Regina Bowgierd Kulczycki Papers 1960-2011

Preliminary Finding Aid

Creator: Regina Bowgierd Kulczycki (1942-2019)
Extent: 0.5 linear feet (1 box)
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Separations: None

Biographical History

Regina Bowgierd was born in Brześć, Poland, under German occupation on November 17, 1942, to Józef Bowgierd and Anna Bowgierd (née Kontor). After the war, she and her family moved to the formerly German territory incorporated into western Poland and later settled in Poznań, Poland. After receiving her medical degree from the Medical Academy of Poznań, she completed a two-year rotating internship and began a residency in General Surgery and Urology at the Struś Medical School Hospital in Poznań. She met her husband John W. Kulczycki as he was conducting research for his dissertation in Poland, and they married in France in 1971.

Regina Bowgierd Kulczycki immigrated to the United States in 1971. She passed the exam required of foreign medical graduates certifying their medical degrees and completed a one-year rotating surgery internship at Metropolitan Hospital of New York Medical College. Bowgierd Kulczycki changed her specialty after this internship and completed a three-year residency in psychiatry with the Columbia University Department of Psychiatry at Roosevelt Hospital. After moving to Chicago in 1978, she spent 20 years working as a psychiatrist at city mental health clinics, mainly at the Lakeview Mental Health clinic. She also spent 28 years as a consultant for the Social Security Administration, ensuring the quality of decisions in disability cases.

Loyola University Chicago's Polish Studies Program established the Dr. Regina Bowgierd Scholarship to help students with academic merit to continue to minor in Polish Studies. Recipients are expected to embody the spirit of scholarship and community service reflective of Bowgierd Kulczycki, who helped many patients in Chicago throughout her career.

Bowgierd Kulczycki passed away on May 16, 2019. She never lost her attachment to Polish culture and a desire to foster a knowledge of Polish history, literature, and the Polish language.

Scope and Content

The Regina Bowgierd Kulczycki Papers consists of 0.5 linear feet and spans the years 1960-2011. The papers relate to her immigration and naturalization to the United States, her education in Poland and the United States, and her profession as a psychiatrist.

Materials include her Polish and American passports, identifications, and professional certifications and correspondence.

Subjects:
Polish Studies
Psychiatry
Immigration
Education

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1	1	[Passports and Identification Cards]	
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