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Biographical Note

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Scope and Content of Collection

Contains investigation materials, evidence, and court documents relating to the trial of Amon Góth. Includes testimonies and name lists of witnesses, protocol of description of Płaszów camp, and interrogation documents of prisoners of war.

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>.

Arranged chronologically in two series: 1. Evidentiary materials (Testimony of witnesses); 2. Trial protocols and the verdict. (Selected files, NTN File 39-47)

Indexing Terms

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1	Volume 41, MAW-124	NTN-406/46, z 107/II Evidentiary materials. Testimony of witnesses. 1946. 180pp.
	Volume 42, MAW-125	NTN-406/46, z 107/IV Evidentiary materials. Documents on the extradition of Amon Goeth. -Testimony of witnesses. 1945-1946. In English, Polish, German. 232pp.
	Volume 43, MAW-125	NTN 406/46 z 107/V Evidentiary materials. Testimony of witnesses. 1946. In English, Polish, German. 236pp. -Items 1-19. Includes a list of 19 Polish witnesses. English-language documents are translations of prisoner of war interrogations, Headquarters, United States Seventh Army, Judge Advocate Section, War Crimes Branch. Includes an interrogation of Goeth. -Items 1-33. Includes a list of 33 Polish witnesses. May 25, 1945 - August 2, 1946. P. 1-111. -Item 34. Indictment. Pp. 112-119. -Item 35. Excerpt from book by Dr. Jagielski regarding Płaszów camp. -Item 36. Protocol of description of the Płaszów camp.
2	Volume 45, MAW-126	NTN-406/46, z 107/II Evidentiary materials. Testimony of witnesses. 1946-1950. In Polish and German. 227pp.
	Volume 44, MAW-126	z 109 Evidentiary materials for testimony in volumes 42 and 43. Testimony of witnesses. 1946. In Polish , German, and English. Trial documents. 157pp.

Volume 46, z 107/VIII
MAW-126

Trial documents. Verdict. Reprint of brochure on the trial. 13pp.

Volume 47, z 108
MAW-126

Trial protocol. 1946. 136pp.

English language translation of trial record available:

Law-Reports of Trials of War Criminals, The United Nations War
Crimes Commission, Volume VII, London, HMSO, 1948. Case No. 37.