Radziwill's Archives and Niasvizh (Nieśwież) Library Collection

The Collection was created from the 15th to 20th centuries by members of the Radziwill family, one of the most prominent aristocratic families in the Grand Duchy of Lithuania and the Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth (Rzeczpospolita). The state records and treaties were preserved side by side with the private correspondence of the family. The records are in Old Belarusian, Russian, Latin, Polish, German, English, French, Italian and other languages and contain extensive information on the development of cultural and social relations and the history of daily life in Central and Eastern Europe. This Collection was dispersed among archives, libraries and museums in Belarus, Finland, Lithuania, Poland, Russian Federation and Ukraine. In 2009 the Radziwills’ Archives and Niasvizh Library Collection was inscribed on the UNESCO Memory of the World International Register.