Jas. Wager, and 2 sons, Eugene and Edwin.

WALSH, (WALASIEWICZ), STELLA (STANISLAWA)**

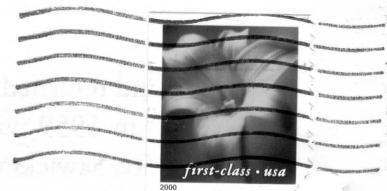
WALSH, (WALASIEWICZ), STELLA (STANISLAWA) (3 Apr. 1911-4 Dec. 1980), named the greatest woman athlete of the first half of the 20th century by the Helm Athletic Foundation (1951), was born in Wierzchownin, Poland, daughter of Julian and Veronica (Uninski) Walasiewicz. Brought to Cleveland when she was 10, Walsh attended South and Notre Dame high schools. In 1926 she tied the women's record of 6 seconds for the 50-yd. dash; and by 1928 was prepared to represent the U.S. in the Olympics when it was discovered she had never become an American citizen. With naturalization nearly completed, Walsh was laid off from her job, but then offered employment by the Polish consulate if she would represent Poland in the Los Angeles Olympics in 1936. She did not become an American citizen until Dec. 1947. Representing Poland, Walsh won the 100-meter dash at the 1932 Olympic games, setting a world record. In 1936, she finished 2d. Still competing in her fifties, in 1967 Walsh won a 60-yd. dash in 7.7 seconds, less than a .5 second slower than her 7.3 world record time in 1934. She won over 5,000 track and field events during her career. In 1948 she founded the San Fernando Valley Women's Athletic Club. In the 1970s she coached the Polish Falcons (see SOKOL POLSKI) track club in Cleveland. Married for a short time to Harry Olson during the 1950s, Walsh used Walsh-Olson as her legal name thereafter. Walsh was shot to death in a parking lot during an attempted robbery; she was buried in CALVARY CEMETERY.

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This is a photo of Polish immigrants, probably not yet naturalized, who volunteered to serve with Haller's Army in France. They have gathered together for a "memorial" photo before departing for training. The date is October 15, 1917; the town is Monessen, Pa., a small town south of Pittsburgh. The sign held up by one of the volunteers reads, "Bid us farewell America, we are off to confront that despot, the Kaiser, for your freedom and ours". There were many such leave-takings at the time, including many from the Greater Cleveland area. Reproduced with the permission of The Western Reserve Historical Society, Cleveland, Ohio

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