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DOCUMENTS OF PERSONAL LIFE IN PERSONAL BIBLIOGRAPHIES. EXPLORATORY RESEARCH



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ABSTRACT: **Theses/purpose of the article** – The main purpose of the article is to present the selection of personal life documents in personal bibliographies, published in Poland until 1985. **Research methods** – The method of analysis and criticism of personal bibliographies was used, paying attention to the selection of material, in particular the registration of personal life documents. **Results and conclusions** – The research undertaken shows that personal bibliographies published prior to 1985 include various types of personal life documents, but only a small part of them do so. The vast majority of the analyzed material omit such documents, although they are an extremely important source of information in scientific research, particularly useful to other fields, for example biographical studies. Personal bibliographies should record personal life documents to a much greater extent, not only those published but also in manuscripts and in the form of iconographic, audio and film documents.

INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

There are various definitions of personal documents in the scientific literature¹. One of these defines personal documents as "[...] documents that express the personal characteristics of their author in such a clear way that the reader can know his attitude to the events to which the document relates" (Sztumski, 2010, p. 208). Most often they include autobiographies, diaries, memoirs, letters, notes, interviews, confessions, written records of testimonies, drawings and photographs (Sztumski, 2010, p. 208; Leoński, 1995, pp. 123; Kłoskowska, 1972, pp. 79-83; Szczepański, 1973, pp. 624). These types of documents perform an extremely important function, among others in biographical research. They allow us not only to establish many facts concerning a person's life, but also contribute to learning about their character traits, sensitivity, disposition and views on a number of issues. They also help in explaining events in which they participated.

A widely understood document is the subject of a bibliography, provided that it is socially shared by means of reproduction. In the case of personal life documents, it often happens that they are not published in print. Therefore, the question arises whether personal life documents should be of interest to the bibliographic record and to what extent. The question posed is particularly important in the case of personal bibliographies, which, like personal life documents, are an irreplaceable source of information for biographical research.

Personal bibliographies are one of the few types of bibliographies whose authors strive for completeness in the selection of material (Hleb-Koszańska, 1948, pp. 3-4; Słodkowska & Wilgat, 1963, pp. 313-318). This applies above all to personal primary bibliographies. These try to compile the author's entire creative output. In principle, they do not apply any restrictions in terms of the scope determined by the form of publishing and writing

¹ They are given by Jan Szczepański (1973, pp. 622-624).

of the recorded works. They include non-serial publications, works, and bibliographic fragments. They combine scientific, popular-scientific and popular works, literary works, letters, speeches, appeals, scripts for films and theatrical plays, exhibition scenarios, musical compositions, songs and reviews. They register individual and co-authored works, editorial and publishing input, translations of works by other authors, voices in discussions, interviews and speeches. In addition to published works they include works prepared for printing, such as manuscripts, typescripts and archival materials. In addition to written documents, they also try to register other types of documents. They note iconographic, cartographic, audio-visual and sound materials, printed music, technical standards, patents, and recently also electronic documents.

These materials are of course not recorded in all personal bibliographies. Most of these are selected lists, often only of bibliographical materials. They apply selection both in terms of the subjects of the compiled documents as well as their types, forms of publishing and writing, language of publication, and place of publication.

Despite the high value of personal life documents in scientific research, the issue of their registration in personal bibliographies has not yet been addressed. They have been mentioned only marginally when discussing theoretical or methodological issues related to personal bibliography (Hleb-Koszańska, 1948, p. 3; Słodkowska & Wilgat, 1963, p. 316). It seems to be an issue worth considering, if only because of the importance of this type of document for biographical research.

The research performed here does not claim to have exhausted the topic under consideration. Its character is only to survey and review and its purpose was to draw attention to the problem of selection of personal life documents in personal bibliographies. Efforts were made to show to what extent these have been interested in this type of material and how often they have include it. Also sought has been the answer to the question of what kinds of personal life documents are most often noted in the bibliographies analysed.

The main source material was collected based on retrospective Polish bibliographies of bibliographies which are current up to 1985. The analysis covered primary and secondary personal bibliographies as well as mixed primary-secondary lists, which were published as bibliographies *sensu stricto* in the form of non-serial publications and bibliographic works. However, bibliographic discussions, conditions of research and bibliographic attachments were omitted, because they are guided by their own criteria for the selection of material, usually other than bibliographical in the strict sense. The bibliographies thus collected were subjected to detailed research. They were analysed in terms of the selection of personal life documents.

SELECTION OF PERSONAL LIFE DOCUMENTS IN PERSONAL BIBLIOGRAPHIES

The need to include personal life documents in personal bibliographies was noticed already at the beginning of the 19th century. This is confirmed by the compilation of works by the historian and creator of the Krzemieniecki Secondary School, Tadeusz Czacki, prepared by a teacher of the same school, Alojzy Osiński, published in the historical and literary monograph *About Tadeusz Czacki's Life and Writings* (Krzemieniec, 1816). In the bibliography, the author recorded the printed and manuscript works of the founder of "Volhynia's Athens". Among the printed works he included appeals and speeches given by Czacki, and among a group of manuscripts he noted his "Letters to the Most Important People in the Nation and Abroad" (Osiński, 1816, pp. 399-403). Osiński did not provide any further details about the letters, did not list them, did not specify the recipients of the correspondence and did not locate it. He only signalled that Czacki's correspondence was preserved in manuscript form.

The issue of completeness in the selection of material in personal bibliographies was noted in 1877 by Zygmunt Gloger, who came up with the idea for the preparation of a bibliography of Józef Ignacy Kraszewski, in connection with the jubilee of the 50th anniversary of the writer's creative work in 1879. Bibliography was to be one of the ways to celebrate this momentous event. Hence the man behind its inspiration believed that such a record should compile all types of documents, including the correspondence of the author of Stara baśń [An Ancient Tale] (Szczepański, 1881, p. 3). This sentiment was fully shared by Teodor Justyn Piekarski (Rola, 1878, p. 9). Karol Estreicher took up the preparation of the bibliography. On the occasion of the writer's jubilee, he prepared a list entitled *Fifty Years* of J.I. Kraszewski (1830-1879). An alphabetical and chronological compilation of the fifty years of the Jubilarian's scientific and literary activity, listing all editions of his works and translations into foreign languages (Kraków, 1879). In the bibliography he not only listed printed books, but also manuscripts and even announced works. However, he left out the writer's correspondence. It is difficult to determine why he did so – perhaps because of its abundance and dispersion.

At the same time, while Estreicher was working on his compilation of works by Kraszewski, another eminent Polish bibliographer, Władysław Wisłocki, published a personal bibliography of Grzegorz Piramowicz (Wisłocki, 1877, pp. 223-449; Zawodomski, 2014, pp. 101-102). Due to the fact that the list was to be a source of information helping in the preparation of the biography of this outstanding educator, Wisłocki attempted to collect all his works, both those printed and those remaining in manuscript form, including Piramowicz's letters addressed to various people, including Ignacy Potocki, Prince Adam Czartoryski, and Hugo Kołłątaj.

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A systematic registration of letters is contained in the personal bibliography of Adam Mickiewicz published in 1887-1898 in the pages of *The Diary of the Adam Mickiewicz Literary Society*, published in Lviv. One of the main tasks of this periodical was to collect and organise materials regarding the life and work of the Bard (Editors, 1887, p. V). To this end, a current primary bibliography of Mickiewicz began to be published in the pages of the magazine, starting with the first volume. Later authors, first Maurycy Stankiewicz and then Wilhelm Bruchnalski and Konstanty Wojciechowski, subsequently listed, among other things, published correspondence of the creator of *Pan Tadeusz*, setting aside a separate section for this (Stankiewicz, 1887, pp. 257-267; Stankiewicz, 1888, pp. 323-331; Stankiewicz, 1889, pp. 327-355; Wojciechowski, 1898, pp. 561-602).

Similar personal materials are included in the bibliography of Juliusz Słowacki, prepared by a seasoned bibliographer and literary historian, Wiktor Hahn. As a bibliography enthusiast and at the same time a researcher of Słowacki's life and work, he was fully aware of the importance of personal bibliographies in biographical research. That is why he undertook a bibliography of the poet. In 1901, he published the Bibliography on Juliusz Słowacki for 1899 (Hahn, 1901, pp. 3-38). In the selection of material, he tried to achieve the highest accuracy and completeness. As he states, "[...] in addition to separately published items, I included journals, magazines, calendars and other similar publications" (Hahn, 1901, p. 4). Among the various publishing and writing forms, the author also recorded editions of the poet's letters. Hahn continued his work, periodically publishing a "Review of the latest works about J. Słowacki" (for the years 1901-1915), published in the pages of *Pamietnik Literacki* (1903-1914/1915). Here, he also compiled and characterized Słowacki's correspondence published during individual years.

In 1916 Hahn published a primary and secondary bibliography of Juliusz Słowacki (1916), prepared on the occasion of the 100th anniversary of the birth of the author of *Balladyna* in 1909. Like the previous lists, in the selection of material the author strived for completeness, which resulted in the collation of a total of 5,030 items. When collecting references, the bibliographer did not apply any restrictions in terms of author or territorial and linguistic coverage. He noted various forms of publishing, writing, and document types. He recorded non-serial publications, works, and bibliographic fragments. Included were letters, translations, and reviews. He described leaflets (posters, programs, invitations, entry tickets), sheet music, and iconographic documents (albums, portraits, drawings, photographs, postcards, stickers, medals, sculptures, monuments).

The bibliography was very well received by critics. Stefan Vrtel-Wierczyński, praising the published work, also drew attention to the completeness of the list. He stated that "[t]he author spared no effort to collect the material in the most exhaustive way and to put it in a clear and accurate picture" (S. V., 1917, p. 127). Stanisław Łempicki (1916, p. 4) spoke in a similar tone.

In the inter-war period, more personal bibliographies showing personal life documents appeared. An example may be the retrospective, primary and secondary bibliography of Nicolaus Copernicus by W. Bruchnalski (1924, pp. 209-246), created for the jubilee of the astronomer's 450th birthday in 1923. This model bibliography, according to critics, collected in the primary part works by the scientist (Gubrynowicz, 1924, p. 3). However, in the secondary part, he recorded correspondence addressed to his person as well as medals and portraits of the astronomer.

Also Ludwik Stolarzewicz, the author of three personal bibliographies, two of which he devoted to Mickiewicz (Stolarzewicz, 1924a; Stolarzewicz, 1924c) and one to Zygmunt Krasiński (Stolarzewicz, 1924b), equipped his lists with a register of personal life documents of both poets. In Krasiński's bibliography, he compiled diaries and letters written by the creator of Nieboska Komedia [The Un-Divine Comedy] and university documents related to him. Also in both bibliographies of Mickiewicz he included letters, the only difference being that in the secondary list he described the letters addressed to the author of *Dziady* [Forefathers' Eve], and in the primary list he included, apart from correspondence, also the speeches given by the poet. The degree of completeness of both bibliographies of Mickiewicz, including the selection of letters, was criticized by reviewers, who pointed out the numerous deficiencies in the recorded material. Critics also pointed to the author's factual errors and unreliable analysis of sources (Pigoń, 1924a, pp. 229-244; Pigoń, 1924b, p. 4; Semkowicz, 1924/1925, pp. 461-474).

Among the bibliographies published in the interwar period, one can indicate compilations that included sound documents – innovative for that time. An example may be the secondary bibliography of Oswald Balzer, the researcher of the system and law of the old Poland. It contains a lecture devoted to the historian given on Polish Radio by the eminent medievalist Stanisław Zakrzewski (Dąbkowski, 1934, p. 221; Zawodomski, 2004a, p. 158).

As a result of the dynamic development of personal bibliographies after World War II, the number of personal life documents recorded in them also increased. This can be seen already in the first bibliographies published shortly after the war. In 1949, an extensive *Bibliography of F.F. Chopin*, prepared by Bronisław Edward Sydow, was published by the Warsaw Scientific Society. The number of entries listed in it (8,700 items), as well as the supplement published in 1954 (Sydow, 1954), testify to the fact that the author wanted to provide users with comprehensive research material.

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Sydow also did not omit the composer's personal documents. Among the works useful for future biographers of Fryderyk Chopin he included letters, notes, autographs of works, memoirs, and diaries, including not only printed works but also those remaining in manuscript form.

The broad criteria for material selection adopted by Sydowa were truncated in the *Chopin Bibliography 1849-1969* (Kraków, 1970), compiled by Kornel Michałowski. The author had come to the correct conclusion that "[t]he assumption of achieving 'completeness' in bibliographies – including personal ones such as Chopin's bibliography – is [...] impossible to obtain, especially when it comes to written works produced for over a hundred years on a global scale, and above all even pointless as regards the adopted functional goals. The bibliography [...] includes [...] Chopin literature selected in terms of its importance and value, both documentary and historical, scientific and musicological, as well as for cognitive or popularizing values "(K.M., 1970, p. 11). Despite the selection used, Michałowski did not forgo recording the composer's published letters, his manuscripts found and identified, as well as diaries and memories about the life and work of Chopin.

Michałowski applied the principles of material selection and choice that he had introduced in the current bibliography of Chopin, which he prepared and regularly published in the "Chopin Annual", collating literature since 1970 (Michałowski, 1975, pp. 121-176; Michałowski, 1978, pp. 115-171; Michałowski, 1979, pp. 225-234; Michałowski, 1981, pp. 131-139; Michałowski, 1982, pp. 61-76; Michałowski, 1983, pp. 171-182; Michałowski, 1984, pp. 153-163). The only difference was that the author strove for greater completeness in this list.

The Institute of Literary Research (IBL), operating since 1948, has made a significant contribution to the development of personal bibliographies. A whole series of personal bibliographies of eminent Polish writers and poets were created in this scientific institution. They are often monumental bibliographic or bio-bibliographic monographs (Bajor, 2003, pp. 113-114). According to the methodological assumptions developed in the IBL, the authors of the bibliography aimed for completeness in the selection of materials, both in the primary and secondary parts (*Podstawowe wytyczne monografii bibliograficznej* [Basic Guidelines for Bibliographic Monographs], 1955, pp. 483-492).

An example would be Jadwiga Czachowska's doctoral dissertation entitled *Gabriela Zapolska*. *Bio-bibliographic monograph* (Kraków, 1966). According to a reviewer, the work, referred to as the "fundamental work", is "[...] a full bibliography of Zapolska's writing" (Weiss, 1967, p. 358). Among the many different works of the author of *Moralność pani Dulskiej* [The Morality of Mrs. Dulska], and numerous works concerning her, Czachowska also compiled, in the form of separate lists, letters of the writer to

various people, both published and remaining in manuscript form, as well as interviews she gave.

Janusz Stradecki adopted a different principle in relation to the registration of epistolographic materials in the work *Julian Tuwim. Bibliography* (Warszawa, 1959). He included only the part of the poet's correspondence that was published during his lifetime ("Introduction", 1959, pp. 14-15). Among other personal documents, he noted printed interviews, speeches, appeals, and declarations by Tuwim.

A selective approach to correspondence is also featured in bio-bibliographical monographs such as *Tadeusz Żeleński (Boy)*. *Creativity and life* (Warszawa, 1967), developed by Barbara Winklowa, and *The work of Władysław Broniewski* (Warszawa, 1973) by Feliksa Lichodziejewska. The author of the first of these works did not include manuscript letters at all, and limited the selection of published correspondence. In addition, she omitted unpublished lectures and speeches by Boy-Żeleński. On the other hand Lichodziejewska strived for the greatest possible completeness in the selection of materials, trying to include all the works of Broniewski printed and preserved in manuscript, including the unpublished *Diary*, but from the rich correspondence she chose only the published private letters of the poet. The rules governing the selection introduced in these bibliographies of Tuwim and Boy-Żeleński did not gain the approval of reviewers (Kądziela, 1961, p. 240; Stradecki, 1970, pp. 377, 390).

Monumental bibliographic monographs of the greatest Polish writers are being published to this day as separate volumes or parts created in the IBL's Bibliography of Polish literature "Nowy Korbut" (Czachowska, 1979, pp. 164-186). A bibliography of Kraszewski has appeared during the period under examination (Stupkiewicz, Śliwińska & Roszkowska-Sykałowa, 1966), and that of Bolesław Prus (Tyszkiewicz, 1981). Each of these includes printed and manuscript correspondence of both writers. In the first one it is "[...] given only in a small fraction of letters [...] found in larger Polish libraries" (Authors, 1966, p. 7), whereas in the second, "[e]ach letter is listed in chronological order - separately in one group in which Prus is the sender and in one group in which he is the addressee" (Maciejewski, 1981, p. 7). The bibliographic outline for Kraszewski also compiles unprinted diaries from school and university years, notes, various types of contracts, an autobiography and the writer's published will. Similar materials are included in the bibliography of Prus. In addition, his bibliography records reminiscences about the author of Lalka [The Doll], his birth certificate, school reports, testament, and letters addressed to as well as written by his wife, Octavia.

A bibliography of Andrzej Frycz Modrzewski (*Andrzej Frycz Modrzewski*, 1962) also relied on the so-called "Korbut Block". Materials useful to biographers of the author of the treatise *De Republica emendanda* [On the

Repair of the Commonwealth] included manuscripts and printed works, such as the autographs of his works, correspondence, including the writer's letters, letters addressed to Modrzewski and letters regarding him as well as other biographical documents. Although this is not a complete bibliography, in the reviewer's opinion "[i]t is an indispensable help and a basic source for the future monographer" (stg., 1963, p. 301).

Maria Stokowa, the author of the four-part bibliographic monograph of Stanisław Wyspiański, published with the 15th edition of the *Collected Works* of this playwright, poet, and painter (Stokowa, 1967-1968), also used materials collected in the IBL documentation laboratories. Wanting to present the fullest possible picture of the author of *Wesele* [The Wedding] and the literature on it, Stokowa took into account, among other things, personal documents of the poet, including manuscript autographs of works and letters by Wyspiański saved from the war. She also recorded accounts of the playwright's interviews and memoirs devoted to him.

Personal writers' documents have been recorded not only in monumental book publications, but also in smaller bibliographic publications. An example may be the primary-secondary bibliography of Witold Gombrowicz (Biłek-Dąbrowska, 1984, pp. 743-840). In the primary part, the list includes letters, interviews, and the diary of the author of *Ferdydurke*, while the secondary section compiles interviews and memoirs concerning the writer. In turn, in the bibliography of Julian Przyboś, in addition to the poet's correspondence and memories of him, a film and a sound recording about him were noted (Sokół, 1976, p. 361).

Personal life documents have also been included in the personal bibliographies of academics. These mainly record interviews with scholars but also often list manuscripts and typescripts of their scientific works and lectures given. However, one can cite bibliographies that cover a much broader spectrum of documents analysed.

An example would be the bibliography of Joachim Lelewel (Hleb-Koszańska & Kotwiczówna, 1952). The authors, striving for completeness in registering the historian's printed works, included his letters, notes, diary, will, and numerous speeches and appeals (Zawodomski, 2004a, p. 152).

Henryk Baranowski, the author of the two-part retrospective primary-secondary bibliography of Nicolaus Copernicus, followed an analogous criteria of material selection. (1958; 1973). In both extensive works, the author included exclusively printed works. Among them were letters of Copernicus and those written to him, printed information about the astronomer's manuscripts, and other documents about his life.

Even more varied personal documents are contained in the bibliography of the law historian and researcher on the history of the Slavs, Wacław Aleksander Maciejowski, written by Stanisław Borowski (1959). The author intended to develop a biography of the scholar. For this purpose, he

prepared a listing showing all materials useful for the implementation of the task, which included in the bibliography all printed and manuscript works as well as archival materials. He recorded, among others, documents from university days and professional work, a biography, diary, notes, and correspondence of the scholar, including letters written by him, addressed to him, and containing references to him.

This accumulation of examined documents, printed and in manuscript form, is also found in the bibliography of the eminent Polish geographer Wacław Nałkowski (Babicz, 1962, pp. 81-166). Among them, similarly to the bibliography of Maciejowski, one can find letters and source materials from the period of his studies (including an ID card, secondary school graduation certificate, index, lessons, and lecture notes), as well as autobiographies, his marriage certificate and family papers pertaining to Nałkowski's ancestors. A bibliography of Kazimierz Wyka is also characterized by broad material selection criteria (Głowacka & Grabowska, 1978, pp. 447-571). It includes, among other things, medals and prizes awarded to the distinguished historian and critic of Polish literature.

The systematic registration of personal life documents is observed in a large part of the bibliographies of socio-political activists, especially those that were published in the quarterly "Z Pola Walki." This periodical was supposed to contain, as stated by its founders, "[...] a permanent, special bibliographical section pertaining to activists of the Polish workers' movement " ("From the editorial office", 1958, p. 4). The bibliographies published in this section have often listed printed and manuscript sources of an autobiographical and memorial nature, correspondence of individual activists, and their speeches and lectures (Tomicki, 1958, pp. 231-240; Kalicka, 1958, pp. 298-321; Jakubowski, 1959, pp. 196-207; Iwański, 1973, pp. 260-272).

A large number of speeches and other public appearances are listed in the bibliography of the PPS activist and Member of the Sejm (1919-1933) Norbert Barlicki (Tomicki, 1964, pp. 331-364). The *Bibliography of Julian Marchlewski*, prepared by Jadwiga Kaczanowska, in addition to a speech recorded on a gramophone record, lists unpublished letters and manuscripts of Marchlewski. The bibliography of Janusz Korczak is similar (Ciesielska, 1985). It registers the manuscript correspondence of this social activist, teacher and publicist, notes unpublished texts by Korczak as well as unreleased materials and documents devoted to him.

SUMMARY

Personal bibliographies published in Poland until 1985 register various types of personal life documents. However, this is not a common phenomenon. The vast majority of the lists analysed omit such materials.

Among the personal life documents compiled in personal bibliographies, various forms of written documents dominate. Letters, diaries, memoires, diaries, interviews, and autobiographies are most frequently noted. In addition, iconographic, audio, and film documents are described, although very rarely.

The bibliographies examined include personal life documents most often when they are published. It is relatively rare for them to be shown in unpublished form. Registration of manuscripts is of course not a basic obligation of the bibliography. It should also be added that collecting such documents is not easy. Searching for them requires a lot of work and effort on the part of bibliographers, because they are usually scattered around various institutions, in the possession of private individuals, sometimes protected by various rights, and often found abroad. From a scientific point of view, especially in terms of biography, these are materials of great value. Therefore, personal bibliographies should more closely record personal life documents remaining in manuscripts.

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DOKUMENTY ŻYCIA OSOBISTEGO W BIBLIOGRAFIACH OSOBOWYCH. REKONESANS BADAWCZY

SŁOWA KLUCZOWE: Bibliografie osobowe. Dobór materiału. Dokumenty życia osobistego. Historia.

ABSTRAKT: **Tezy/cel artykułu** – Zasadniczym celem artykułu jest przedstawienie doboru dokumentów życia osobistego w bibliografiach osobowych, wydanych w Polsce do 1985 r. **Metody badań** – Zastosowano metodę analizy i krytyki bibliografii osobowych, zwracając uwagę na dobór materiału, a w szczególności na rejestrację dokumentów życia osobistego. **Wyniki i wnioski** – Podjęte badania dowodzą, że bibliografie osobowe, opublikowane do 1985 r., uwzględniają różnego typu dokumenty życia osobistego, ale czyni tak tylko niewielka ich część. Zdecydowana większość analizowanych zestawień pomija tego rodzaju dokumenty, choć są one niezmiernie istotnym źródłem informacji w badaniach naukowych. Chętnie z nich korzysta m.in. biografistyka. Bibliografie osobowe powinny w znacznie większym stopniu rejestrować dokumenty życia osobistego i to nie tylko te, które są opublikowane, ale też pozostające w rękopisach oraz występujące w formie dokumentów ikonograficznych, dźwiękowych i filmów.