

Geciarze

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A personal noun derived from the Polish word „getto”. This word frequently appears in memoirs Poles wrote to describe a person who smuggled (see Szmugiel) goods across the Łódź Ghetto border. Geciarzami [maybe an explanation of this form of the word] were mostly boys who could slip under the ghetto fence (see Druty). The vast majority of geciarze [maybe an explanation of this form of the word] were recruited by people who had lived in or near the area where the ghetto was later established. Adwokacka Street, located on the northwestern border of the ghetto, was considered a smuggler's haven.

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Footnotes

AIEAK, B3265, Relacja Ryszarda Kasprowicza; ibid., B3693, Relacja Kolegi.

A. Sitarek, Tramwajem przez getto. Dzielnica zamknięta w relacjach Polaków i Niemców – mieszkańców Litzmannstadt, [w:] Łódź pod okupacją 1939–1945. Studia i szkice, red. T. Toborek, M. Trębacz, Łódź–Warszawa: Instytut Pamięci Narodowej, 2018, s. 282–284.

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