

SUMMARY

WHEN, WHERE AND HOW DIED FAMOUS ARCHITECT FROM OSIJEK VLADOJE AKSMANOVIĆ (VIKTOR AXMANN)? CONTRIBUTION TO BIOGRAPHY

Vladoje Aksmanović (Viktor Axmann by real name) is one of the most important and most famous architects in Osijek and Croatia of the first half of 20th century. He realized most of his works in Osijek. There are many interesting and important details in the biography of Aksmanović/Axmann. Architecture historians and biographers of Aksmanović/Axman have explored and written a lot on his work. The time and place of his death have been a question mark in expert literature. According to newly discovered archive subject, the work shows the destiny of V. Aksmanović. According to the preserved notes of parish priest Peter Fisher, Aksmanović/Aksmann died on 3rd March 1946 in Valpovo camp. The question is how and why Aksmanović/Aksmann got there? While still a student, he was a supporter of South-Slav ideas and in 1922, against the will of his family, changed his name into a Slav/Croatian name Vladoje Aksmanović. He was a respected citizen of Osijek and rather rich. Due to German origin, membership in Kulturbund, i.e. belonging to German national cluster, during the World War II, and due to his property, by application of AVNOJ illegal decision from 21st November 1944, the destiny of Aksmanović/Aksmann was determined in 1945 by taking him to the camp in Valpovo. In the case of Aksmanović/Aksmann, the information/notes of Peter Fischer are of priceless value and irretrievable source for experts of his biography, as we don't find anything on Aksmanović/Aksmann destiny and the time and place of his death in other known sources.