

Among the family archives at the Central State Historical Archive of Ukraine in Lwów, the largest in terms of size is the archive of the Counts Lanckoroński. It contains material on the life and activities of members of this family who for many centuries held high state positions and played an important role in the economic and socio-political life of the Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth and Austria-Hungary. It also contains material on related families.

The Lanckoroński archive was located in the family's palace in Rozdół until 1939. (Previously, family documents were kept in separate archives located at the main seats of the individual lines of the family). In 1914, part of the Lanckoroński family archive was destroyed.

The documents kept in the Lanckoroński family archive were in Lwów in the late 1930s. They were first kept in the State Archive of the city of Lwów, then in the Lwów Regional State Archive of the USSR, and finally, in 1951, they were transferred to the branch of the Central State Historical Archive of Ukraine in Lwów.

The archival material was in a disorganized state. In the Rozdół archive, the documents were arranged in fascicules (organized chronologically). The first work on Collection (fond) no. 181 was undertaken in 1953. A small part of the archival material retained their former arrangement. The organization of the collection was completed in the late 1970s.

The collection was divided into two parts. Part 1 included documents concerning the Lanckoroński family, whilst Part 2 included archives of families to whom they were related. Within the two parts, owing to the diversity of information in the documents, two thematic groups were distinguished. The first included personal material and that related to social activities. The second, constituting over 80% of the material, concerned property and economic material.

After the work was completed, Collection 181 became formed of 9798 archival units. The documentation of the group covers the period from 1438 to 1939 and is written in the following languages: Polish, Latin, German, French, Russian, Greek, English, Italian, Ukrainian, Czech, Hungarian, Hebrew and Serbo-Croatian.

### **Collection 181 description 1 – 6623 archival units**

The first group of archival material, namely personal material and that relating to social activity, has been divided into a series of themes: personal documents; documents concerning genealogy and the family's coat of arms; records of birth, marriage and death, pre-nuptial contracts; documents concerning the granting of titles and awards; wills; business cards and invitations; school notebooks and notes; descriptions of family jewels; documents relating to public activity; correspondence (letters from the Lanckorońskis and letters to the Lanckorońskis) concerning mainly family matters. This group includes documentation related to the Lanckorońskis' participation in industrial, economic, agricultural and scientific associations and organizations, as well as charitable activities. The documents of this series are organized according to the given activity's profile.

The second thematic group, namely property and economic material, includes documents covering the period from the 15th to the 20th century. As in the first group, the archival material has been divided into thematic series: orders and general information documents

concerning the history of the family's estates; documents concerning the social and national composition of the population; inventories of palaces, manors, villages; serfdom, rental and other forms of payments, taxes (information on the property status of subjects, consideration of complaints from subjects and landowners regarding serfdom, matters concerning the application of corporal punishment, consideration of cases of escape by subjects and their resettlement, lists of subjects indicating their duties, lists of debtors; requests from subjects to be released from the obligation to pay rent; documents concerning the abolition of serfdom); natural disasters, damage caused by warfare, assistance for subjects (lists of damage caused by natural disasters or warfare, applications for the allocation of financial or material assistance); financial and economic condition of estates (instructions on conducting financial and economic matters, financial and economic reports, balance sheets, income and expenditure journals, cash books, correspondence with the main estate management office in Lwów and with the managers of individual estates regarding matters financial and economic; material concerning: settlements with banks and commercial companies, property insurance, property disputes, lease and rental of real estate, parceling out of estates, correspondence with lawyers on property matters); property transactions and matters concerning the regulation of ownership rights (deeds of privileges for the possession of landed estates; extracts from court decisions: tribunals and municipal and land courts in Lwów, Kraków and Sandomierz; sale and purchase agreements, topographic maps, sketches and situational plans of land and forest plots, documents concerning the construction of palaces and residential buildings, amongst others in Kraków, Warsaw and Paris); construction and equipment of enterprises, activity and sale of products (material concerning the development of the timber and paper industry, production of sugar and alcohol, the mining of sulphur and salt, correspondence with commercial companies); agriculture (material concerning the cultivation and sale of grain, the cultivation and sale of sugar beet, tobacco cultivation; horticulture, horse and cattle breeding, forestry and fishing); trade (material on the organization of and participation in fairs and markets on both domestic and foreign markets); accommodation of troops, conscription, military supplies; construction of railways; social protests, protests by the peasantry; consideration of criminal and civil cases; medical and sanatorium care; school matters, libraries, kindergartens (agreements on the transfer of land for the construction of schools, donations to educational institutions, granting financial and material aid, library catalogues); Orthodox churches, churches, monasteries, cemeteries (inventories of churches, foundation bequests for churches and monasteries, technical and photographic documentation of religious buildings, the appointment of parish priests); personal documents of subjects; maintenance of workers and officials on estates (personal files of employees, material concerning the employment, dismissal and transfer of employees; registers of officials and administrators, payrolls, material concerning the granting of pensions and retirement benefits, the provision of financial and material aid, the granting of allowances for children receiving education); office supplies.

### **Collection 181 description 2 – 3174 archival units**

The second description of Collection 181 comprises archival material of families related to the Lanckoroński family which has been systematized in the following order: the Wictum family (units 1-198), the Daniłowicz family (units 199-350), the Rzewuski family (units 351-2512), the Morsztyn family (units 2513-2553), the Potocki family (units 2554-2699), the Tarło family (units 2700-2821), the Cetner family (units 2822-3124), the Chodorowski family (units 3125-3174).

Within the archive of each family, documents are organized in the same way as in the case of the Lanckorońskis. First of all, personal material, secondly, that concerning property and matters economic.

The archives of the above-mentioned families differ in terms of the number of units and content. The largest is the archive of the Counts Rzewuski, with over two thousand archival units. Among the Rzewuski genealogical documents there is also information about the families Korczak, Czartoryski, Kalinowski and others.

Description 2 contains a large amount of correspondence, but the largest part concerns property and matters economic, including the inventories of estates, villages and palaces. There are also parchments dating from the 15th century and privileges granted by kings Sigismund I, John Casimir and Stanisław August.

