

## **REVEREND STANLEY DABROWSKI COLLECTION, 1935-1995 AND UNDATED 1995.A.1132**

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### **Descriptive summary**

Title: Reverend Stanley Dabrowski collection

Dates: 1935-1995 and undated

Accession number: 1995.A.1132

Creator: Stanley Dabrowski (1913-1995)

Extent: 14 folders plus 1 oversized folder

Repository: United States Holocaust Memorial Museum Archives, 100 Raoul Wallenberg Place SW,  
Washington, DC 20024-2126.

Abstract: The Reverend Stanley Dabrowski collection contains documents concerning Reverend Stanley Dabrowski, a Polish Catholic priest who was arrested by the Gestapo in 1939 and detained at Dachau until he was liberated in 1945. This collection consists of original documents concerning Reverend Dabrowski's life and biographical background from pre and post-war Europe and materials he collected regarding the Holocaust and Dachau once he arrived in the United States. Among his original documents is a Polish passport, identification cards, his ship passage ticket to the United States, and correspondence which includes a letter he wrote in Dachau to a family member in 1944. Among his collected material are newspaper clippings, photographs of the Dachau Memorial Museum, and postcards depicting martyrs from the Polish clergy in the Second World War.

Language: Polish, English, French, Latin

### **Administrative Information**

Access: Collection is open for use, but is stored offsite. Please contact the Reference Desk more than seven days prior to visit in order to request access.

Reproduction and use: Collection is available for use. Material may be protected by copyright. Please contact reference staff for further information.

Preferred citation: (Identification if item), Reverend Stanley Dabrowski collection (1995.A.1132) United States Holocaust Memorial Museum Archives, Washington, DC.

Acquisition information: The Reverend Stanley Dabrowski collection were donated to the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in 1995 by the Estate of Stanley Dabrowski with assistance from Barbara Dominiak.

Accruals: Accruals may have been received since this collection was first processed, see archives catalog at [collections.ushmm.org](http://collections.ushmm.org) for further information.

Processing history: Colleen Benoit, December 2015

### **Biographical note**

Reverend Stanley Dabrowski (1913-1995) was born Stanislaw P. Dabrowski in Warsaw, Poland to Wladyslaw Dabrowski and Antonina Zagorski. He had a brother and a sister and attended high school and early college in Grudziądz. After a brief time of military service, he entered the seminary in Włocławek for the Diocese of Wladislaviensis. In November 1939 along with the faculty and other students in the seminary, Rev. Dabrowski was arrested by the Gestapo while watching over the chancery one evening. He and 400 others from his diocese were imprisoned first at Sachsenhausen and in December 1940, transferred to Dachau. Rev. Dabrowski remained detained in Dachau with other priests until the camp was liberated by the United States Army in April 1945.

After liberation, Rev. Dabrowski worked among other Poles in exile in Paris and taught classes in religious education. In July 1945 Rev. Dabrowski was ordained a priest for the Diocese of Wladislaviensis by the Archbishop of Paris. In 1946, Rev. Dabrowski obtained a visa for the United States and traveled aboard victory ship Frederick H. Rattjer to New York City. He ultimately settled in Milwaukee, Wisconsin after visiting family there and finding a job with the Ss. Cyril and Methodius parish, where he lived and worked for 14 years. During this time, Rev. Dabrowski was incardinated into the Archdiocese of Milwaukee. Rev. Dabrowski also served the St. Hyacinth parish, which was his last parochial assignment, as he then became chaplain of St. Francis Hospital until his retirement in 1970. Rev. Dabrowski passed away in 1995 in Milwaukee.

### **Scope and content of collection**

The Reverend Stanley Dabrowski collection includes original documents concerning Reverend Dabrowski's life and biographical background from pre and post-war Europe and materials he collected regarding the Holocaust and Dachau once he arrived in the United States. Included in this collection is Rev. Dabrowski's Polish passport issued in France in 1948, identification cards, a Dachau pass admitting entrance and exit issued by the US Army to Rev. Dabrowski, correspondence in German, Polish and French, one of which was written during his internment in Dachau to a family member, and his Certification of United States Naturalization issued in 1951. Also comprised in this collection are biographical materials including a copy of his Wisconsin driver's license, a summary of an oral history interview, and letters in Latin relating to the Milwaukee Diocese. Among the materials he later collected are newspaper clippings, photographs of the Dachau Memorial Museum, and postcards depicting martyrs from the Polish clergy in the Second World War.

### **System of arrangement**

Reverend Stanley Dabrowski collection are arranged as two series:

- Series I: Original documents, 1935-1960
- Series II: Collected materials, 1945-1995 and undated

### **Indexing terms**

Dabrowski, Stanley (1913-1995).

Dachau (Concentration camp).

Dachau Memorial Museum.

Sachsenhausen (Concentration camp).

Holocaust, Jewish (1939-1945)--Poland.

Holocaust survivors--Poland.

Priests--Nazi persecution--Germany--Dachau.

Prisoners--Germany--Dachau.

Chaplains, Hospital.

Warsaw (Poland).

Włocławek (Poland).

Paris (France).

## **CONTAINER LIST**

### **Series 1: Original documents, 1935-1960**

<b>Folder</b>	<b>Title</b>
1	<a href="#">Certificate of Naturalization, 1951</a>
2	<a href="#">Correspondence, 1944-1960</a>
3	<a href="#">Dachau pass to Administrative Office, approximately 1945</a>
4	<a href="#">Identification cards, 1935 and 1945</a>
5	<a href="#">Incardination into the Archdiocese of Milwaukee papers [copy], 1956</a>
6	<a href="#">Interview transcript, 1982</a>
7	<a href="#">Passport, 1945</a>
8	<a href="#">Program regarding Polish ministry in France, 1946</a>
9	<a href="#">Ship passage ticket, 1946</a>
10	<a href="#">Wisconsin driver's license [copy], 1947</a>

### **Series 2: Collected Material, 1945-1995 and undated**

<b>Folder</b>	<b>Title</b>
11	<a href="#">Dachau Memorial Museum photographs, postcards, and program, 1992 and undated</a>
12	<a href="#">Funeral announcement, 1995</a>
13	<a href="#">Newspaper clippings, 1945-1981 [See oversized folder]</a>
14	<a href="#">Postcards depicting martyrs in the Polish Clergy in the Second World War, undated</a>

### **Oversized folders**

<b>Folder</b>	<b>Title</b>
1	<a href="#">Newspapers clippings, 1945-1981</a>