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**“ZYGMUNT” – BLANOWICE COAL MINE
IN PORĘBA NEAR ZAWIERCIE**

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The history of so called “Blanowice coal” lignite mining in the area of Zawiercie and Siewierz is long and includes periods of development as well as decline. In the 19th and during the first half of the 20th century more than forty mines operated in this region. One of them – the “Zygmunt” mine – located in Poręba near Zawiercie was particularly interesting. Established and fully operational between 1919 and 1935 it was the most productive among of the mines. There had been plans – eventually unsuccessful – to reactivate it during the Second World War. It should be noted that nowadays only a few documents stating the history of the “Zygmunt” mine still remain. The materials are dispersed and located in archives of various institutions. They are, however, sufficient to review and summarise the information on the “Zygmunt” mine’s history.