

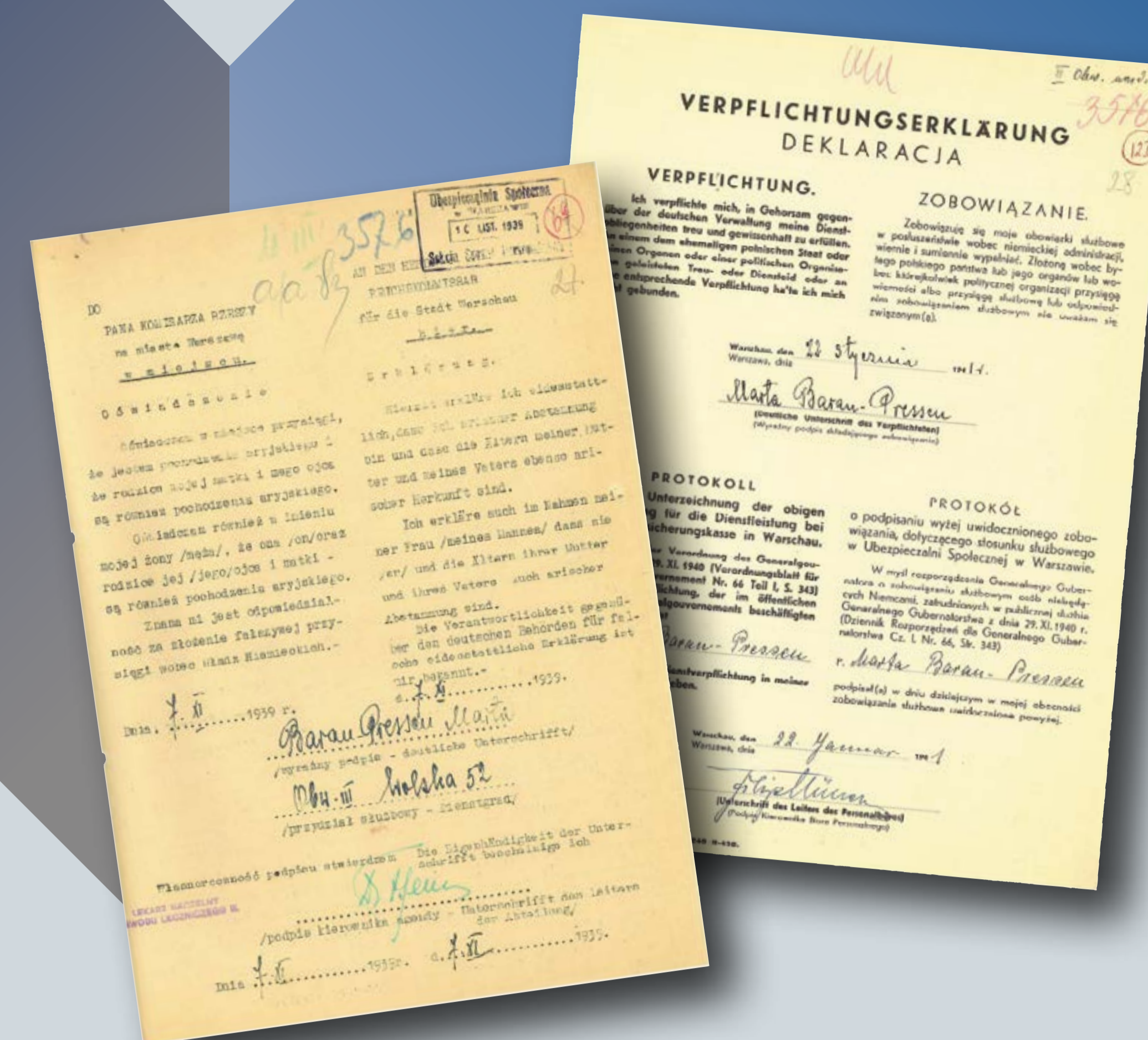
Notice on the collection of fees for the Labour Fund issued by the Head of the Labour Department at the Office of the Governor General, Kraków 1940, Journal of Ordinances of Governor Hans Frank with ordinances on social insurance, Kraków 1940. Archiwum Akt Nowych (Archive of New Files)



Pre-war Polish sanatorium, in Krynica-Zdrój turned into a German military sanatorium. Narodowe Archiwum Cyfrowe (National Digital Archives)

During Second World War, the Polish territories occupied by Nazi Germany are divided into two parts. The western part is incorporated into the Third Reich. German insurance legislation is in force in these territories. Poles may only use it to a very limited extent. The Jewish population is practically completely deprived of insurance cover. A General Governorship is created from the other part of the Polish lands (the Kraków, Warsaw, Radom and Lublin districts). ZUS, under the German name *Hauptanstalt für Sozialversicherung*, operates only in this area. It pays benefits reduced by the occupying forces, provides employment, and social insurance doctors save the health and lives of the sick. Social insurance employees join the independence conspiracy in large numbers. They take part in the Warsaw Uprising with weapons in hand.

## ZUS and the social insurance system during Second World War



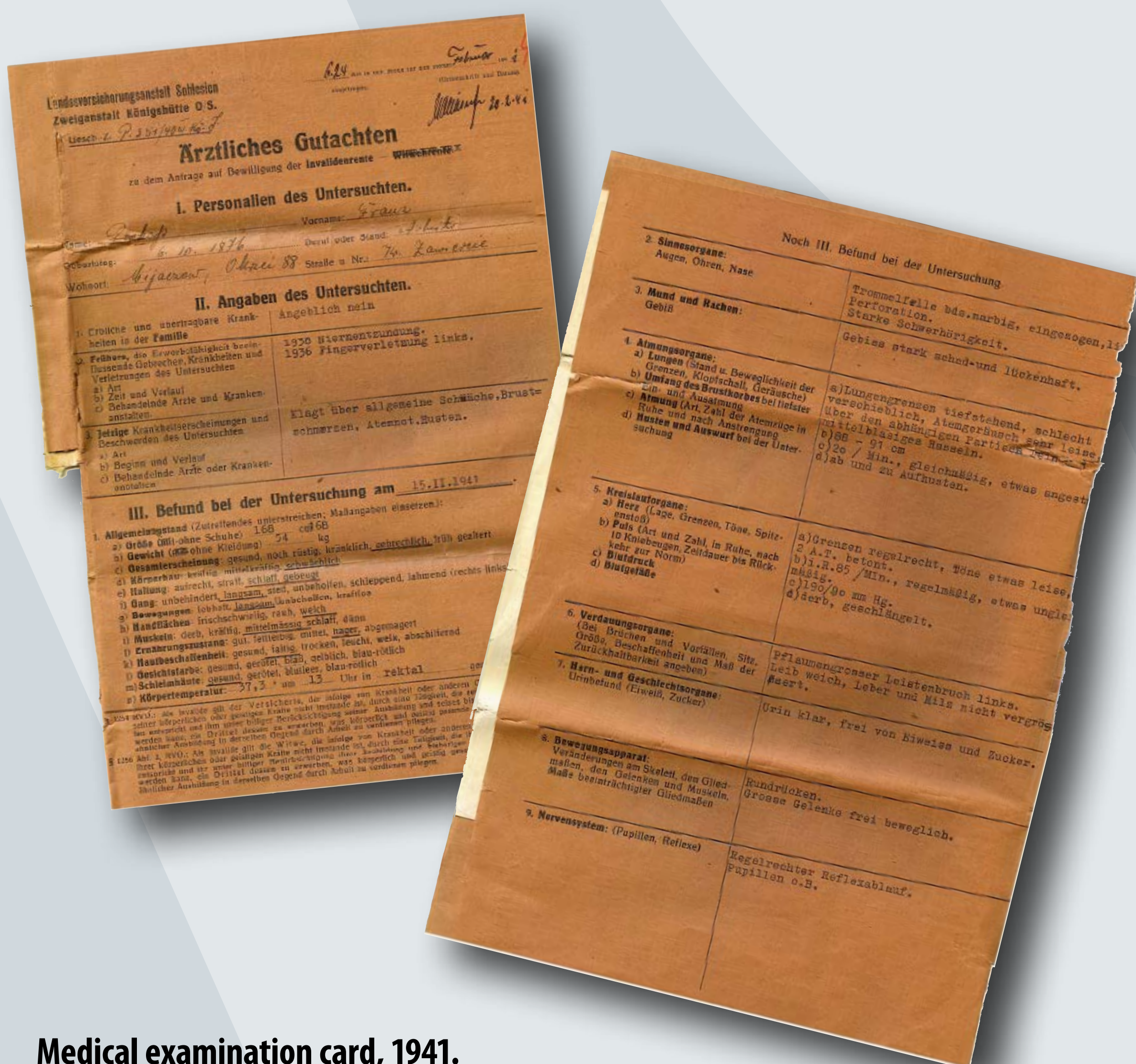
All employees of insurance institutions were required to sign a Declaration of Aryan Origin and a Declaration of Loyalty to the German administration. ZUS collections, First Branch in Warsaw



Hospital of the Social Insurance Company at Solec in Warsaw turned into a lazarette for German soldiers, 1944. Narodowe Archiwum Cyfrowe (National Digital Archives)



Receipt card confirming payment of compulsory insurance contributions, 1943. ZUS collections, Cęstochowa and Rybnik Branch



Medical examination card, 1941. ZUS collections, Cęstochowa Branch



ZUS headquarters - bombed during the Warsaw Uprising - which housed an insurgent hospital and a commemorative plaque in the ZUS Headquarters building. Juliusz Bogdan Deczkowski 'Laudanski' Muzeum Powstania Warszawskiego (Warsaw Uprising Museum), ZUS collections

