

**Count Alexandre Orłowski (1892-1975),
Scrapbooks 1941-1951,
XMSC 85**

Introduction

This is a collection of thirteen scrapbooks created by Count Alexandre Orłowski of Chittenden, Vermont, between 1941-1968. The scrapbooks document subjects that interested the Count including local news, the lives of international celebrities, the Count's honeymoon in 1945, and Polish émigré and war news. Some of the clippings in the scrapbooks are in Polish. Reg Alexander gave the collection to the Vermont Historical Society in 2004 (ms. acc. no. 2004.5); his daughter had purchased many years earlier. The thirteen scrapbooks in this collection take up 1.25 feet of shelf space.

Biography

Count Alexandre Orłowski lived on his Furnace Brook Farm in Chittenden, Vermont, at the time he assembled these scrapbooks. He was born in 1892 the son of Count Miecislav Orłowski of Poland and Mabel Stevens Orłowski of the Stevens family of Hoboken, New Jersey. His first wife was Muriel Mullins. He married Gladys Thelma Goudie of Montreal in 1945. Toward the end of his life Orłowski was an antiques dealer in Castleton. Alexandre Orłowski died in 1975.

Scope and Content

The scrapbooks of Count Alexandre Orłowski are highly personal and idiosyncratic. They cover subjects of interest to their creator, the son of a Polish Count and an American woman. The contents of the scrapbooks range from Rutland County news notices to stories and images of glamorous people to coverage of World War II in Poland. The Count was especially interested in high fashion and the activities of celebrities, but he also cut out articles about Rutland court events, local politics, weather, deaths and weddings. Local and international subjects are often juxtaposed in interesting ways. The Count was apparently interested in Corgi dogs; scrapbook #9 contains shipping instructions for an AKC registered Welsh Corgi named "Apple Taffy of Furnace Brook."

The press in the United States, Canada, and France covered the Count's wedding to Gladys Thelma Goudie in 1945. The Count saved all of these accounts, including an uncomplimentary article by the nationally syndicated gossip columnist Cholly Knickerbicker. The same scrapbook contains printed ephemera of all types from their honeymoon to New York, Washington, and Cuba, including materials from airlines, hotels and restaurants.

Each scrapbook has a number pasted to its cover. They have been shelved in numerical order, which corresponds to a loose chronological arrangement; although very

few items in the scrapbooks are dated. Scrapbooks numbered 1, 13, and 14 were not part of the collection that came to the Vermont Historical Society. The final scrapbook is only a fragment and is housed in an acid free folder.

Inventory

- XMSC 85.1 Scrapbook #2, 1941-1942
 - ◆ Sam Ogden campaign clippings

- .2 Scrapbook #3, 1943
 - ◆ WWII Nurse's Aides

- .3 Scrapbook #4, 1943
 - ◆ Rutland, Vt., funeral of Arthur Farnsworth, husband of Bette Davis

- .4 Scrapbook #5, 1943-1944

- .5 Scrapbook #6, 1944
 - ◆ D-Day

- .6 Scrapbook #7, 1945

- .7 Scrapbook #8, 1945
 - ◆ WWII gas ration card and coupons

- .8 Scrapbook #9, 1945-1946
 - ◆ wedding of Count Alexandre Orlowski to Gladys Thelma Goudie

- .9 Scrapbook 1945-1946
 - ◆ Robert T. Stafford elected States Attorney
 - ◆ Life magazine visits Vermont Legislator's circus party (Gov. Ernest Gibson with circus pony)

- .10 Scrapbook #11, 1947
 - ◆ East Pittsford power dam burst and resulting flood in Rutland

- .11 Scrapbook # 12, 1948
 - ◆ Andrea Mead at Olympics
 - ◆ Gov. Ernest Gibson vs. Lee Emerson campaign for Vermont governor

- .12 Scrapbook # 15, 1950-1951
 - ◆ Razing of the Redfield Proctor mansion
 - ◆ Serious storm, news photos of damage
 - ◆ Hetty Green

- .13 Scrapbook fragments, ca. 1965-68
 - ◆ Travel to Monte Carlo
 - ◆ Death of Wayne A. Sarcka
 - ◆ Whittemore murder case, Florence & Rutland
 - ◆ New motor lodge at Pico Peak

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