

Summary

THE DAYS OF THE EUROPEAN CULTURAL HERITAGE – THE PARTICIPATION ON THE PART OF THE HISTORICAL ARCHIVE OF NIŠ

As part of the “European Heritage Days” manifestation, and in accordance with the topic “Earth”, an attempt was made to present to a wider audience with the abundance of the Aleksinac coal mines, by means of a video presentation entitled “In the Heart of the Earth”, and with the help of the archive’s material on “The Nameless Society for the Exploitation of the Aleksinac Mines”.

For almost half a century, this mine was the property of the Belgian engineer Emil Froman, who in 1902 founded the “The Nameless Society for the Exploitation of the Aleksinac Mines” along with 66 other shareholders.

The Aleksinac mines and all their mining rights were sold for what was at that time a sum of 40, 000 dinars.

During the period from 1902 to 1946, the mine had its ups and downs, and due to the presence of gas in the shafts, accidents occurred as well. The mine has not been operational since 1989, when a terrible accident in the “Morava” shaft took place, when due to a huge fire, 90 miners lost their lives.