

**Title:** Petrykowski, Stella Collection

**Reference Code:** Mss-1946

**Inclusive Dates:** 1942, 1947, 1992

**Quantity:** 0.03

**Location:** Sm. Mss

**Abstract:** Stella Petrykowski was a talented seamstress and teacher with a passion for traditional Polish costumes. Petrykowski was born in Poland in around 1870 and emigrated to the United States when still an infant. In 1947 she was chosen to sew fifteen formal dresses, representing fifteen American states, for a pageant commemorating the fiftieth anniversary of the national Polish Women's alliance. Through her life she dressed more than 80 dolls in traditional polish costumes, two of which she sent to the White House to be received by President Roosevelt in 1942. She also taught sewing at the Walter Allen school for more than 30 years. Petrykowski died in 1950.

**Scope and Content:** Consists of miscellaneous materials related to the Milwaukee dressmaker, including newspapers clippings and a letter to President Roosevelt and a response from the white house.

**Access and Use:** No restrictions

**Language:** English