

TRAVEL BOTTLES WITH THE COAT OF ARMS JANINA

The preserved group of six bottles comes from a bigger set - probably a dozen. Their decoration is cut and engraved: there is a floral frame inside of which there is, on the one side, Sobieski's coat of arms Janina surrounded by the chain of the Holy Ghost Order (Fig. 19), and on the other a monogram hitherto read as JRP. Tradition links these objects with King John III.

Reading the monogram as CRP (Constantinus Princeps Regius or Regius (Filius) Poloniae, or even Royal Prince) together with the fact that prince Konstanty (Constantinus) was buried with a sash of Holy Ghost Order suggest that the youngest son of the king was the owner of the bottle. Style features place the group around the year 1725. Comparative analysis suggests that they were made in Sieniawscy workshop in Lubaczów, a town close to the town of Zółkiew, where the prince lived before his death (in 1727).

Another interesting glasswork belonging to Sobieski family is a small glass with a monogram of the oldest prince JLKP (James Louis Prince of Poland).



19. Travel bottle. Lubaczów(?), c. 1725