

Walter Z. Palicki Personal Police Log Books, 1915-1933 Biographical Notes

Walter Z. Palicki was born in 1885 in a village, possibly Cerekwica, near Poznan in German Poland. Poland was partitioned at this time. His parents were John and Eleanore (Kazmierczak) Palicki. The family emigrated to the United States in 1890 and lived at 1307 Hamilton Street in the Polish-American neighborhood of the Nebraska/Junction area in Toledo, Ohio. Walter attended St. Anthony Catholic Grade School. The 1900 U. S. Census listed him as a glassblower at the age of 15. He was a good athlete and, as a young man, played on several local baseball teams. He married Katherine Strenk on April 29, 1907.

Walter A. Palicki was appointed as a Patrolman by Mayor Brand Whitlock on January 1, 1908. He later served on the motorcycle patrol unit. Walter was promoted to Sergeant-Detective on December 15, 1914 and Lieutenant-Detective on August 1, 1918. As a Detective he was assigned to the Polish/Slavic neighborhoods in the Lagrange Street area and the Nebraska/Junction area. Detective Palicki was known as Fred to many of his friends and co-workers. He faithfully kept a journal of his activities while serving as a Detective on the Toledo Police force. The onset of blindness, as a result of diabetes, made it difficult for him to continue working and he retired from the police force on March 1, 1935. He continually sought treatment for his blindness and eventually recovered partial sight back.

Walter Z. Palicki died on September 19, 1946. His body lay in state at Gasiorowski's Funeral Home on Junction Avenue. The funeral mass was at St. Anthony Catholic Church. Burial was at Calvary Cemetery. A motorcycle detail escorted the body from the funeral home to the church and then to the cemetery. Pallbearers were Adam Dlugewicz, George Timiney, Frank Orzechowski, John Biskupski, Vincent Kwapich and Leo Kwapich. Chief of Police, R. E. Allen stated that Detective Palicki "served faithfully and well and was held in high esteem by his fellow workers and the citizens." Flags at all stations were at half-mast until after the funeral.

Detective Palicki was survived by his wife, Katherine, sons, Walter Richard, Stanley, Edmund, and daughter, Catherine Rita. His youngest son, Daniel, was killed in action in North Africa during World War II. Other survivors were his brother, Theophil, and sisters, Mrs. Matha Kreft, Mrs. Estelle Sarnowski, and Sister M. Leona, CSSF, of Buffalo, New York.

Biographical sketch provided by his grandson, Walter Palicki, 2009

Walter Z. Palicki Personal Police Log Books, 1915-1933 Inventory

Box 1

- Folder 1 Book 1, February 2, 1915-April 15, 1916
- Folder 2 Book 2, April 18, 1916-May 16, 1917
- Folder 3 Book 3, May 17, 1917-August 14, 1918
- Folder 4 Book 4, August 15, 1918-May 19, 1920
- Folder 5 Book 5, May 20, 1920-November 25, 1921
- Folder 6 Book 6, November 26, 1921-February 28, 1923
- Folder 7 Book 7, March 1, 1923-May 5, 1924
- Folder 8 Book 8, May 6, 1924-September 12, 1925
- Folder 9 Book 9, September 13, 1925-December 31, 1926
- Folder 10 Book 10, January 3, 1927-June 8, 1928
- Folder 11 Book 11, June 9, 1928-May 27, 1930
- Folder 12 Book 12, May 28, 1930-March 11, 1932
- Folder 13 Book 13, March 12, 1932-November 25, 1933