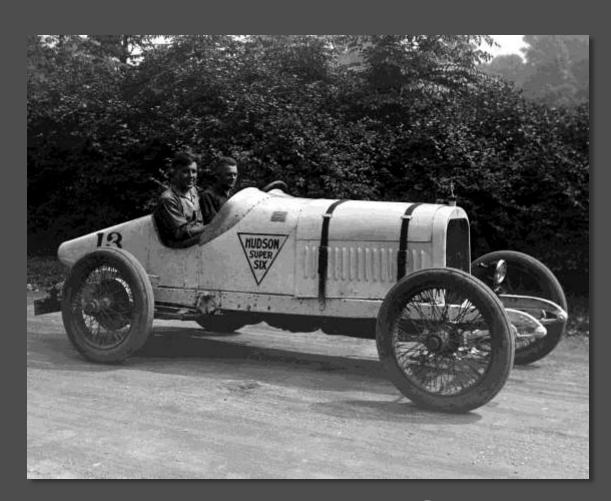
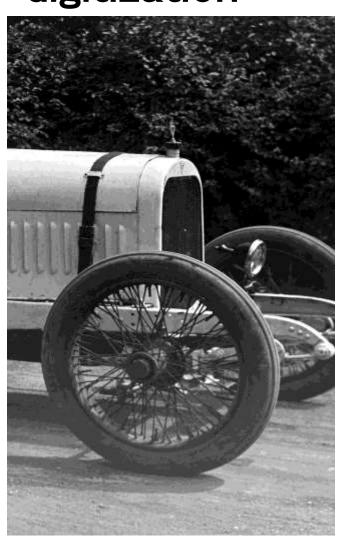


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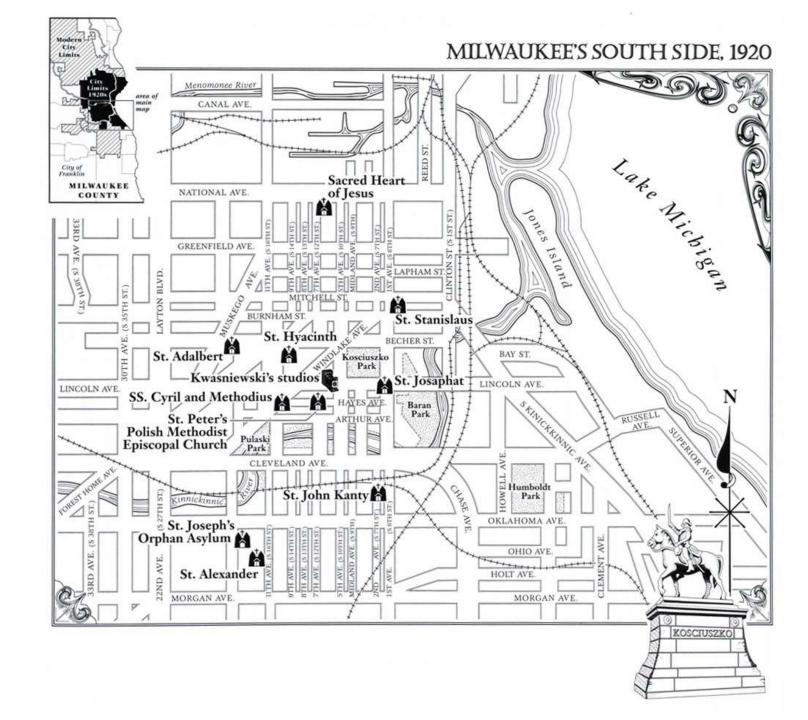


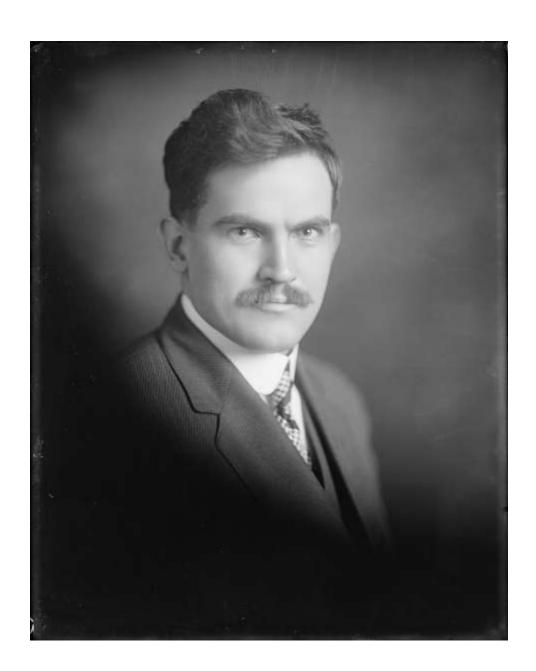
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# Large-scale digitization



2010 OCLC survey of special collections and archives defines large-scale digitization for special collections this way: "...a systematic effort to consider complete collections – rather than be selective at the item level, as has been the norm for many projects – and using production methods that are as streamlined as possible while also accounting for the needs of special materials."







Reception area of Kwasniewski's Park Studio, 1917



Young newly wed couple, family, and friends, 1921



First Holy Communion, 1923

First Holy Communion photographs were a large part of Kwaśniewski's business. He photographed these young ladies from the Josef Wozniak family in 1923.



#### Mitchell Street, 1920s

Mitchell Street was the major commercial district for the Polish community on Milwaukee's South Side.



Kosciuszko Reds, circa 1912

The Kosciuszko Reds played on Milwaukee's South Side. This photograph was taken on a day when the Reds took on the Chicago American Giants, a Negro League Team.



#### Children of St. Joseph's Orphanage, 1924

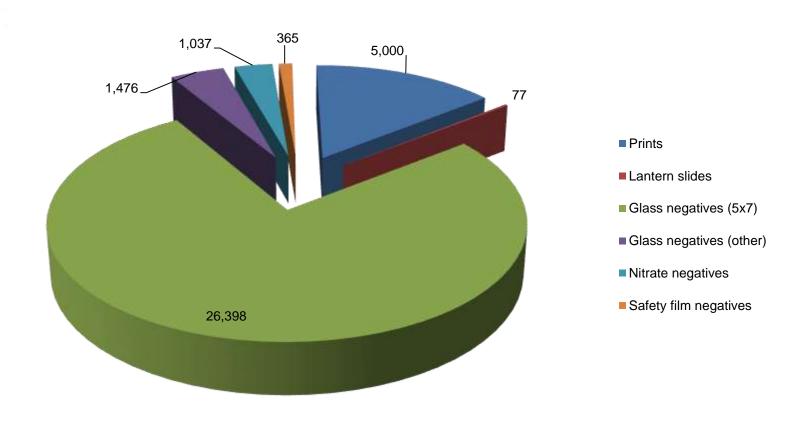
Orphanages helped poor families through difficult times by temporarily caring for children. Most of these children had at least one parent and likely returned home after a few years.



Polish dance group, circa 1928

Milwaukee's Poles, like other ethnic groups, passed their customs and traditions on to the younger generation.

# Collection by Formats



### Kwasniewski Access Database

- Job number
- Customer name
- Customer address
- Date
- Extent
- Format
- Dimensions
- Physical condition
- Subject headings

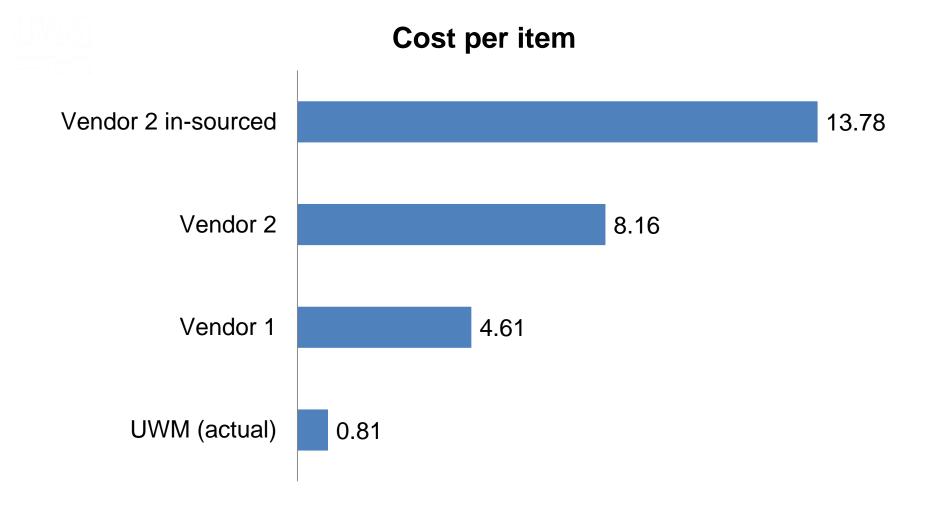
# Digitization Quotes

- Outsourcing
  - Vendor 1: \$4.61/item or \$121,695 total
  - Vendor 2: \$8.16/item or \$215,408 total
- In-sourcing
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- Actual cost, DIY
  - \$0.81/item or \$32,786

# **Digitization Quotes**



# Digitization Method

- Digital camera
  - 3-person team for digitization
  - Rail system for queuing, capturing, re-housing

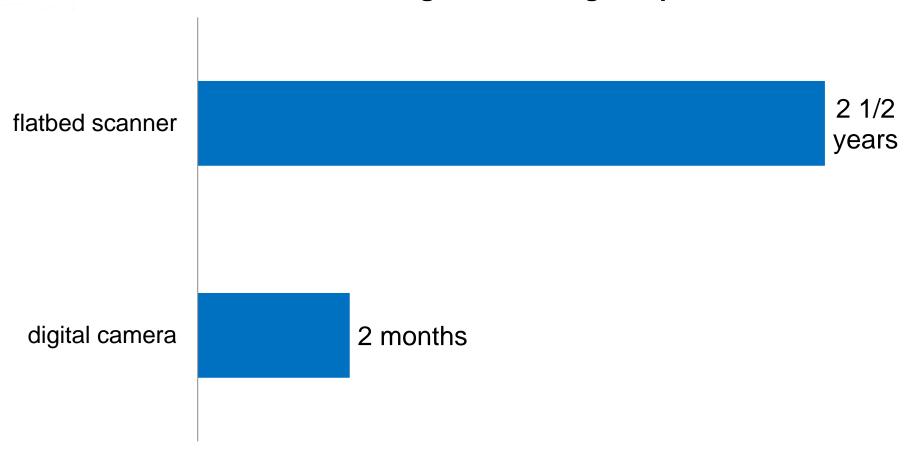


# April 2012 pilot

- Epson 10000XL flatbed scanner
  - 1 image / 2 ¾ minutes (excluding cropping multiples)
  - $-2 \frac{1}{2}$  years
- Digital camera
  - -1 image / 40 seconds
  - -2 months

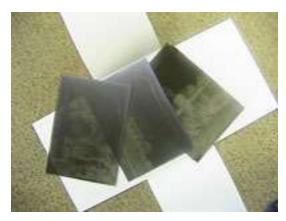
# Digitization Method

#### Estimated time to digitize 27,000 glass plates









The Kwasniewski Photographs at the UW-Milwaukee Libraries

# Digitization Method

- Digital camera
  - Set up structure to support plates
  - Staging area for unwrapping and rewrapping plates



The rail system prototype and pilot



# Rail system final product

Updated rail system with plastic high-density rails; transparent rail over light-box; additional monitor for quality-control



# Rail system final product

Rails demo

Challenges: maintaining workflow

Rail digitization in action, December 2012

Note three-person "assembly-line"



# Challenges

Success and its consequences:

Maintaining sufficient storage for file

production and processing



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- Religion—altar boys—family/group
- Urban Scenes—transportation—insurance photos of automobile wrecks and injuries
- Sports—baseball

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Description

Title Insurance photos of wrecks and injuries

SubjectTGM City & town life

Transportation Vehicles

Traffic accidents

SubjectKwasniewski Urban scenes -- Transportation -- Insurance photos of wrecks and injuries

Topic Code 14C2

Photographer Kwasniewski, Roman B.J., 1886-1980

Photographer's

Note

Schmoltz(?), Paul: 'Stop Go Filling Station' / 2718 W. Forest Home(?)

Digital Publisher University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee Libraries

Date of Photograph 08/15/1935

Address 2718 W. Forest Home(?)

Original Item

Medium

Glass negatives

Original Item Size 5 x 7 in.

Original Item Location

UWM Manuscript Collection 19, Box 53

Original Collection Roman B.J. Kwasniewski Photographs

Repository Archives. University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee Libraries

Digital ID kw004231

Digital Collection Milwaukee Polonia

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- 35,000 entries / records
- Digital ID added to existing spreadsheet
- Separate batch upload spreadsheets prepared
- Most updates done at batch level

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### Enhanced metadata

80% of the collection will have basic image processing and metadata





20% will be designated for enhanced image processing and metadata

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#### 20% "enhanced" categories

Activities and Organizations (1,104 images)

Business and Community (210)

Education (1,990)

Kwasniewski family (734)

Military (273)

Residential (210)

**Sports** (190)

Urban Scenes (1,356)

### **Timeline**

April 2012: Rails and Metadata pilots

July 2012: Hire half-time project manager

August-September 2012: Project manager hires and trains students for rail digitization

September 2012-March 2013: Digitization of 5x7s

March 2013-September 2013: Digitization of remaining formats

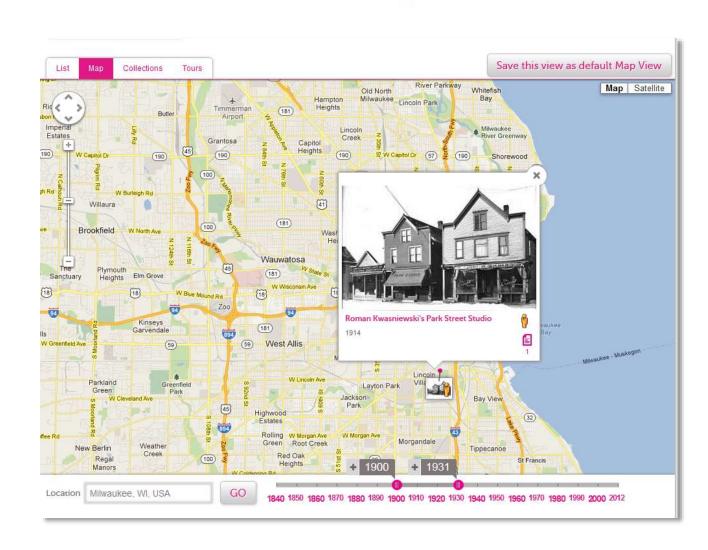
December 2013: Online collection launches

#### **Promotion:**

# historypin

- www.historypin.com
- Social-media-oriented, historic photograph sharing site
- · "Pin" to map and Google street views
- Allows community interaction comments and feedback, addition of community images, etc.





# Promotion: historypin



# Promotion historypin



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# Next: Using the collection



Now what?

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