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**Fritsky and Schwartz Family Collection  
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**2 Boxes; 2 Linear Feet**

**Scope and Content Note**

The Fritsky and Schwartz Family Collection contains two boxes of archival material. The Fritsky Family documents include correspondence, currency, photographs, and publications in Polish, Russian, Ukrainian, and English. Most of the correspondence dates from 1916 to 1969 with the Fritsky family that emigrated to the United States from Poland and lived in Pennsylvania.

Correspondence is described as being to and from “mother’s sister the USSR.” Correspondence include letters to and from Mary Stryanka Fritsky (January 6, 1895 – September 19, 1967) and her husband Wassel Fritsky (1885-1969) who lived in Pricedale, Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania and later Belle Vernon in Fayette County, Pennsylvania; and includes correspondence to and from her sisters Mrs. Julia Harchetts of Newark, New Jersey and Mrs. Anastasia (Anna) Turchyk (Turchik) in Poland.

Correspondence in Box 1 Folders 3-4 have been digitized and are accessible through this document.

Folder 9 includes World War One documents of Albert A. Schwartz (March 23, 1894 – July 23, 1970) were added to the collection in 2024. He was a Private in the 133<sup>rd</sup> M. G. Battalion in the United States Army during the First World War in 1918-1919.

**Provenance**

This collection was donated by Jacob Fritsky, Monica Parker, and Amber Lawrence in 2023 and 2024.

**Restrictions**

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**Processor**

The collection was first organized by Harrison Wick on April 4, 2024.

**Container List**

**Box 1 Documentation and Publications (9 folders)**

1. Background Information including family genealogy from Ancestry.com
2. Documents related to correspondence (Polish)
  - a. Baptismal Certificate (handwritten) Pennsylvania, 1921
  - b. Information about emigration of father Wassel Fritsky (1885-1969) and mother Mary Stryanka Fritsky (1895-1967)
  - c. Passport of Mary Stryanka (Fritsky) dated 1912

- d. Obituary for Mary Stryanka Fritsky dated September 19, 1967
- 3. [Correspondence \(undated\) in Polish and English](#), includes letters from Mary Stryanka Fritsky (1895-1967) to her sisters Mrs. Julia Harchetts (Newark, New Jersey) and Mrs. Anastasia (Anna) Turchyk (Turchik) in Poland
- 4. [Correspondence \(dated\)](#) in Polish and English, includes letters from Mary Stryanka Fritsky (1895-1967) to her sisters Mrs. Julia Harchetts (Newark, New Jersey) and Mrs. Anastasia (Anna) Turchyk (Turchik) in Poland, dated, 1916-1965
- 5. Currency, coinage, and stamps, 1961-1976 (Soviet Union)
- 6. Photographs
- 7. Postcard Books (Russia) unused, 1960s-1970s
  - a. Russia
  - b. Leningrad (2)
  - c. Pushkin
  - d. Petrodvorets
  - e. Mockba
- 8. Publications (1) in Polish, Ukrainian or Russian
  - a. Book 1 (1922) printed in Russian
  - b. Prayer Book (1938) printed by Stephen F. Telep in Mayfield, Pennsylvania (printed in Russian)
  - c. Brochure: The Hermitage – Plans of the Exhibitions (English) largest museum in the Soviet Union, 1975
- 9. Albert A. Schwartz: World War I documents, 1918-1919
  - a. General Orders 38: General Headquarters, American Expeditionary Forces, February 28, 1919 (copy) signed by General John Pershing
  - b. Honorable Discharge from the United States Army: Enlistment Records, for service in 1918-1919 (2 documents)
  - c. Veterans Administration: Correspondence from A. R. Thompson (Adjudication Officer, Pittsburgh to Mrs. Neponice Schwartz (Alfred A. Schwartz's mother) – May 24, 1935
  - d. Veterans Administration: Correspondence from Vincent A. Baldauf (Chief Attorney, Pittsburgh) to Mrs. Neponice Schwartz (Alfred A. Schwartz's mother) – August 27, 1935
  - e. Find-a-Grave for Alfred A. Schwartz (2024)

### **Box 2 Publications printed in Ukrainian (6 books)**

#### **Paper-back Publications printed in Polish or Ukrainian**

- 1. Book 1 (1959) printed in Yonkers, New York (Lemko Youth Journal)
- 2. Book 2 (1963) printed in Yonkers, New York (Lemko)
- 3. Book 3 (1966) printed in Yonkers, New York (Lemko)

#### **Bound Publications printed in Ukrainian**

- 4. CotbopeHHE (1927) International Bible Students Association: Brooklyn, New York (printed in Ukrainian)
- 5. "The Harp of God" (1921) International Bible Students Association: Brooklyn, New York (printed in Russian)
- 6. BN3BOJIeHHE (no date) International Bible Students Association: Brooklyn, New York (printed in Ukrainian)