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Sources with reference to POLAND

The number in **bold** is the number required to order a document.
The sources are listed in chronological order.

Digby 'B' 124

Letter from Kenelm Digby at Breslau to Wriothesley Digby, concerning the contest for the crown of Poland. 25 August, 1791.

MS 3782: Papers of Matthew Boulton (1728 -1809) and family:

MS 3782/13/8/31.

Letter. Count Boruwlaski (Birmingham) to Matthew Robinson Boulton (Soho).
30 Apr. 1804.

"Intention of having a promenade and ball. Requesting my assistance." (Dated at New Street.)

Printed notice, announcing a military promenade and ball for the benefit of Count Boruwlaski, "Three Feet Three Inches High, and now Sixty-four Years of Age," to take place on 22 Feb. [sic].

MS 3782/12/35/89.

Letter. Lieutenant General de Komarzewski (Slough) to Matthew Boulton [Soho]. 30 Apr. 1790. *(Written in French.)*

MS 3782/12/35/207.

Letter. Lieutenant General de Komarzewski (Paris) to Matthew Boulton [Soho]. 23 Dec. 1790.

MS 3782/12/36/39.

Letter. Lieutenant General de Komarzewski (Paris) to Matthew Boulton (Soho). 3 Mar. 1791.

MS 3782/12/37/92.

Letter. Lieutenant General de Komarzewski (West Bromwich) to Matthew Boulton (Soho). 8 Jun. 1792.

(Dated at Mr. Keir's house.)

MS 3782/12/37/225.

Letter. Lieutenant-General de Komarzewski (Paris) to Matthew Boulton (Soho). 17 Dec. 1792.

MS 3782/12/41/132.

Letter. Lieutenant General de Komarzewski (Leipzig) to Matthew Boulton (Soho). 7 Apr. 1796.

MS 3782/12/41/140.

Letter. Lieutenant General de Komarzewski (Ratisbon) to Matthew Boulton (Soho). 14 Apr. 1796.

(Included with the letter is a document written in French, entitled, "Avis au Lecteur", signed "Thiele & Steinert, Freyberg in Saxony, by Leipzig.")

MS 3782/12/48/267.

Letter. Le Comte Zamoyski (Birmingham) to Matthew Boulton (Soho). 19 Aug. 1803.

(Dated at the Swan Hotel.)

MS 3782/12/48/268.

Letter. Le Comte Zamoyski (Birmingham) to Matthew Boulton (Soho). [21 Aug.]1803.

MS 3782/12/50/147.

Letter. Le Comte Zamoyski (Poland) to Matthew Boulton (Soho). 24 Aug. 1805.
Order for a number of seals or medals.
Sketches and impressions.

MS 3782/12/50/182.

Copy letter. Matthew Boulton (Soho) to Le Comte Zamoyski (—). 13 Oct. 1805.

MS 3782/12/50/209.

Letter. Le Comte Zamoyski (Putawy) to Matthew Boulton (Soho). 21 Nov. 1805.

MS 908/10

Travel diary of Helen Caddick. 1909.

pp. 366-374 includes details of her travel from Moscow to London via Poland and Germany, with a visit to Warsaw.

MS 2526 Papers of Constance Davis

Family photographs, holiday photographs, letters, diaries, greetings cards and other personal papers belonging to Constance Davis and her family and friends. The collection includes birth and death certificates and correspondence between her executor and her solicitor following her death in 2000. 19th - 20th C.

Constance Bella Davis was born in Birmingham into a Jewish family on 12 June 1917. Her parents are listed on her birth certificate as David Papowich, a journeyman tailor, and Esther Papowich (nee Cohen). According to the executor of her will, the family came to Birmingham from Russia and Poland.

Charles Parker Archive:

MS 4000/6/1/11/2/C

CD copy of a sound recording made by Charles Parker of an interview with Herbert Cashmore, Head of Birmingham Reference Library (1882-1972), made in 1959. Cashmore talks about his work and career at Birmingham Library, with reference to the European countries he had visited, and his impressions of these countries and their libraries; including 1930s Germany, Russia, Poland, and Romania.

Tape transcripts, correspondence etc. for the radio programme, which was not broadcast, can be found in **MS 4000/2/69**.

MS 4000/6/1/14/6/C

CD copy of a sound recording of interviews with road workers made by Charles Parker for the radio ballad 'Song of a Road'. (1959).

Track 25: Polish workers' experience 1.33 mins

MS 4000/6/1/80/12/C

CD copy of a sound recording of an interview by Charles Parker with Mr and Mrs Kirby, a married couple in their 70s, from the East End of London. Mrs Kirby talks about her political awakening in the 1920s and the influence of a socialist school teacher. She describes her early employment and interest in trade unionism. The couple discuss how attending youth clubs helped the youth of their generation, and how it politicised them. Mr Kirby speaks about his involvement in trades unions from the 1930s, and during the second World War, with reference to working in the docks in London. Mr Kirby describes in detail the conditions of work and employment on the docks. He describes the effect of the war on goods coming in to the docks. The couple speak about the different foreign sailors that lived in their part of the East End of London, including Jamaican, Lithuanian and Polish people. Mrs Kirby speaks about the food that they ate at their international friends' houses.

1977.

Tracks 1 - 11: Total: 32.39 mins

MS 2192/C/E/2/3/50

Art at The Edge: Contemporary Art from Poland. Catalogue of an exhibition at the Museum of Modern Art, Oxford. 1988. (1 file)

MS 2449/B/1/4

1990s

File of images by George Hallet, photographer, from the amnesty hearings in South Africa. This includes images of the the family and friends and legal team of Chris Hani, a freedom fighter and political activist, who was shot on the driveway to his home in 1993. Janus Walus, a Polish immigrant, was arrested. Both Walus and a Conservative Party MP, Clive Derby-Lewis were convicted for the crime, and applied for amnesty from the Truth and Reconciliation Commission in 1997, on the basis that they were acting on orders from the

Conservative Party. The Commission could not find evidence of this and so their amnesty applications were refused.

The file also includes images of the applicants for amnesty, and of demonstrators protesting against the possible granting of amnesty to the killers.

MS 2478/C/34/4

File of loose cuttings from national newspapers on various subjects, including the difficulties faced by Poland's post-communist economy. 1990.

HC QE/7/4/1

Visitors' Book of the Queen Elizabeth Hospital, 1939-1963.

As the main focus of the plan for the new Hospitals Centre, the Queen Elizabeth Hospital attracted much international interest and acclaim. Representatives from countries such as Italy, Poland, Russia and the U.S.A. came to study the design of the hospital and its amenities, and signed this register. **[CLOSED]**

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661495- 661496 [ZZ67B]

Minutes and reports of Waverley Road Unitarian Church, Small Heath.

Birmingham's first female Unitarian minister was the Reverend Gertrude von Petzold, born in Thorn in 1876. She came to Birmingham in June 1911, after holding ministries in Leicester and in Streator, Illinois, U.S.A. When World War 1 began, her application for citizenship was refused and she left the church in 1915 and moved to Switzerland then Frankfurt.

[see also article by J. Lethbridge in *Birmingham Historian* 22]

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