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The District Commission in Częstochowa to Investigate the Nazi Crimes

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Scope and Content of Collection

Contains diverse records relating to the activity of the District Commission in Częstochowa to Investigate Nazi Crimes in the Częstochowa region. Includes files related to the investigation of German crimes; administrative files, including lists of the members of the commission and day-books; questionnaires with information about places and facts of German crimes; name lists of the people sentenced for death by the German Sondergerichte; name lists of the people shot or deported from Częstochowa it's vicinity to concentration camps; name lists of the German officers of the Częstochowa town and district; copies of the journal of the prisoners on detention for the investigation purposes; also contains a copy of the study: "Z życia Częstochowy w czasie okupacji" ("From the lifetime of Częstochowa during the occupation"); and photocopies and original files, photographs, situation sketches, names of victims.

System of Arrangement

Records are arranged in the original order of their acquisition from the source archive. The museum has acquired only selected records from Institute of National Remembrance (Instytut Pamięci Narodowej-Komisja Ścigania Zbrodni przeciwko Narodowi Polskiemu, or IPN). More information about this collection and other materials in the possession of the Institute of National Remembrance, including archival finding aids from the Archives of the Institute of National Remembrance, is available at the website: <https://ipn.gov.pl>

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