

FOLKLORE OF THE UPPER MIDWEST - Sound Archives
Down Home Dairyland Collection

Summary

one open reel tape recording
Zurawski, Greg
Custer, Portage County, WI
Polish, German, Bohemian bands in WI
field recording by James P. Leary
2/26/88
Recording made at: Zurawski home
Project: Down Home Dairyland radio pgms
Sponsor: WI Arts Board

Archiving

Acc #: 89.2
Cat #:
Other:
Location: UW-Madison, Mills Music
Library, WI Music Collection
Restrictions: scholarly use allowed,
otherwise contact WI Arts Board

Topics Covered

Ethnic Focus: Polish, Bohemian, German Instrument(s): none

Brief Description of Contents: Lifelong involvement with old time music,
especially as a dance promoter in the Stevens Point area. Local bands and
those who toured in the area; music in Zurawski family; German, Bohemian,
and Polish style bands; old time weddings.

Catalogue Reference polka; Wisconsin German, Bohemian, Polish; folk music,
Stevens Point, Portage County

Biographical/Contact Information

Home Address: 1986 C.T.H.K.

Custer, WI 54432

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Birth Date: 2/25/27

Place of Birth: east of Stevens Point, WI

Family Background: grandparents immigrants from Poland

Technical Data:

Technical data: 1 7" reel, 1 side,
Ampex 632 tape, 7 1/2 ips, mono

Comments: used UW-Madison LSS Dept.
Nagra 4-L recorder

Copies Made: cassette copy for Mills Music Library

cassette copies for project co-producers J.P. Leary & R. March

Reference Aids

Field Notes: no Index: yes Transcriptions: no Photos: B&W, contact sheet &
Release: yes log 1, #s 2223.

Other material: two souvenir booklets: Old Time Dance Party 1980 and Old Time
Dance Party 1981.

cf: material used in Down Home Dairyland radio program(s): # 2, "Manitowoc
Bohemian Sound," # , "Stevens Point."

Other Notes

Zurawski has long been a weekly columnist for The Polka News, a bi-monthly
publication based in St. Charles, Michigan. He has an enormous collection of
polka recordings that includes 78s, 45s, LPs, and tapes. For many years he was
a polka DJ and he has also conducted interviews with noted musicians.

This record made by: James P. Leary

Date: 2/13/89