



APOTHECARY EQUIPMENT AND VESSELS PRESERVED FROM THE BRANCH COURT PHARMACY IN KRAGUJEVAC (SERBIA)

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Branch Court Pharmacy (Filijalna Praviteljstvena apoteka) was operating in the city of Kragujevac (Serbia) during the short period from 1853 to 1859, as a state-run pharmacy. It was opened as a small affiliate pharmacy of the principal pharmacy in Belgrade and worked under its supervision. Nevertheless, it played a crucial role in the health protection and health care provision for the inhabitants of Kragujevac and its surroundings. Branch Court Pharmacy continued working under private ownership until the Second World War when it was nationalized and became a state-run pharmacy again.

The National Museum of Kragujevac has preserved some of the apothecary equipment from the branch pharmacy of Kragujevac within its Historical Department collection. This pharmaceutical collection comprises 132 items, among them: furniture, apothecary cabinet, pharmacy balance with wooden base, chemical apparatus and pharmaceutical tools for the preparation of different dosage forms, such as vessels that were used for melting the ointment mass, manual machine used for the preparation of pills and wooden pressing machine for suppository preparation. Most of them are very well preserved and some are restored and conserved. Glassware and wooden apothecary jars, along with mortars and pestles from different materials, represent a basic part of this pharmaceutical collection.

Some of these valuable artefacts from the apothecary collection will be presented in this paper.