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Book collection of Sebastian Sierakowski, the Chancellor of the Main School of Cracow in years 1809-1814, in the Jagiellonian Library

Sebastian Alojzy Sierakowski (1743-1824) was a Jesuit, a canon of the Cracow Cathedral, a senator of the Free City of Cracow, the last Polish Custodian of the Crown and the Chancellor of the Main School of Cracow in years 1809-1814. He was also the owner of a private book collection, which was estimated at 1 309 works in about 1 500 volumes. In his last will he donated his collection to the Library of the Jagiellonian University, where it has been preserved until today as a dispersed collection. In the main part of the dissertation results of a bibliographical analysis of Sierakowski's collection, including its structure, characteristics and the state of preservation, were presented. The analysis was based on the catalogue, which was a result of a research on reconstruction of the chancellor's library, conducted by the author of the dissertation. In the dissertation the chancellor's library was shown as a basis for works and activities of its owner and as a testimony of his vast interests. A comparative analysis of the collection with other Enlightenment collections was also conducted. For the purpose of the dissertation a methodology of a reconstruction of dispersed collections using a bibliographical method was developed.



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