

Archives of the modern era hold a special place in the minds of the professional, scholarly and general public. The documents that they store are of great importance for present and future generations. We remember the things that are important to us. We create, protect, store and make our memories available in order that, in the future, we could learn from them. The goal of archives is the same but with far bigger responsibilities towards the historical and cultural heritage that they protect.

On the other hand, new technologies are gradually acquiring a greater role on media platforms and modern communication in virtually all segments of society, including culture. Cultural institutions, on their part, have to take into consideration the modern way of communication that carry with it a new view of periods, locations and the world in general. Culture, as part of the spiritual identity, mainly on a national but also beyond national level, in times of world wide availability of information, should inform the public about its heritage. Archives, based on what they hold in their depots, are obligated to answer to the needs of modern society, and in doing so protect the documents and likewise enable the usage of archival holdings to the public.

The virtual exhibition that we present to you today "**One Hundred Documents in Honor of the One Hundred Year Anniversary of the First World War**", as the five year old project "Time – Memory – Identity – Archives" by the Archives of Vojvodina finally came to an end. A project that started in 2014, that encompassed all sorts of events such as international conferences, organizing exhibitions, book promotions, journal promotions, lectures and other activities whose goal was first and foremost valorizing and determining the importance of the archival holdings, as well as analysis of the role of all factors that influence our view of the process and its different aspects in one concrete historical event.

By choosing "**One Hundred Documents in Honor of the One Hundred Year Anniversary of the First World War**" from the archival holdings, the Archives of Vojvodina, apart from the desire to demonstrate to the general public this unknown part of the everyday life of a person living in such places during war times, has also actively taken part in commemorating the events of the 25th of November 1918, when the Great National Assembly proclaimed the unification of the territories of Vojvodina with the Kingdom of Serbia.

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