

# **Finding aid for the Ukrainian Society Papers Collection 413**

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository</b>	Grand Rapids Public Library, Grand Rapids History and Special Collections Department
<b>Title</b>	Ukrainian Society Papers
<b>Date [inclusive]</b>	1885-1943
<b>Extent</b>	1.0 Linear feet Three Boxes
<b>Language</b>	English
<b>Abstract</b>	<p>The Ukrainian National Benefit Association was founded in 1894 as a fraternal organization to provide material needs and to promote Ukrainian culture for the first wave of Ukrainian immigrants. This association allowed any Ukrainian between the ages of eighteen and forty-five to become a member. The local unit of Grand Rapids' goal was to organize all of the Ukrainians in Grand Rapids, create a kinship bond among them, and to spread the knowledge of Ukrainian culture and language among Ukrainian individuals.</p>

## Biographical/Historical note

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Large scale Ukrainian immigration to the United States did not happen until the late 1800s. The Ukrainian National Benefit Association was founded in response to that in 1894 as a fraternal organization to provide material needs and to promote Ukrainian culture for the first wave of Ukrainian immigrants. In the United States there was 465 local units, one being in Grand Rapids. This association allowed any Ukrainian between the ages of eighteen and forty-five to become a member. Their goal was to organize all of the Ukrainians in Grand Rapids, create a kinship bond among them, and to spread the knowledge of Ukrainian culture and language among Ukrainian individuals.

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## Scope and Contents note

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The Ukrainian Society Collection is broken up into five series, which are based on subject matter.

The photograph series includes photographs of different Ukrainian individuals and groups. There are many photographs where the names and dates are unclear or they are unidentified, but where they are clear or identified, the dates range from the late 1800s to the early 1900s. Series II. Kirkhuff Papers includes various documentation on a few of the Kirkhuff family members and the school they attended, which was Fenton High School. Series III. Scholl Papers contains documentation on the Scholl family and their property, such as the Scribner and Douglas St. Lots. Series IV. Ukrainian National Association consists of information on the Ukrainian National Association and the charter in Grand Rapids itself, including warranty deeds for the property that it owned. The last series, Series V. Miscellaneous includes a variation of documents that have to do with the Ukrainian society, but offer no indication that they could belong to a specific subject or series.

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## Administrative Information

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### Publication Information

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## Series I. Photographs

## Collection Inventory

Series I. Photographs		
	Box	Folder
Scholl Photographs	1	1
Scholl and Ecklesdafer Photographs	1	2
Serdynsky and Bobey; Martin Store Tailors	1	3
Grand Rapids Straight School, School Play	1	4
Group Photograph in Traditional Ukrainian Dress	1	5
Ralph Long Photograph	1	6
Ralph Burdick Photograph	1	7
1898 Mildred and Clarence Photographs Last name unclear	1	8
Photographs: Names Unclear	1	9
Photographs: Unidentified	1	10

## Series II. Kirkhuff Papers

<b>Series II. Kirkhuff Papers</b>		
	<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>
Jeannie Kirkhuff: Journal	2	1
Jeannie Kirkhuff: Certificates and Report Cards	2	2
Jeannie Kirkhuff: Certificate of Dismission 1902	2	3
Louella Kirkhuff: School Journal 1895	2	4
Fenton High School 1894 - The Reflector 1894	2	5
Fenton High School 1889 Graduation Exercises 1889	2	6

**Series III. Scholl Papers**

Charles Scholl D.E. Ledger, Scribner Lots

	<b>Box</b>	<b>Volume</b>
Books	3	1
	<b>Box</b>	<b>Volume</b>
Books	3	2

	<b>Box</b>	<b>Object</b>
Charles Scholl S.E.L, Douglas Lots	3	2
	<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>

**Series IV. Ukrainian National Association**

Karline Scholl Documents	3	1
Unionites! Your Guide	3	2
Haney School Furniture Company Property	3	3
Mrs. C. T. Scholl Envelope	3	4
Letter Regarding Charles Scholl	3	5

**Series IV. Ukrainian National Association**

	<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>
The Ukrainian National Benefit Association Constitution	3	6
Ukrainian American Club of Grand Rapids	3	7
Warranty Deeds	3	8

**Series V. Miscellaneous**

	<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>
1895 Eckelsdorfer Note	3	9
Commercial Savings Bank Pocket Calendar 1923	3	10
Loren Benjamin Teal Realtor Envelope	2	11

Series V. Miscellaneous

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Money on Credit Booklet	3	12
New-Powers Theatre: Bill of the Play	3	13
Orthography, March 1894	3	14
The Peninsular Club, Wine Card	3	15
"Secret Confession to the Priest - Exposed"	3	16