

Title: Rajski/Radecki/Erickson Families Collection

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Historical Note: In the late 19th century, the Rajski family settled in Stevens Point, Wisconsin, and, in the 1920s, Adam and Mary Rajski began operating a grocery store. During World War II, their daughter, Laures, joined the WAC’s and their son, Roman, served with the 120th Field Artillery, 32nd Division. Indeed, both Laures and Roman Rajski made the military their careers. Laures settled in Milwaukee after her retirement from the service and passed away in 2000.

Abstract: The collection contains information on the WACS, military life during WW II and in the post-war period, and life in the Stevens Point area. The records largely consist of correspondence, primarily that of Laures and Roman Rajski to their parents and other relatives in Stevens Point and to their aunt Bernice Erickson (nee Radecki) of Milwaukee. Much of the correspondence is in Polish. Also included are scrap books, military service records, photos, family genealogical information, and Laures Rajski’s notes and term papers from urban planning classes she attended at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

Administrative Note: The collection was processed on April 2001 by Kevin Abing.

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Paul Radecki, Naturalization Certificate, 1926	OS SM "R"	
Laures Rajski, Diploma, St. Joseph's Academy, Stevens Point, WI, 1933	OS SM "R"	
Laures Rajski, Certificate of Proficiency from South-Western Publishing Co., 1932	OS SM "R"	
Valeria Rajski, Diploma from Wisconsin Young People's Reading Circle, 1930	OS SM "R"	
Valeria Rajski, First Holy Communion Certificate?, 1928 (in Polish)	OS SM "R"	
Valeria Rajski, Diploma from St. Stanislaus School, 1929	OS SM "R"	
Roman Rajski, Appointment as Major in U.S. Army, 1956	OS SM "R"	
Roman Rajski, Certificate from Ancient and Honorable Order of the Oozlefinch, 1959	OS SM "R"	
Roman Rajski, Certificate of Retirement from U.S. Army, 1963	OS SM "R"	
Surveyor's Certificate of Rajski and Richter's Subdivision, Stevens Point, 1936	OS LG "R"	
Photos: See M-179 and OS #2179		

