

Sobociński's Nachlaß

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I **Box 1: Personal Items, Box 1.**

- Small brown cardboard box, 21 by 14 by 5 cm.
This contains passports of the Sobocińskis from Brussels, dated 1948. There is also a brochure with a photo of the young Bochenski. There are six letters dealing with the series "Studies in Logic." Sobociński agreed to write a monograph on Mereology, but that never happened. There are less interesting items in the box.
- Two guestbooks from the Sobocińskis home at 2405 Club Drive in South Bend. Check: Were they already in that home in 1959? The first goes from 2.VI.59 to 20.I.1974. Among the first guest were Waclaw Sierpiński, Ivo Thomas, and Thoralf Skolem. The second goes from 7.IX.1974 to 8.III.1980. These are vital for tracing the logicians that passed through Notre Dame.
- *In Memoriam* book from Sobociński's funeral.
- Two copies of *Index ac status causarum Beatificationis Servorum Dei et Canonizationis Beatorum*, 1953 and 1962. One is heavily annotated; one is heavily stuffed with newspaper clippings. These are evidence that Sobociński was a very devout Catholic.
- Yearbook from the College of St. Thomas, 1950. Sobociński is pictured on page 31; the caption reads "M.A., Ph.D., Doz. Lecturer in Philosophy." Marian Heitzmann is pictured on page 25. He was "Ph.D., Doz. Lecturer in Philosophy." He was important in bringing Sobociński to St. Thomas.
- Brown binder with manuscript of *An Introduction to Philosophy for Catholic Colleges*, by M. Heitzman, 1960.

- Five notebooks in Polish dealing with calculus, mechanics, and engineering. These almost certainly belonged to Sobociński's father, Antoni Sobociński (1873–1963).
- A folder of materials, probably by Antoni Sobociński containing word lists, and some mathematics. Two more folders.
- Folder of official documents dealing with Antoni Sobociński. Includes family photographs and his Polish passport.
- A folder of newspaper clippings.
- Miscellaneous pamphlets.

2 Box 2: Personal Items, Box 2.

- Box for an Ironing Board Pad! Lots of personal items. Letters to Mrs. Sobociński. Letters from Antoni Sobociński. NB: Rickey has removed some letters from this box dealing with Sobociński's situation in St. Paul, including his job search. They will be sent to the ND Archives when Rickey finishes a history of logic at ND.
- A folder of letters primarily to Antoni Sobociński, Prof. Sobociński's father.
- Another folder of correspondence in a hard binder.
- Thin "Personal Rite" box of correspondence, primarily financial.
- Translation of Leśniewski's "Grundzüge eines neuen Systems der Grundlagen der Mathematik," *Fundamenta Mathematicae*, 14 (1929), 1–81 by Michael P. O'Neil. Published, probably with changes, in Leśniewski's *Collected works*, Hesburgh Library General Collection B 4691 .L442 E5 1991.
- Polish original of "La génesis de la Escuela Polaca de Lógica,"
- File of correspondence between Dana Scott and John Lemmon dealing with modal logic. When Anjan Shukla was a graduate student at ND he wrote Scott about this, and Scott sent the originals. This is a photocopy. Shukla is now deceased; he probably kept the originals. So I suspect this is the only extant copy.

- Papers by Mostowski, Lacombe, Leblanc, Fraïssé, and Henkin. In a purple envelope. These were presented at the University of Montreal at a Séminaire de Mathématiques supérieures, summer 1962. Rickey, Shukla, and Payne attended. I do not know if these papers were published.
- Anjan Shukla's dissertation under Sobociński, marked up for publication.
- Partial handwritten draft of Rickey's dissertation under Sobociński.
- Luis M. Laita. Spiral bound document on Algebraic Logic (in Spanish) together with other notes. He studied with Sobociński.
- Typescript of a play, *Waleza*, by Jerzy Tymicki.
- Brochures about Solidarity.

3 Box 3: Bibliography of Bolesław Sobociński (1906–1980)

This is 9 pages long and will not be repeated here. There is a copy in the box. The box contains offprints of all of Sobociński's papers as given in the bibliography.

4 Box 4: Papers Related to NDJFL

- A blue notebook purchased from the ND Bookstore. This is a numbered list of articles for NDJFL. Information includes a uthor, address, title, date submitted, and when published for 196 papers up through 1967. It is unclear why it stops here.
- A gray cloth-bound notebook. This lists 12 of Sobociński's early publications and who he sent copies to. This notebook should have been included in his personal papers.
- 18 folders dealing with individual numbers of NDJFL. They include correspondence with the authors, some page proofs, etc. These do not deal with all issues of the journal. Some were used for several issues and some were reused for other things.
- A few page proofs and related things. Most of these are in another box.
- Two large files of correspondence related to NDJFL. Mostly corr with authors.

5 Box 5: More papers related to NDJFL

This is a large box of various papers related to the NDJFL.

There is no correspondence here.

Included are original manuscripts marked up for publication.

6 Box 6: Translations by Rose Rand

Sobociński had hoped to publish the collected works of Stanisław Leśniewski, but that never happened.

There is a box of draft translations by Rose Rand. Her English was clearly not up to the task.

The Rose Rand Papers are at the University of Pittsburgh. A Finding Aid is on-line: <http://digital.library.pitt.edu/cgi-bin/f/findaid/findaid-idx?type=simple;c=ascead;view=text;subview=outline;didno=US-PPiU-asp199001>

I have never examined those papers, so I expect there is considerable duplication.

7 Box 7: NDJFL — Transition from Sobociński to Rickey

The materials in this box deal with the change of editorship from Sobociński to Rickey.

The primary issues were clearing the backlog and then substantially raising the standard of the journal.

There are no restrictions on the use of this material.

8 Two extremely valuable notebooks

8.1 Ontology Notebook 2

This is called Ontology Notebook 2, because there is another one that precedes it; but I will give it to the archives later. [[After further study, I decided this should be Ontology Notebook 1.]]

This is a two-hole looseleaf binder with a hard brown cover. In the upper left of the outside cover is the annotation “24—” which is probably a price. On the first leaf we find:

Bruksella, 5.II.1947

Ontologja

Here Sobociński has used the Polish word for Brussels.

There are 163 pages of text, all recto, except for one verso page. The pages are 22 cm high and 15 wide. The paper has a grid of squares, which are 0.5 cm on a side.

This is a very carefully done development of Ontology. It is divided into sections, one for each definition. There are 20 sections.

This is an exceptionally important document for it is almost certainly Sobociński's first surviving development of Leśniewski's Ontology. The material here has never been published!

8.2 Ontology Notebook 3

This is a continuation of Ontology Notebook 2. [[After further study, I decided this should be Ontology Notebook 2.]] The format is the same.

It has sections 21 to 31.

Rickey will give this to the ND archives at a later time.

9 Items still in Rickey's possession

- Notes from the courses Sobociński taught at ND. About 1.5 linear feet. These have exceptional value as much of this material has never been published. I plan to make photocopies for my own use and will explore ways to share them with interested individuals.
- Lots of stray notes. I will do my best to match these up to published papers. However, I suspect that many of them are simply scrap work.
- Additional correspondence, especially with Czeslaw Lejewski, Sobociński's most frequent correspondent. I will try to locate Sobociński's side of the correspondence in England. Perhaps an interesting paper could come out of this. However, all of the letters are in Polish.

- Items related to Sobociński's life.

Nota Bene: All of the above will eventually be given to the ND Archives.

Question: Are the following worthy of being archived?

- Offprints of many of Sobociński's papers. One set has already been given to the archives.
- Photocopies of papers by other logicians that Sobociński had made for his own use. Some of these will be referenced in his published papers. About 1 linear foot.
- A number of logic journals, some of which may not be available at ND.
- Two large boxes of reprints and preprints that were sent to Sobociński by logicians all over the world. Many of them show no evidence of having been read carefully.
- A large collection of logic books. I will talk to the mathematics librarian about these.