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**Abstract**

The St. Stephen's Society, a Slovak fraternal benefit organization, was established in 1888 in Bridgeport, Connecticut, with the purpose of providing sick and death benefits to its members. In 1896, the society helped organize the First Slovak Wreath of the Free Eagle (FSWFE), which provided sick and death benefits, scholarships, and loans to its members. A local unit of the FSWFE is known as a "Leaf" and St. Stephen's Society became its Leaf #2. In 1997, the First Slovak Wreath of the Free Eagle merged with the National Slovak Society. These three organizations remain active in 2003.

The collection consists mostly of materials of the St. Stephen's Society and the First Slovak Wreath of the Free Eagle. There are also materials of several other Slovak organizations, including the First Catholic Slovak Union, the St. Joseph's Society, and the SS. Cyril and Methodius Church. The materials include bylaws, convention minutes and reports, miscellaneous financial records, and anniversary programs. In addition, several photographs and artifacts are included in the collection. Materials are in Slovak and English.

**Background note**

The St. Stephen's Society was founded on September 2, 1888, in Bridgeport, Connecticut. The aim of the society was to support its members in sickness, to bury deceased members according to Christian rite, and to pay death benefits. The first president of the St. Stephen's Society was Joseph Sedlar. He was followed in this capacity by Stephen Ledvak and later by Joseph Martin. Among the first members of the St. Stephen's Society were Stephen Dirga, Michael Maco, and Frank Kuhar. All were first generation Slovak immigrants from their homeland of Slovakia, then a part of the Austro-Hungarian Empire.

The St. Stephen's Society was one of two Bridgeport-based Slovak fraternal benefit organizations that established the First Slovak Wreath of the Free Eagle (FSWFE) on September 24, 1896, then known as the First Slavonic Wreath of the Free Eagle. A local

unit of the FSWFE was named a "Leaf." The St. Stephen's Society became the FSWFE's Leaf No. 2, with 49 members. Its official name was "St. Stephen, King of Hungary, Roman and Greek-Catholic Sick-Benefit Society, Second-Leaf, Slavonic Wreath of the Free Eagle."

The second organization that established the FSWFE was the St. John Nepomucene Society (also known as St. John's Society), which was founded on September 7, 1887, also in Bridgeport, Connecticut. The founders of the St. John Nepomucene Society were Joseph Sedlar, Joseph Siroviak, Alexander Halkovic, Michael Lozinak, John Mitro, Stephen Grohol, and Paul Didra. The St. John Nepomucene Society became the FSWFE Leaf No. 1, with 142 members.

Initially the combined organization maintained a focus in Connecticut. However, their second convention approved admission of Leaves from Massachusetts, New Jersey, and New York. Eventually the FSWFE established local Leaves in states coast to coast. In approximately 1913, the First Slavonic Wreath of the Free Eagle was renamed the "First Slovak Wreath of the Free Eagle" and was widely known as Slovak Eagle.

Joseph Martin of the St. Stephen's Society was elected the first president of the FSWFE for the 1896-1901 term, with Michael Amrich as a charter member and supreme financial secretary. Amrich served in this capacity for 53 years. Among those who contributed most to the history of the FSWFE was Matthew Cintula, supreme officer for 53 years, including 26 as president; and Dr. John R. Gulash, the medical director for 40 years. Among the legal advisors of FSWFE were attorneys John J. Vavrence, for 40 years; and John R. (Bob) Gulash, Jr., for 17 years. The advice of Edward J. Chanda, professional stockbroker and financial consultant of FSWFE for 45 years, along with the guidance of Andrew Kaza, who served as finance committee secretary for three decades, helped to maintain the financial condition of FSWFE.

Although the FSWFE was largely Catholic, it was founded as a non-denominational organization. The objects of the organization include "cultivation and promotion of charity and benevolence; the moral, mental, and social culture among its members; to aid and assist each other in sickness or misfortune; to provide for the funeral expenses of deceased members; and to make suitable provision for their widows and orphans."

In addition to sick and death benefits, the FSWFE sponsored social activities including gymnastic program for youth that continued until the 1930s. The FSWFE also provided scholarships to its members, helping many to pursue a college education, and from the mid-1970s, also provided mortgage loans to members. Finally, FSWFE participated in the building and maintenance of churches of all Christian denominations.

Initially the membership of the FSWFE was exclusively male. The admission of female members to the FSWFE was approved by the eighth convention in 1909. Women who broke barriers to serve in national offices included Anna Katusak, the first youth director; Marion D. (Amrich) Fay, the first woman elected supreme financial secretary, a position she held for 21 years; and Margaret (Kochis) Pilosi, youth director for 10 years, as well as the first women elected president, from 1980 to 1988. From 1988 to 1997

Wesnak also served as editor of the *Slovenský Orol* (Slovak Eagle), the FSWFE's official publication that was established in 1944 (Ján C. Sciranka, the well-known editor of the newspaper *Slovak v Amerike*, was also an editor of *Slovenský Orol* for many years beginning in 1946).

The FSWFE's members served in many Slovak-American organizations, such as the Slovak Catholic Federation, the Slovak League of America and the Slovak World Congress, as well as the National Fraternal Congress of America and the State Fraternal Congresses of New England, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and New York. Volunteerism, charitable donations, and member benefits earned FSWFE worldwide recognition as "the small organization with the big heart."

Despite its great reputation, membership of the FSWFE declined in the late 1900s. The merger with another Slovak fraternal beneficial organization was the most realistic solution to the challenges caused by a shrinking membership and premium income compounded by the escalating costs of doing business. On January 1, 1997, the First Slovak Wreath of the Free Eagle merged with the National Slovak Society, which had been established on February 15, 1890, in Pittsburgh.

In 2003, the First Slovak Wreath of the Free Eagle and the National Slovak Society remain active organizations, and the St. Stephen's Society remains Leaf No. 2 of the First Slovak Wreath of the Free Eagle.

## **Scope & content**

Materials span from 1890 to 1985, but the bulk is from 1913 to 1976. The collection illustrates the history of the establishment, activities, and interaction of several Slovak organizations and is composed mainly of the St. Stephen's Society and the First Slovak Wreath of the Free Eagle materials. Also included are some materials of the First Catholic Slovak Union, a few records of the St. Joseph's Society (Branch #19 of the First Slovak Catholic Union), and the SS. Cyril and Methodius Church that was established by the St. Joseph's Society. The materials of these additional organizations are included, presumably, because representatives from the First Slovak Wreath of the Free Eagle and the St. Stephen's Society participated in their conventions and anniversary celebrations.

Materials of the St. Stephen's Society span from 1890 to 1985, and are not complete. Included are bylaws, minutes, an income and expense ledger, a claim register, dues registers, miscellaneous bills, check stubs, and two anniversary programs. Materials of the FSWFE span from 1913 to 1985. These are: bylaws and amendments to the bylaws, convention minutes and reports, and several anniversary programs. Materials that belong to the SS. Cyril and Methodius Church from 1961 to 1963 are an annual dues report and a program of the 1100<sup>th</sup> Jubilee Year of arrival of SS. Cyril and Methodius to Slovakia. Other anniversary programs from 1966 and 1976 belong to the St. Joseph's Society. Sixteen photographs, some of which are images of groups of members of the St. Stephen's Society from 1938 to 1958, are included in the collection. Eight artifacts round out the collection.

## Overview of arrangement

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## Series description

### **Series 1. Administrative, 1890-1985, n.d. (Boxes 1-7)**

#### a. Bylaws and certificates, 1913-1968, n.d.

The collection contains several editions of bylaws of the FSWFE from 1913, 1925, 1940, and 1956. There are additions and/or amendments to bylaws of the FSWFE from 1937, 1944, 1948, and 1968. The bylaws of the Juvenile Branch of the FSWFE are from 1932 and 1940. Only one undated edition of bylaws of the St. Stephen's Society is included. There is also an undated merit certificate given to the St. Stephen's Society as a special award by the American Museum of Immigration "in recognition of outstanding service to the Unity of the American People." The FSWFE participated in a fundraising drive for the Museum in 1964.

#### b. Minutes and reports, 1890-1895, 1917-1980.

Included in this subseries are two minute books of the St. Stephen's Society's regular monthly meetings from 1890 to 1895, and 1940 to 1959. All minutes in these books are in Slovak. The minutes are short routine notes and often include lists of sick benefit payments and lists of new members. At the end of this book there is a report of income from 1894 to 1897, and a list of members and dues payments from 1892 to 1894. The minute book from 1940 to 1959 starts with a list of supreme officers of the St. Stephen's Society in 1940. The minutes in this book are also brief. At the end of every entry is a short report about the St. Stephen's Society's income, expenses, and surplus. There is also a minute book of the St. Stephen's Realty Corporation from 1921 to 1940; however, the relation of this organization to the St. Stephen's Society is unknown.

Minutes from annual conventions of the FSWFE are from 1917 to 1980, with some gaps. These minutes are mostly in Slovak, except for those from 1976 and 1980, which are in English. The convention minutes include session reports and financial reports. The usual topics of the conventions included the financial status of the organization, adult and junior membership statistics, anniversary events at the organization's Leaves, bylaws revisions, scholarship distributions, and statistics of distribution of insurance certificates by states.

From the convention minutes one can determine that the FSWFE was active during WWII and gave financial support to the country. "For the members of the ISVSO

[FSWFE] there should be no vacation from the part we can play to help win the war. We therefore solemnly promise to continue to buy United States War Saving Stamps and Defense Bonds to the limit of our ability, throughout until our victory is won," – said the president of the FSWFE in his report at the 1942 Annual Convention.

After the war, in 1946, the organization celebrated its golden jubilee with solid financial statements, and in 1948 the FSWFE had more than two million dollars of assets. Minutes of 1973 convention of the First Catholic Slovak Union are also included, presumably because the representatives of the FSWFE were invited to participate in this convention.

There are six reports of the supreme officers of the FSWFE conventions in 1944 to 1976, with gaps. Some reports are entirely in Slovak, while others include parts in English. From the reports one can determine, for example, that in 1944 the FSWFE had 113 Leaves with 6,569 senior members, and 73 Junior Groups with 1,737 members. In 1976 there were 86 Leaves with 4,072 senior members, and 46 Junior Groups with 1,229 members.

c. Financial, 1900-1907, 1950-1985, n.d.

The records of St. Stephen's Society include one income and expense ledger, which covers the period from 1950 to 1964; sporadic dues payment records and registers, from 1900 to 1985; a claim register from 1962 to 1976; two volumes of check stubs, from 1965 to 1973; and miscellaneous receipts, payments, and bills, from 1958 to 1985. Two dues books that belonged to the St. Stephen's Society's members from 1966 are also included. There are also miscellaneous accounts and receipts, and also dues payment records of Leaf No. 60, from 1959 to 1985. It is unclear why an annual dues report of the SS. Cyril and Methodius Church from 1961 is also included in the collection.

d. Programs, 1936-1982.

This subseries includes programs of commemorative events. The St. Stephen's Society's programs include the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, in 1938; and the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, in 1963. The anniversary programs of the FSWFE are: the 40<sup>th</sup> - in 1936; the 50<sup>th</sup> - in 1946; the 60<sup>th</sup> - in 1956; and the 75<sup>th</sup> - in 1971. There are also two convention programs of the FSWFE, from 1960 and 1964.

It is assumed that FSWFE participated in the 75<sup>th</sup> and 85<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations of the St. Joseph's Society in 1966 and 1976. Two programs of these celebrations are included in this collection. From these programs one can learn that the St. Joseph's Society, Branch No. 19 of the First Catholic Slovak Union, was organized on March 15, 1891. The society performed many acts of mercy by giving financial aid to widows and orphaned children of deceased members. St. Joseph's Society donated money towards many religious and social organizations, including the Slovak League of America, Slovak Catholic Federation, Slovak Foundation, and SS. Cyril and Methodius Seminary in Rome.

On July 15, 1906, a junior branch of the St. Joseph's Society was organized and was allotted the Junior Branch No. 14 of the First Catholic Slovak Union. In 1907, the St. Joseph's Society began construction of the SS. Cyril and Methodius Slovak Church in Bridgeport, Connecticut. In 1963, there was a celebration of the eleventh centenary of arrival of SS. Cyril and Methodius to Slovakia. The representatives of the FSWFE helped to make this celebration a success. A program of the 1100<sup>th</sup> Jubilee Year Pontifical Mass is included in this subseries. No doubt the FSWFE joined in the festivities of the annual Slovak Days, which commemorate Slovak ethnic solidarity; however, only one Slovak Day program from 1939 is included in the collection.

**Series 2. Photographs and Artifacts, n.d. (Boxes 6, 8)**

This series includes one 10"x8" photo of a group of ten members of the Golden Anniversary Celebration Committee of the St. Stephen's Society, from 1938.

The committee members shown are: Martin Hornak, Jan Lorinc, Karol Pištey, Michal Mačo, Andrej Jontoš, Andrej Medvecky, Andrej Katrinak, Viktor Hurtuk, Štefan Dirga, and František Kuhar.

One black and white 10"x8" photograph shows a group of seven supreme officers of St. Stephen's Society, from 1946. The officers are: Ján Lorinc, accountant; Michal Mikulics, secretary; Andrey Nagy, chairman; Jan Rusnak, cashier; Jan Luteran, secretary of financial committee; Martin Hornak, mayor; and Matis Cajgovic, secretary of financial committee.

Two copies of 10"x8" photographs show a group of eight members of St. Stephen's Society, from 1956. These members are: John S. Rusnák, Michael Mojher, George Bensko, Štefan Luteran, George Vargovčik, Josef Tömiš, and Martin Hornak. Three copies of 7"x5" black and white photograph from 1958 depict John S. Rusnak, supreme president of the FSWFE; and Ján Lorinc, financial secretary.

Nine color photographs with two strips of negatives show the poor condition of an unidentified living room, bedroom, kitchen, and restroom. An envelope, in which these photographs were kept, was labeled "Kerekes," which may be the last name of a person who lived in that place.

Six identical metal badges of the leaf shape belonged to St. Stephen's Society's members. There is also one metal badge of unknown purpose. A ribbon of a supreme officer of the St. Stephen's Society is also included.

## Separation report

The following printed materials – most of which were duplicates of those that remain in the collection – were transferred to the Balch Institute for Ethnic Studies Library, since the collection was donated to that institution in 1992. Following the merger of the Balch Institute with the HSP in 2002, these materials were placed in the HSP Library.

Program, Slovak Day. 1939. Bridgeport, CT and Vicinity.  
Program, 85<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. 1976. St. Joseph's Society, Branch 19, Bridgeport, CT.  
Minutes, 38<sup>th</sup> Convention. 1973. First Catholic Slovak Union, St. Louis. MO.

First Slovak Wreath of the Free Eagle:

Minutes of Annual Convention, 1942. Bridgeport. CT.  
Minutes Annual Convention, 1944. Reading, PA.  
Program, 12<sup>th</sup> Convention, 1917. Reading, PA.  
Program, 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, 1936.  
Program, Golden Jubilee, 1946.  
Program, 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, 1956.  
Program, Minutes, 25<sup>th</sup> National Convention, 1960.  
Program, 26<sup>th</sup> National Convention, 1964.  
Program, 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, 1971.  
Reports of the Supreme Officers, 27<sup>th</sup> National Convention, 1968.  
Reports of the Supreme Officers, 29<sup>th</sup> National Convention, 1976.

Artifacts:

2 gavels  
6 ribbons  
2 pins  
1 wooden knob

## Related materials

First Slavonic Wreath of the Free Eagle Records, Collection M97-013. The Historical Society of Pennsylvania.  
By-laws of the First Slavonic Wreath of the Free Eagle of the United States of America: Bridgeport, Conn., 1922. HS 2046.S46 F67x 1922.  
Serial:  
*Slovak Eagle*. Quarterly. Passaic, N.J.: First Slovak Wreath of the Free Eagle, 1952- . The Historical Society of Pennsylvania.

## Subjects

Care of the sick  
Charity organization – Connecticut – Bridgeport – 19<sup>th</sup> Century  
Charity organization – Connecticut – Bridgeport – 20<sup>th</sup> Century  
Insurance, Fraternal  
Mortgage loans –Connecticut – Bridgeport  
Orphanages



Scholarships  
Slovak Americans – Connecticut – Bridgeport  
Slovak Americans – Societies, etc.  
Societies – History, organization, etc.

Amrich, Michael  
Martin, Joseph  
Sciranka, Ján C.  
Sedlar, Joseph

First Catholic Slovak Union of America  
First Slavonic Wreath of the Free Eagle  
First Slovak Wreath of the Free Eagle  
First Slovak Wreath of the Free Eagle – Anniversaries, etc.  
National Slovak Society of the United States of America  
SS. Cyril and Methodius Church (Bridgeport, Conn.)  
SS. Cyril and Methodius Church (Bridgeport, Conn.)– Anniversaries, etc.  
St. John Nepomucene Roman Catholic Slovak Parish  
St. John Nepomucene Society (Bridgeport, Conn.)  
St. Joseph's Society (Bridgeport, Conn.)  
St. Joseph's Society (Bridgeport, Conn.) – Anniversaries, etc.  
St. Stephen's Realty Corporation (Bridgeport, Conn.)  
St. Stephen's Society (Bridgeport, Conn.)  
St. Stephen's Society (Bridgeport, Conn.)– Anniversaries, etc.

## **Administrative Information**

### **Restrictions**

The collection is open for research.

### **Acquisition information**

The St. Stephen's Society, Bridgeport, Connecticut, records were donated to the Balch Institute for Ethnic Studies by the organization in 1992 and 1993.

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### **Alternative format**

None

### **Preferred citation**

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### **Processing note**

The processing of this collection was made possible by a generous grant from the Phoebe W. Haas Charitable Trust. All duplicates have been removed. A number of items of the collection were cleaned for mold. Folders and boxes that contain these materials are labeled. Three brochures of anniversary programs of the SS. Cyril and Methodius Church, one from 1957, and two copies from 1982, which were water damaged, have been removed from the collection and discarded.

## Box and folder listing

### Series 1. Administrative. a. Bylaws and Certificates

Folder title	Date	Box	Folder
St. Stephen's Society: Bylaws	n.d.	1	1
St. Stephen's Society: Merit Certificate given by the American Museum of Immigration	n.d.	6	4
FSWFE: Bylaws	1913	1	2
FSWFE: Bylaws	1925	1	3
FSWFE: Bylaws of the Juvenile Branch	1932	1	4
FSWFE: Amendments and additions to the bylaws	1937	1	5
FSWFE: Bylaws	1940	1	6
FSWFE: Bylaws of the Juvenile Branch	1940	1	7
FSWFE: Amendments to the Bylaws	1944	1	8
FSWFE: Amendments to the Bylaws	1948	1	9
FSWFE: Bylaws	1956	1	10
FSWFE: Amendments to the Bylaws	1968	1	11

### Series 1. Administrative. b. Minutes and Reports

Folder title	Date	Box	Folder
St. Stephen's Society: Minute book	1890-1895	2	Volume #1
St. Stephen's Society: Minute book	1940-1959	3	Volume #2
St. Stephen's Realty Corporation: Minute book	1921-1940	3	Volume #3
FSWFE: Minutes of the Annual Convention	1917	1	12 (Mold treatment)
FSWFE: Minutes of the Annual Convention	1942	1	13
FSWFE: Minutes of the Annual Convention	1944	1	14
FSWFE: Minutes of the Annual Convention	1948	1	15
FSWFE: Minutes of the Annual Convention	1960	1	16
FSWFE: Minutes of the Annual Convention	1964	1	17
FSWFE: Minutes of the Annual Convention	1976	1	18
FSWFE: Minutes of the Annual Convention	1980	1	19
FSWFE: Reports of Supreme Officers from the 21 <sup>st</sup> National Convention	1944	1	20
FSWFE: Reports of Supreme Officers from the 22 <sup>nd</sup> National Convention	1948	4	1
FSWFE: Reports of Supreme Officers from the 25 <sup>th</sup> National Convention	1960	4	2 (Mold treatment)
FSWFE: Reports of Supreme Officers from the 26 <sup>th</sup> National Convention	1964	4	3

FSWFE: Reports of Supreme Officers from the 27 <sup>th</sup> National Convention	1968	4	4
FSWFE: Reports of Supreme Officers from the 29 <sup>th</sup> National Convention	1976	4	5 (Mold treatment)
First Catholic Slovak Union: Minutes from the 38 <sup>th</sup> Convention	1973	4	6 (Mold treatment)

**Series 1. Administrative. c. Financial**

<b>Folder title</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>
St. Stephen's Society: Income and expense ledger	1950-1964	3	Volume #4
St. Stephen's Society: Miscellaneous accounts and receipts	1958-1982, n.d.	4	7 (Mold treatment)
St. Stephen's Society: Miscellaneous bills	1980-1985	4	8 (Mold treatment)
St. Stephen's Society: Dues register	1907-1915	5	Volume #5
St. Stephen's Society: Dues register	1954-1957	6	1 (Volume #6)
St. Stephen's Society: Dues register	1958-1961	6	2 (Volume #7)
St. Stephen's Society: Dues payment records	1960-1985	4	9 (Mold treatment)
St. Stephen's Society: Miscellaneous enclosures from dues registers	1959, n.d.	4	10 (Mold treatment)
St. Stephen's Society: Miscellaneous payment records	1959-1973	4	11
St. Stephen's Society: Miscellaneous payment records	1974-1984	4	12
St. Stephen's Society: Claim register	1962-1976	6	3 (Volume #8)
St. Stephen's Society: Check stubs	1965-1973	4	13 (Volume #9)
St. Stephen's Society: Check stubs	1970-1973	7	1 (Volume #10)
St. Stephen's Society: Members' dues books	1960, 1966	7	4 (Mold treatment)
St. Stephen's Society: Enclosures from Volume #5 - dues register, 1907-1915	n.d.	6	4
St. Stephen's Society: Miscellaneous blank forms	n.d.	7	5
Miscellaneous accounts and receipts from Leaf No. 60	1961-1985, n.d.	7	2 (Mold treatment)
Dues payments from Leaf No. 60	1959-1985	7	3 (Mold treatment)
SS. Cyril and Methodius Church: Annual dues report	1961	7	6 (Mold treatment)

**Series 1. Administrative. d. Programs**

<b>Folder title</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>
St. Stephen's Society: Souvenir Program of the 50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary, and related papers	1938	7	7 (Mold treatment)

St. Stephen's Society: Souvenir Program of the 75 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary	1963	7	8 (Mold treatment)
FSWFE: Souvenir Program of the 40 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary	1936	7	9 (Mold treatment)
FSWFE: Golden Jubilee	1946	7	10 (Mold treatment)
FSWFE: Souvenir Program of the 24 <sup>th</sup> Convention	1956	7	11 (Mold treatment)
FSWFE: 60 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary	1956	7	12 (Mold treatment)
FSWFE: Program of the 25 <sup>th</sup> National Convention	1960	7	13 (Mold treatment)
FSWFE: Program of the 26 <sup>th</sup> National Convention	1964	7	14 (Mold treatment)
FSWFE: 75 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary	1971	7	15 (Mold treatment)
SS. Cyril and Methodius 1100 <sup>th</sup> Jubilee Year, Pontifical Mass	1963	7	16 (Mold treatment)
St. Joseph's Society, Branch #19, First Catholic Slovak Union: 75 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary	1966	7	17 (Mold treatment)
St. Joseph's Society, Branch #19, First Catholic Slovak Union: 85 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary	1976	7	18 (Mold treatment)
Slovak Day	1939	7	19 (Mold treatment)

**Series 2. Photographs and Artifacts**

Folder title	Date	Extent	Box	Folder
10"x8" black and white photograph of a group of ten members of the St. Stephen's Society, Golden Anniversary Celebration Committee	1938	1	6	5
10"x8" black and white photograph of a group of eight members of the St. Stephen's Society	1956	2	6	6
10"x8" black and white photograph of a group of seven supreme officers from the St. Stephen's Society	1946	1	7	20
7"x5" black and white photograph of Ján Lorinc and John S. Rusnak	1958	3	7	21
Color photographs of unidentified living room, bedroom, kitchen, and bathroom	n.d.	9	7	22
Negatives of unidentified living room, bedroom, kitchen, and bathroom	n.d.	2	7	23
Metal badges of the St. Stephen's Society members, Leaf No. 2; and a metal badge of unknown purpose	n.d.	7	8	N/A
Ribbon of supreme officer of the St. Stephen's Society	n.d.	1	8	N/A