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Footprints of Polonia: Polish Historical Sites Across North America

“Footprints of Polonia is an outstanding look at the way that Polish Americans have transformed America’s cities, suburbs, and towns. It is an essential guide to the physical impact of one of the country’s largest ethnic groups.”

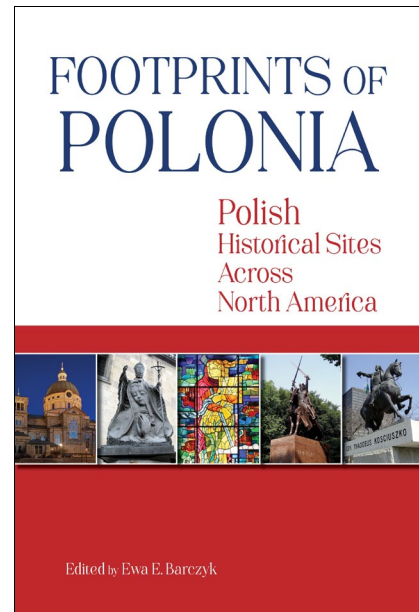
—Dominic A. Pacyga, author of *American Warsaw: The Rise, Fall, and Rebirth of Polish Chicago*

The innumerable contributions of Polish immigrants and their descendants on communities in North America can be seen on monuments, bridges, churches, cultural centers, and cemeteries across the continent. These “footprints” of Polonia (the Polish diaspora), commemorating towering events and figures from history that are a source of pride among Polish Americans, are cataloged for readers in this unique volume. From Revolutionary War heroes Tadeusz Kosciuszko and Casimir Pulaski to more recent figures like Pope John Paul II and political movements like Solidarity, statues and historic sites all over North America pay homage to their contributions and importance.

Volunteers from Polish organizations all over North America helped identify the most important sites in their region and provided summaries and pictures for over 200 entries. The guide is organized alphabetically by states and provinces, with entries that describe the historical significance of each site. Most entries also include a color photo. Informative prefaces and introductions from the editor and other historians help contextualize the culture of Polish immigrants and their deep, lasting connection to Poland.

Footprints of Polonia can serve as the perfect travel companion for anyone who wants to learn about the rich history and heritage of the Polish diaspora.

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