

IVANOVO SELO

ETHNO-PLOT OF THE CZECH ETHNIC GROUP

433504 Ivanovo Selo

Ilovska 24

Parent institution: THE BJELOVAR MUNICIPAL MUSEUM

Museum profile: ethnographic

Founded: 1979

Category of the museum collection: C

Category of the museum building: C

Number of museum items: 150

Microfilmed museum inventories: no

Open-air ethnomuseum, founded and cared for by the inhabitants of Ivanovo Selo belonging to the Czech ethnic group. The museum's ethno-plot consists of a house and farmhouses (barn, corn store, well...). All buildings are fitted out with the traditional village inventory of Czech provenience.

The museum was exposed to artillery and aircraft attack at the end of 1991 and beginning of 1992, during the war in Western Slavonia.

PROTECTION:

During the war the plot was unprotected.

Local inhabitants had protected a part of the museum's holdings by storing them in the secure rooms at the local school. The second part of museum holdings was saved by transfer to the Bjelovar Municipal Museum, because of the exhibition "Together for 200 Years" (commemorating the 200th anniversary of Czechs moving to Croatia).

DAMAGE:

By the end of 1991 a shell fell in the immediate vicinity of the house, damaging it severely. The explosion had damaged the static balance of all the neighbouring farm buildings. The museum holdings were not damaged.

SITUATION:

By the end of 1996 the plot had come under the jurisdiction of Bjelovar Municipal Museum. A plan of reconstruction was created, under which a copy of the dwelling destroyed by war activities is being made. The basement of the new house is currently being constructed.

Repair of all the other buildings in the plot is being planned (the repair is financed jointly by the Union of Czechs of Republic of Croatia and the Bjelovar Municipality).

The museum holdings are prepared for inventory listing and specialist evaluation.

FIELD INSPECTIONS:

Professionals from the Bjelovar Municipal Museum had visited the area and photographed the holdings and the buildings.