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ABSTRACT

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The Ethnographic Museum in Cracow was developed in 1911 by Seweryn Udziela. It has been important point on cultural and scientific map in Poland. In main point, dissertation is an effort of answer questions about informative and scientific functions of documentation from Podhale region. What is more, it brings information about persons who have influenced the current content of collection of podhalanica, the types of documents included in this collection, as well as their number. It also defines the types of information contained in the documentation, the types of users had used them, and also explains the ways in which podhalanica were used in their work.

In her research, Author used qualitative and quantitative methods, i.e. analysis and critique of literature, content analysis, ethnographic, bibliographic, system and statistic methods to try three aspects: documentation, users and institution. The starting point was a combination of Krzysztof Migoń's theory (2004) that archival documents are a "social fact" and Berndt Fredriksson's postmodernistic point of view (2003) in which he put them down in sociological context.

A collection of archival documentation connected with the Podhale region represents 3% of the total amount of all documents in the Archive of the Ethnographic Museum in Cracow and includes about 7500 documents: photos, manuscripts, typescripts, drawings and postcards with information about material, social and spiritual culture.

The extracted types of information and user expectations allow to say that the documents have informative potential which makes a possibility of their exploration in scientific and popular science literature. The documentation was used in ethnological, historical and linguistic books and articles in several ways: quote, paraphrase, illustration, picture description and scientific editing. In effect, the obtained data show that podhalanica have informative and scientific functions.

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