

The project "Catalogue of 16th century books in the Ossolineum historic collection" – methods of research and provenance registration

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Ossolineum 1817-1945

- founded in 1817 by the Polish scholar, bibliophile and collector Józef Maksymilian Ossoliński (1748–1826) as a national institution of science and culture comprising a library and museum
- Up to 1945 located in Lviv, Galicia (Polish: Lwów, German: Lemberg)
- After the outbreak of the Second War World turned by the Soviets into the library of the Lviv branch of the Academy of Sciences of the Ukrainian Socialist Soviet Republic in 1940 (now The Lviv National Vasyl Stefanyk Scientific Library of Ukraine), and later, during the German occupation in 1941–1944, into the Staatsbibilothek Lemberg.



After 1945

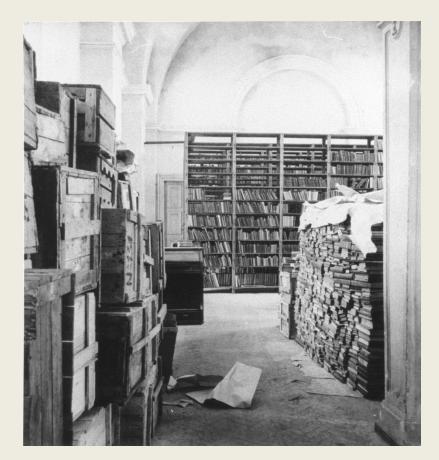
- evacuation of the most valuable Ossolinski collections to the Reich. The transport was abandoned in a small village of Adelsdorf (now Zagrodno) in Lower Silesia and after many efforts brought to Wrocław in 1947, where the Ossolineum library was decided to be located after its closing in Lviv, which became part of the Soviet Union in 1945.
- the rest of the Ossoliński collection which remained in Lviv was divided in 1946 in two parts between the Ossolineum, newly located in Wrocław, and the Lviv National Vasyl Stefanyk Scientific Library of Ukraine.
- The part transported to Poland comprised a fraction of the book collection and manuscripts.



Rare books storage room in Wrocław, 1948.

Division of the Ossolineum early printed book collection in 1946

- According to the official Ukrainian data, ca 27% of the original Ossolineum library collection was sent from Lviv to Wroclaw;
- There were 24 860 early printed books in ca 30 000 volumes sent in the firt transport (1946) and ca 7 000 books sent in the second transport in 1947 (ca 45% of the original Ossolineum collection; 83% of the 16th c. books; 44% of the XVII-XVIII c. books);
- The main criterium: the Polish character of the book (language, place of printing, author);
- Excluded: Polish books connected with historical region of the Second Polish Republic (e.g. printed in Lviv, Nowogródek, Polesie, Stanisławów, Tarnopol, Vilnius, Wołyń, and the Białystok Voivideships)
- In practice: dispersed volumes of one edition, part of the typographic production of e.g. one Lviv printer is in Wroclaw, part in Lviv.



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Cooperation with The Lviv National Vasyl Stefanyk Scientific Library of Ukraine

- digitalization and preservation of the former Ossoliński collection and organization of scientific and cultural events in Lviv
- project thanks to the grant from the Polish
 Ministry of Science and Higher Education and its
 National Programme for the Development of
 Humanities.
- The project aims to catalogue the most precious part of the old Ossoliński collection, i.e. the sixteenth century books, now in the Ossolineum in Wrocław and the Lviv National Vasyl Stefanyk Scientific Library of Ukraine, and to inventory as many as possible seventeenth and eighteenth century books. It will allow to virtually bring together the collection and to shed light on the monuments of Polish and foreign literature which still remain unknown to researchers. The findings will be published in a printed catalogue and online in 2017.



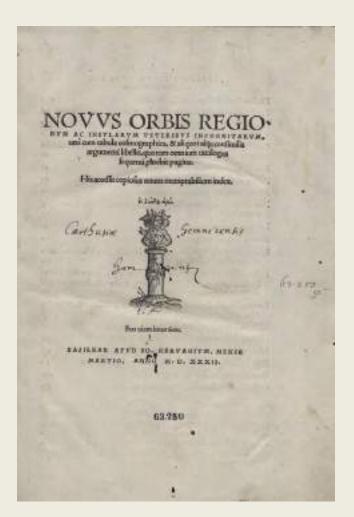
Methods of research

- find the books from the Ossolineum historical collection among the books held by both libraries nowadays.
- Lviv: held among 110 000 books of 16th– 20th c.
 Wroclaw: held among 70 000 books of 16th–18th c.
- historical call numbers replaced by the new ones.
- books were searched manually, i.e. each 16th c. book was taken from the shelf and checked for the characteristic call number.



Rare Books Storage Room, Wrocław, nowadays.

Identification

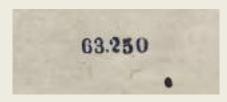


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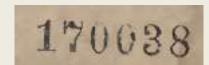
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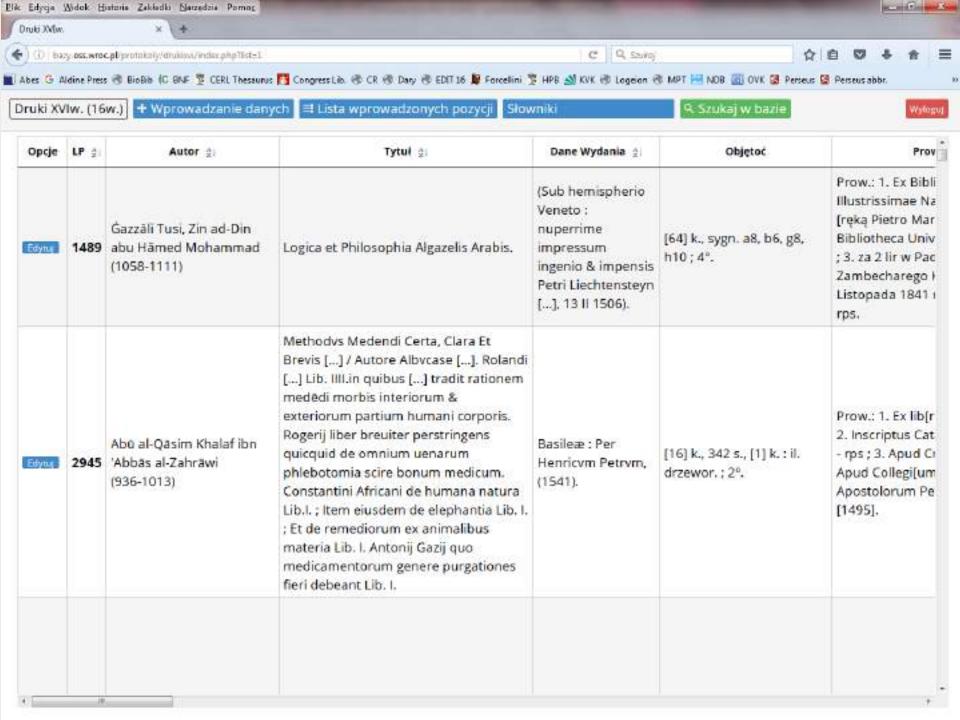


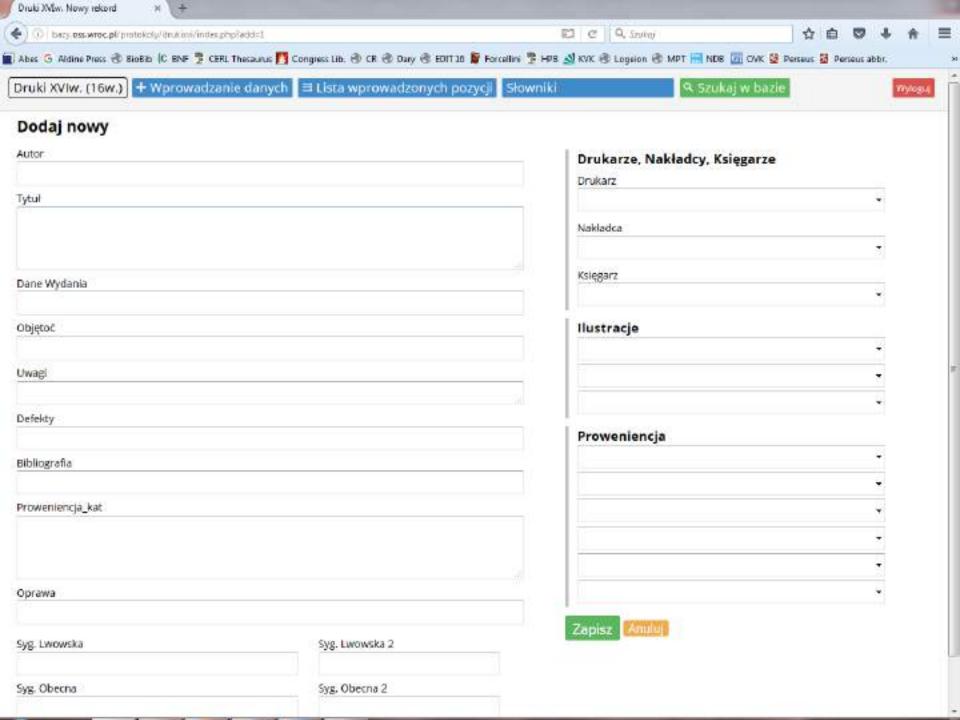
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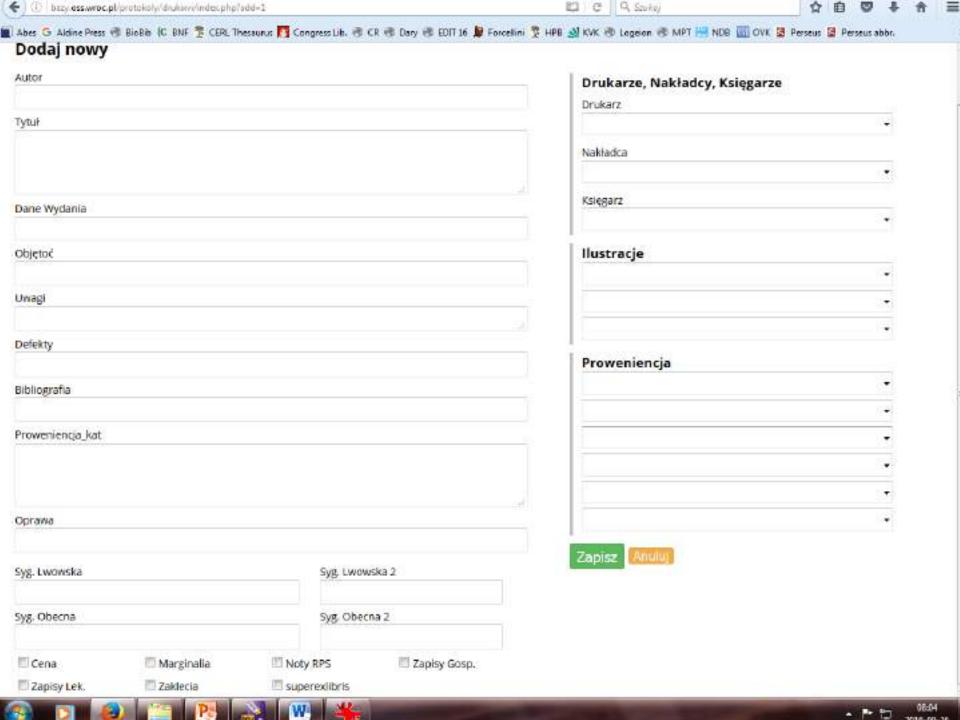


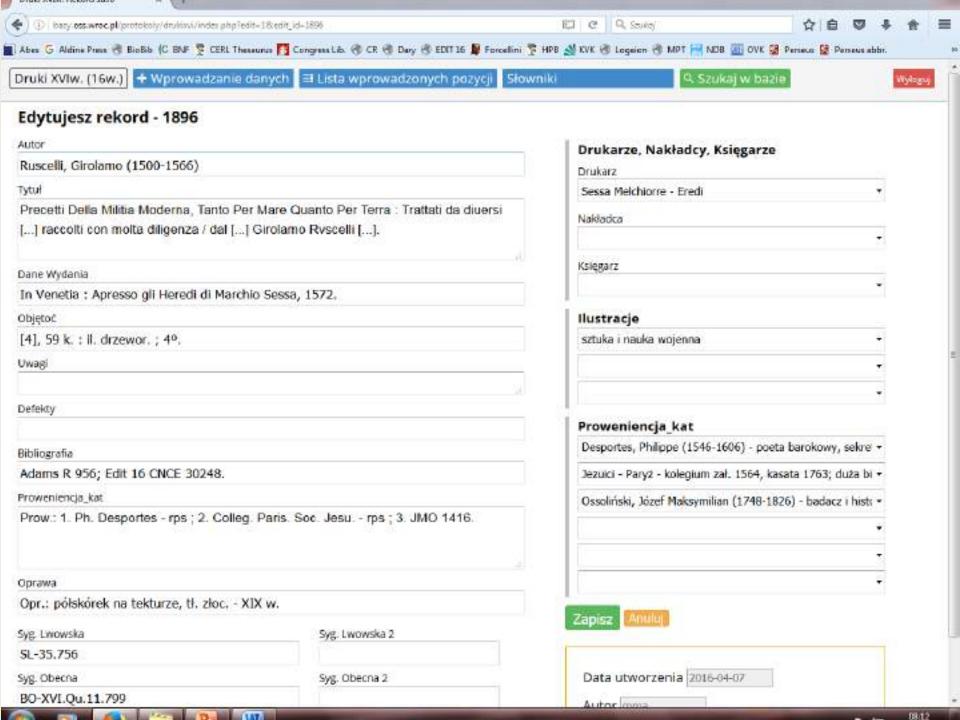


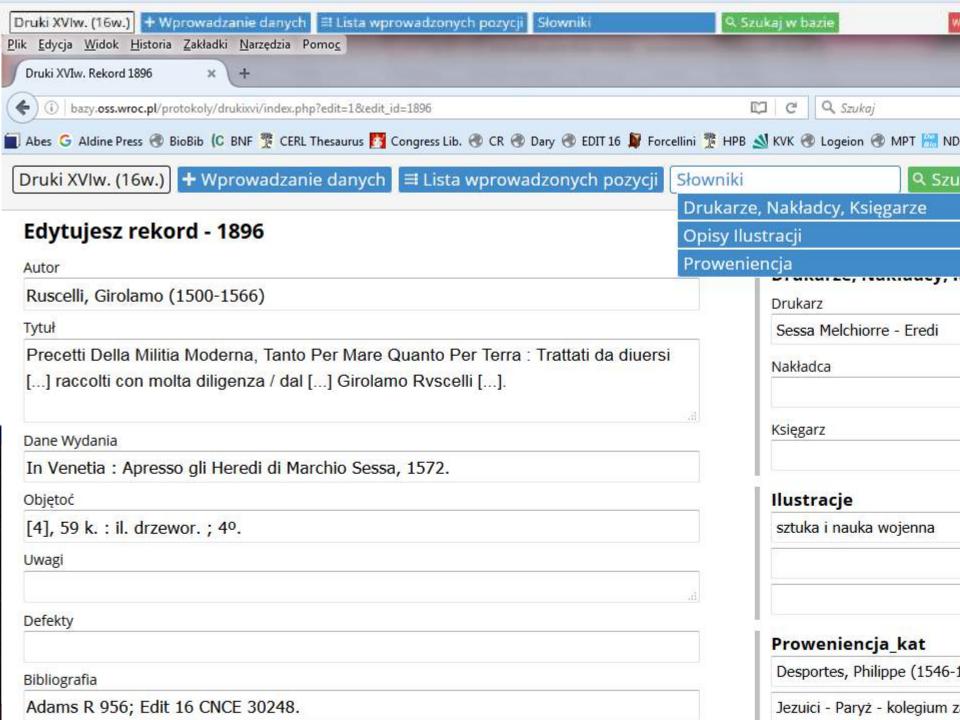
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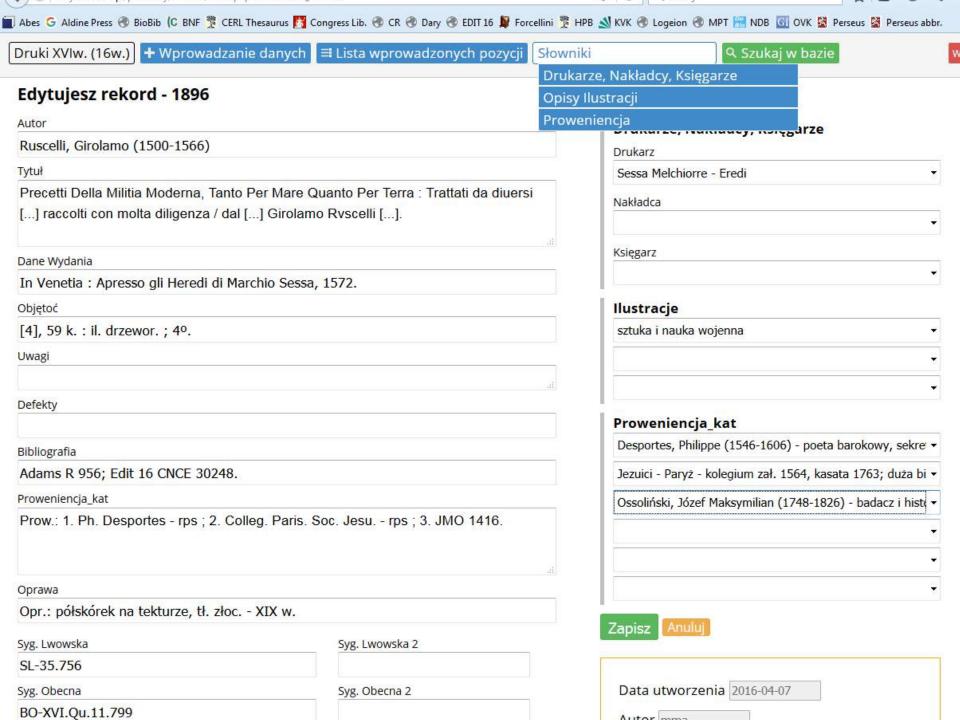


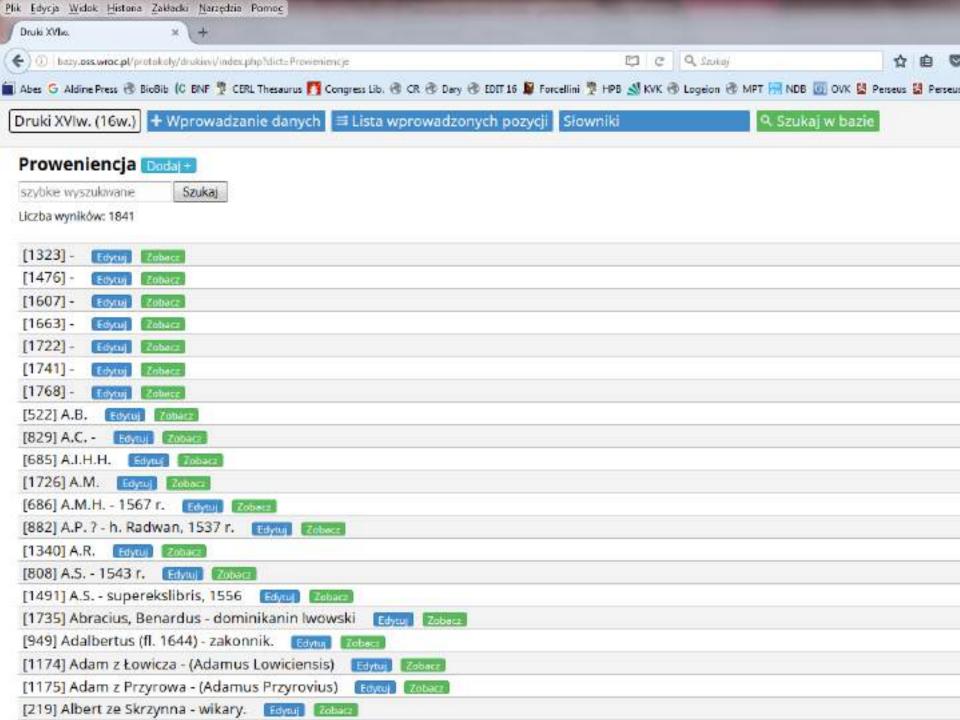


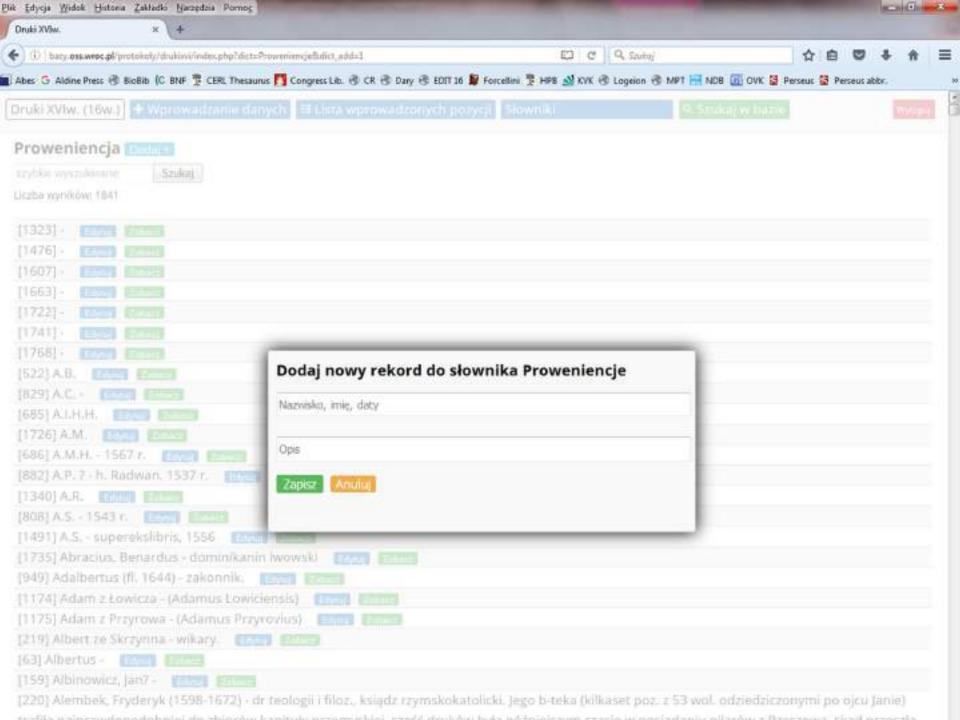














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Sprawy, skasowany w 1785 r., niedługo potem przywrócony, zlikwidowany w 1946 r. B-teka licząca 3475 dz. i 184 rps w 1747 r. została v licytację po kasacie w 1785 r., po jej odwołaniu zakonnicy odkupili cześć zbiorów od prywatnych nabywców, część pozostała w zbiorach Księgozbiór (1118 dz. w 1785 r., 1600 dz. w 1827 r.) podzielono w I poł. XIX w. przeznaczając część książek dla studium teologicznego pr B-tekę i archiwum przewieziono (w. l. 1943-1946) do Biblioteki Prowincji oo. Bernardynów w Krakowie. 🔀 🔀 🔀

[104] Dominikanie - Lwów (Bozego Ciała) - (Conventus Leopoliensis Ordinis FF. Praedicatorum), pw. Bożego Ciała, klasztor fund. w 1378 Węgierskiego, zlikwidowany w 1945 r. B-teka liczyła 817 dz. w XVII w., 682 dz. ok. 1815 r., 2244 dz. w 1932 r. [1076] Dominikanie - Lwów (św. Marii Magdaleny) - (Conventus Leopoliensis Ordinis Praedicatorum ad aedes S. Mariae Magdalenae), p

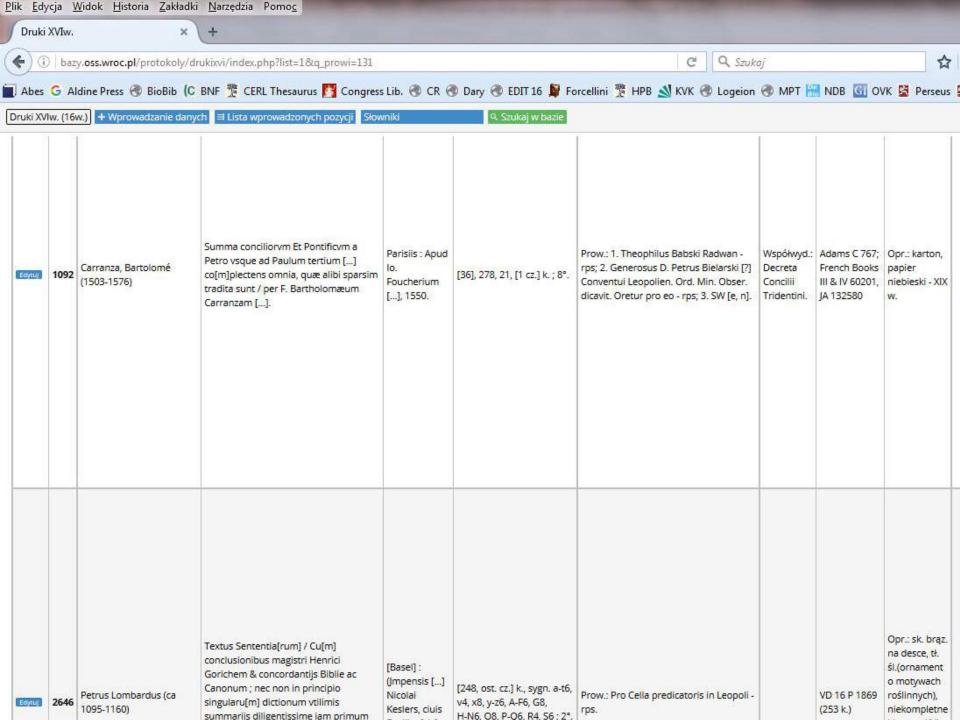
Magdaleny, klasztor fund. w 1600 (1612) r. przez Anne Pstrokońska, skasowany w 1784 r. B-teka liczyła 230 dz. w 1784 r. Edyto Zossa

[364] Dominikanie obserwanci - Lwów - (Conventus S. Ursulae Ordinis Praedicatorum Congregationis S. Ludovici Bertrandi), pw. św. Ursulae

fund. w 1678 r. przez St. Jabłonowskiego, skasowany w 1784 r. B-teka liczyła 271 dz. w 273 t. w 1784 r. [1164] Franciszkanie - Lwów - (Minoryci Iwowscy), fund. [1164]

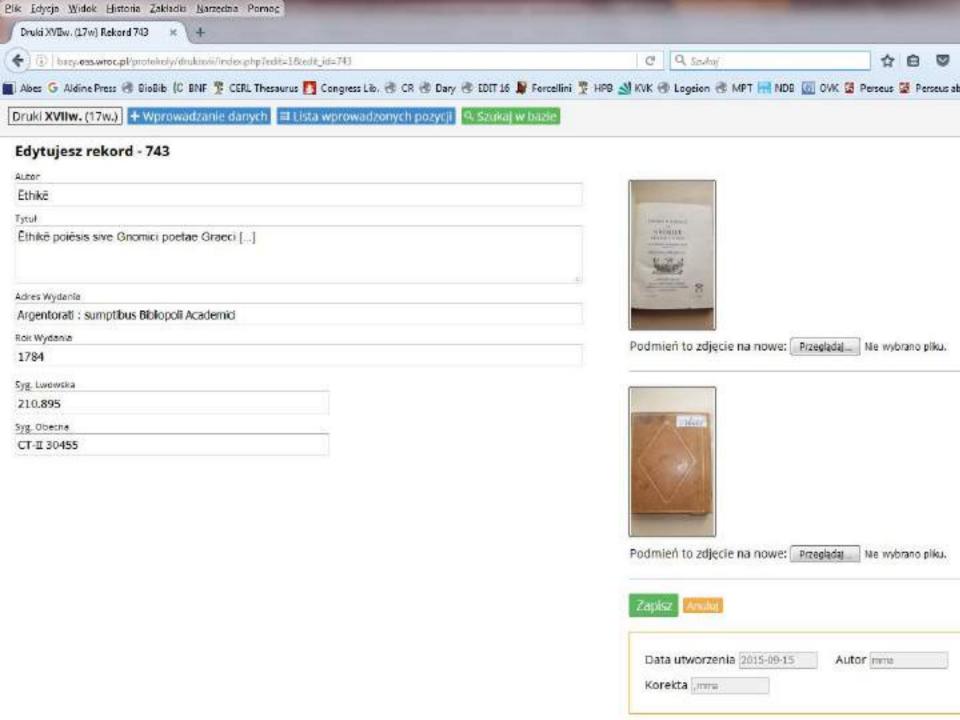
[49] Jezuici - Lwów - (Collegium Leopoliensis Societatis Jesu), pw. św. Piotra i Pawła, klasztor fund. w 1591 r., kolegium w 1608 r. przez za sprowadzonych w 1584 r. staraniem aba Jana Dymitra Solikowskiego i ks. Jakuba Wujka, skasowany w 1773 r., przywrócony w 1820 r., z

1945 r. B-teka liczyła 7583 dz. w 1895 r. [14] Kanuagai Tuyáu. (Conventus Legacliancis DD. Canucinarum) pur Nignakalanaga Pagragia NIMD, klasztar fund ur 1700 s. agraz Elż



Summing-up

- 3017 bibliographical records
- 1841 provenance records:
- literature,
- on-line databases,
- archives (Ossolineum, Stefanyk Library in Lviv, provincional archives e.g. in Przemyśl),
- findings published in a printed catalogue in 2017/2018
- online database accessible for all in 2017/2018



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