

FOOTPRINTS OF POLONIA

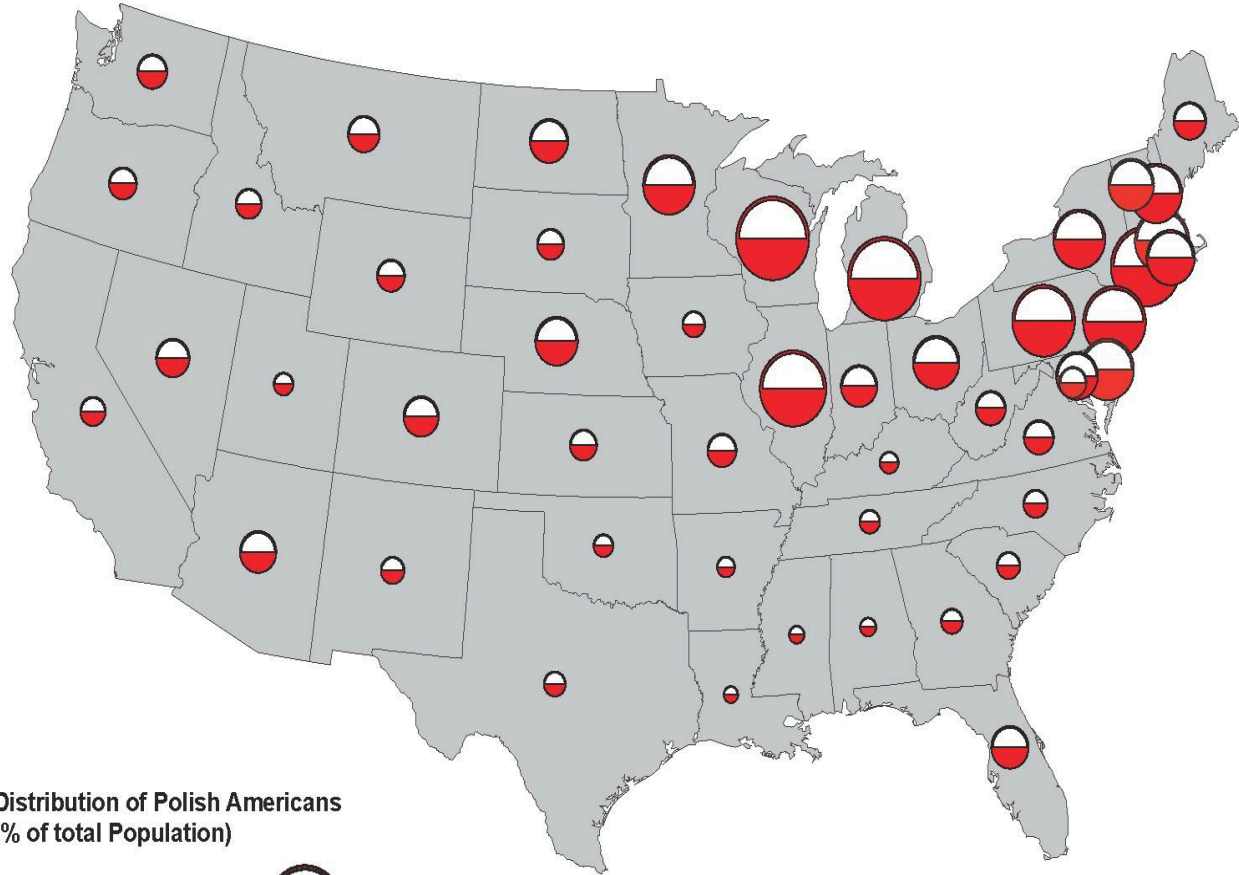
- **POLISH HISTORICAL SITES ACROSS NORTH AMERICA**

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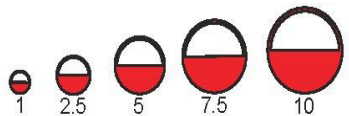
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POLISH AMERICANS IN THE UNITED STATES (2012)



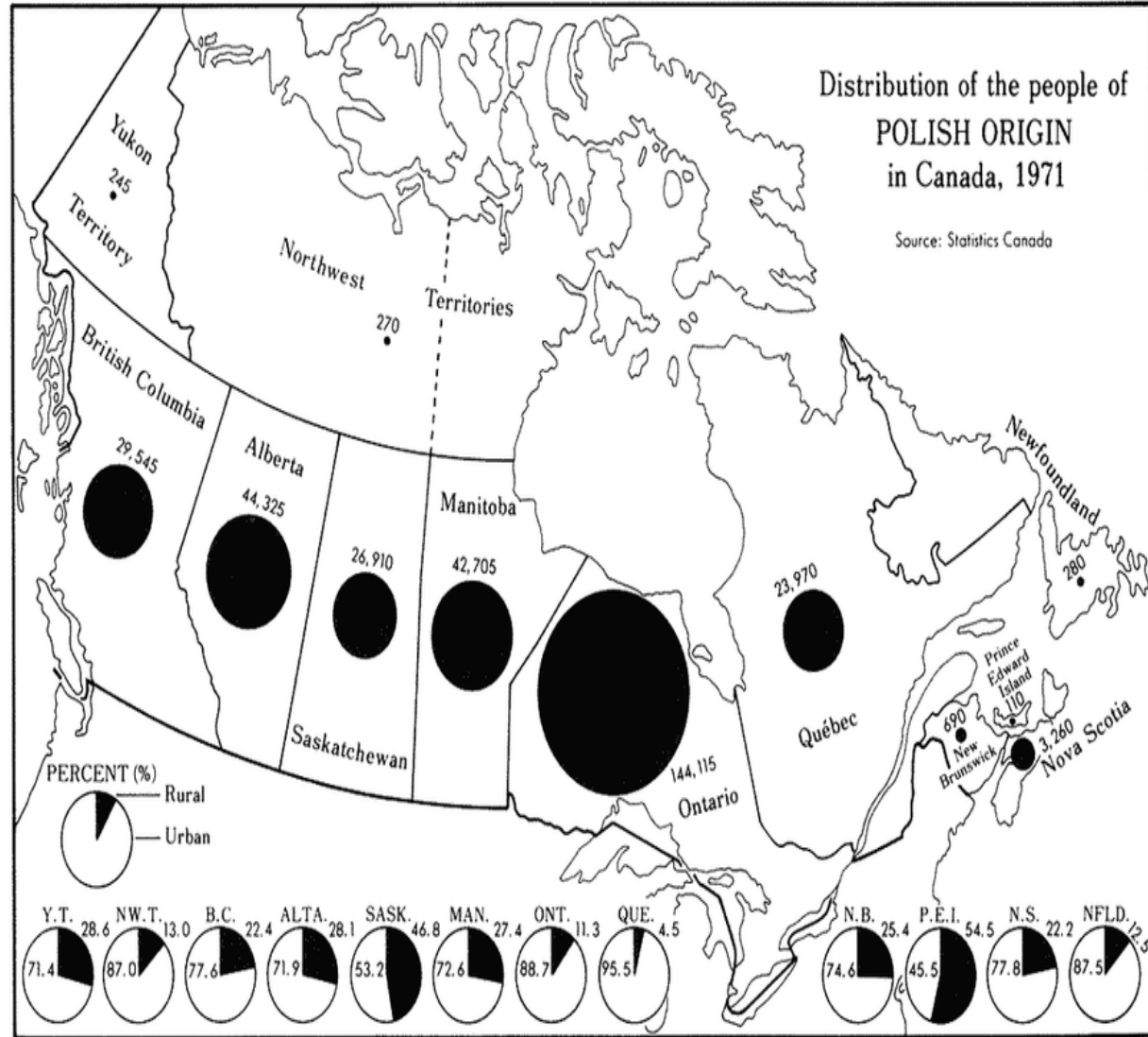
Distribution of Polish Americans
(% of total Population)



Author: Brooke Harding
Data Source: Wikipedia
Projection: Albers Equal Area Conic
Central Meridian: -96°W

Distribution of the people of POLISH ORIGIN in Canada, 1971

Source: Statistics Canada



WAVES OF POLISH IMMIGRATION

Economic “za chlebem”

- **1870 - 1914**

Political Post World II

- **1945 – 1950’s**

Solidarity

- **1980 - 1989**

Nowa Polonia 1989-

WHAT/WHO IS *POLONIA* **WHO IS A POLISH AMERICAN**

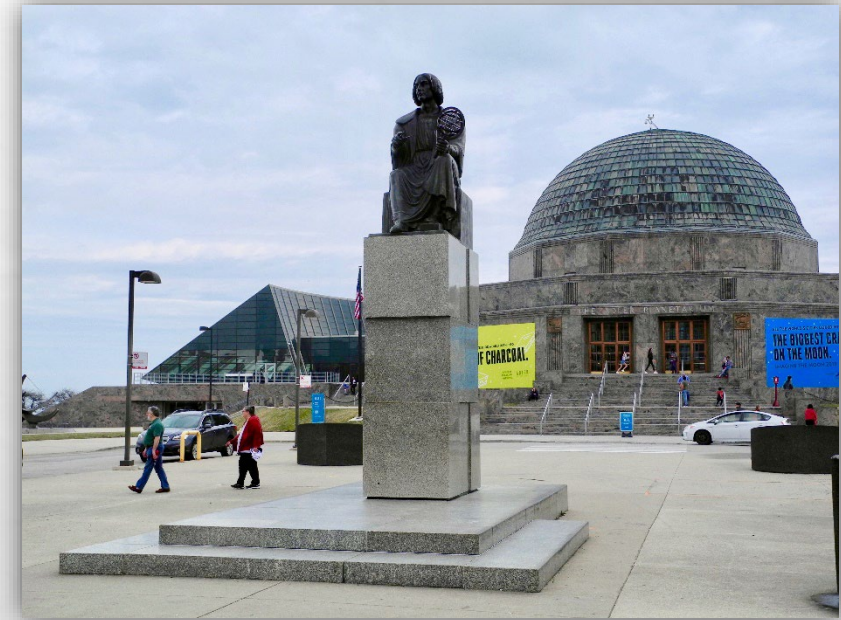
HOW TO DEFINE “POLSKOŚĆ “

- **JEWS... UKRAINIANS... LITHUANIANS... TATARS**
CATHOLIC...MUSLIM... JEWISH... ORTHODOX

HOW DID POLES IDENTIFY THEMSELVES IN POLONIA NEIGHBORHOODS

WHAT IS INCLUDED IN THE BOOK

- **CHURCHES (221)**
- **STATUES**
- **MONUMENTS**
- **CEMETERIES**
- **PLAQUES**
- **COLLECTIONS IN LIBRARIES**
- **ART INSTALLATIONS**
- **BUILDINGS**
- **RELICS**
- **MUSEUMS**
- **MOSAICS**
- **866 SITES**
- **9 COUNTRIES**



WHAT IS NOT INCLUDED

- **COMMERCIAL ENTITIES**
- **ORGANIZATIONS**
- **CLOSED OR INACCESSIBLE**
- **STREETS, PARKS, HIGHWAYS UNLESS HISTORICAL MARKERS**
- **NO TRACES OF POLISHNESS REMAINING**
- **NATURE - LAKES, FJORDS, MOUNTAINS**

FOCUS ON BUILT ENVIRONMENT





TYPICAL FORMAT

- **AVERAGE ENTRY 200 WORDS**
- **ALPHABETICAL ARRANGEMENT**
- **COUNTRY**
- **STATE/PROVINCE**
- **CITY**
- **SITE**

Mexico City



Cuba



Mexico City



EDMONTON POLISH CENTENNIAL MONUMENT



TORONTO KATYN MEMORIAL MONUMENT



TORONTO BATTLE OF MONTE CASSINO MEMORIAL



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GEN. THADDEUS KOSCIUSZKO

41 Kościuszko 41 Pulaski







1840 HELENA MODZEJKA
FAMOUS DRAMATIC ACTRESS - POWER PARK
PIONEER RESIDENT OF ORANGE COUNTY

HELENA MODZREJEWSKA



POLA NEGRI



**MARIA
KONOPNICKA**

**MARCELLA
SEMBRICH
MUSEUM**





**Lotusland California
Ganna Walska**



MARIE CURIE SKŁODOWSKA



POLISH GRAY SAMARITANS YMCA
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**BREAD & ROSES STRIKE
EVERETT MILL BUILDING
LAWRENCE MA**

POLISH SETTLERS IN CANADA

THIS PLACE IN POLONIA, WISCONSIN
MARKS THE FOUNDATION OF THE
FELICIAN SISTERS IN AMERICA IN 1874
HOW GREAT ARE THY WORKS, O LORD
PS. 91:6



Felician Sisters

Polonia Wi

Livonia Mi



**ST. FAUSTINA CHAPEL
NATIONAL SHRINE OF DIVINE MERCY**

**ROADSIDE SHRINE
WISCONSIN**



**MOTHER THERESA
DUDZIK**

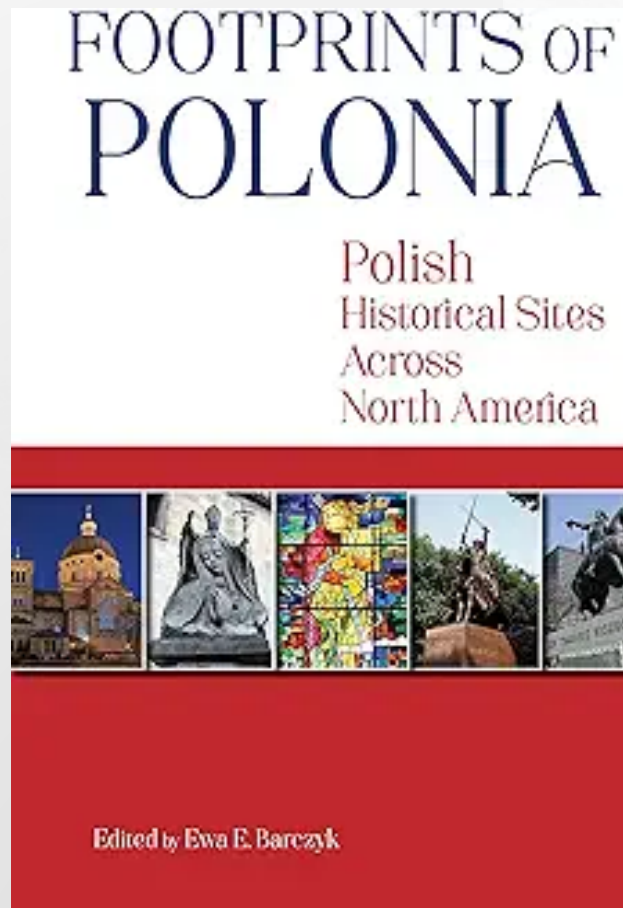
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ST. JOSEPHAT BASILICA MILWAUKEE





CHALLENGES



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Coordinating 200 volunteers

Selection criteria

What to exclude

Copyright & licensing

Organizational schema & metadata

HOW CAN READERS USE THIS BOOK:

Travel companion for Polish Americans and Poles coming to U.S.

- **Brief overviews**
- **Further reading recommendations**
- **Websites listed**

Reference guide

- **Provides information on local area**

Handbook for students & Polish organizations

- **Instill pride in Polish American contributions**
- **Motivate Polonia to preserve their treasures**

Opportunity to showcase Pol-Am contributions to non-Polish audience

OBSERVATIONS/CONCLUSIONS

Polish traces are found everywhere

Some churches, veteran homes being closed

New monuments, plaques, churches being erected

Polish emigres are very proud of these visible markers of their heritage



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- **POLISH AMERICAN ENCYCLOPEDIA**
- **MEMOIRS PROJECT**
- **OBJECTS THAT SPEAK**
- **POLISH AMERICAN STUDIES JOURNAL**

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QUESTIONS