

Salomėja (Salome) “Sally” Šmaižys Radio Program Collection Finding Aid

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Dates: 1988-1994

Creator: Šmaižys, Salomėja (Salome) “Sally” (1924-2002)

Extent: 1 linear foot and 1 inch

Level of description:

Language: Lithuanian, English

Processor & date: Auguste Baltrimaviciute, April 2019

Administration Information

Restrictions: none

Copyright:

Citation: Lithuanian Archives Project, Salome “Sally” Smaizys Radio Program Collection. Box 1-3, Folder 1-6.

Provenance: In November 2018, Rasa Myers, Salome Smaizys’ daughter, donated part of this collection to LAP. Additional materials will be donated to LAP at a later date.

Separations: none

See Also:

Biographical Sketch

Salomėja (Salome) “Sally” Šmaižys was born in Lithuania on October 12, 1924. In the midst of World War II and just a few weeks after marrying Petras “Peter” Šmaižys in August of 1944, the newlyweds and her family were forced to flee Lithuania. First to Austria, then to Germany, they eventually found themselves in a displaced persons camp in the American zone in Bavaria after having walked for 400 miles to get there. Šmaižys and her family stayed in the DP camp for 5 years before emigrating to the United States in 1949. After briefly living in Cleveland, Ohio, the Šmaižys family relocated to Chicago where they lived until their retirement. At that point, in 1973, they moved to Hot Springs, Arkansas where there was a thriving Lithuanian community. Missing the Lithuanian radio broadcasts in Chicago, Salomėja created and directed a radio program called “Leiskit i Teyne - Longing for the Homeland” alongside her husband in 1976. The program ran for 20 years and played Lithuanian music, announced local events and broadcast news from Lithuania. In 1984, she received the radio report prize of the Lithuanian American Community of the United States Cultural Council and was nominated as candidate for the Hot Springs/Garland County Outstanding Community Service Award in 1985.

Scope and Content

The Salomėja (Salome) “Sally” Šmaižys Radio Program Collection consists of 1 linear foot and 1 inch spanning the years 1988-1994. The collection consists of a radio

program recording, cassette tapes and video tapes. The main subjects included are Lithuanian Independence and U.S. relations with the Soviet Union. The collection is organized as a container list.

Series Info

Series 1: Radio Program Recording, August 5, 1990

This series consists of a radio program recording by Salomėja (Salome) "Sally" Šmaižys. Subjects include the Soviet Union, the Lithuanian Communist Party, Algridas Brazauskas and Mikhail Gorbachev.

Series 2: Cassette Tapes, June 19, 1989 - October 17, 1993

This series consists of cassette tapes. Subjects include the Soviet Union, Mikhail Gorbachev, Lithuanian secession/independence, Sajudis, Vytautas Landsbergis, Kazimiera Prunskiene and George H.W. Bush.

Series 3: Video Tapes, July 3, 1988 - July 10, 1994

This series consists of video tapes. Subjects include the Soviet Union, the Soviet Army/troops, Mikhail Gorbachev, Boris Yeltsin, Lithuanian independence, Latvia, Sajudis, Vytautas Landsbergis and George H.W. Bush.

Subjects:

Lithuanian events

Lithuanian music

Lithuanian news

Lithuanian independence

Container List

Series 1: Radio Program Recording, August 5, 1990

Box 1

- Radio program recording, August 5, 1990

Series 2: Cassette Tapes, June 18, 1989 - October 17, 1993

Box 1

- #469, June 18, 1989
- #477, August 13, 1989
- Unnumbered, "Vilnius - Nepriklausomybes paskelbimas", March 11, 1990
- #541, November 4, 1990 (Side A); "Minėjimas Vasario 16", February 18, 1990 (Side B)
- #585, September 8, 1991
- #672, August 8, 1993
- #677, September 12, 1993
- #680, October 3, 1993

- #681, October 10, 1993
- #682, October 17, 1993
- Unnumbered, "Kalėdų giesmės", n.d.

Series 3: Video Tapes. July 3, 1988 - July 10, 1994

Box 1

- "The 8th Lithuanian Folk Dance Festival of the Free World, Copps Coliseum - Hamilton, Ontario CANADA", July 3, 1988
- "Vasario 16d Minėjimas - 1989 Anglų kalba", n.d.
- "Lithuania in TV News", May 1, 1990
- "Scola Showcase", January 10, 1992
- "Žurnalistas Raimundas Yla Pokalbis Scola", June 1992
- "Filmas 'Guinevere'", May 15, 1994
- #621 "Pasaulio Lietuviu Dainu Švente-1994 (Lithuanian World Song Festival-1994) Ansambliu vakaras Kalnu parke, PART ONE", July 8, 1994
- #622 "Pasaulio Lietuviu Dainu Švente-1994 (Lithuanian World Song Festival-1994) Šokių diena Zalgirio stadione, PART TWO", July 9, 1994
- #623 "Pasaulio Lietuviu Dainu Švente-1994 (Lithuanian World Song Festival-1994) Dainu Švente Vingio parke, PART THREE", July 10, 1994
- "Raimundas Yla praveda pokalbį Kauno TV studijoje Sibiras - Igarka ir kt.", n.d.