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**Pro Patria. Materiały z mojego archiwum rodzinnego**

**Pro Patria. Documents from my family archive**

SUMMARY

The author presents a number of documents (proclamations, official complaints, poems, memoirs, letters, leaflets) from the 19th and early 20th centuries, selected from her family archive, with short commentaries. The oldest documents, mostly anonymous manuscripts, date to 1861 and refer to patriotic demonstrations in Warsaw in response to intensifying repression and acts of violence committed by the Russian authorities. The 1918 documents (a poem and fragments of a letter) reflect the enthusiasm that animated the patriotic youth on the eve of Poland regaining independence. Family letters from 1920 show the nation's resolve and determination to defend the country while the invading Soviet armies threatened Warsaw.

The author compares patriotism and sacrifices of our ancestors with the consumption-oriented attitudes of contemporary generations, expressing certain anxiety about Poland's future on the threshold of the third millennium.

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