

Two Municipal Seals of Wąwolnica

Summary

Wąwolnica was one of the oldest municipalities in the Lublin region during the Middle Ages. In the course of its history, the town used two different municipal seals. The first, and older, seal of Wąwolnica is about 64 mm in diameter and it bears a legend in capitals with some elements of uncial writing S(IGILLUM)*CIVITATIS*DE*KVNIGISBERG* (Seal of the City of Kunigisberg). The other seal of Wąwolnica, with the inscription "SIGILLUM OPPIDI WAWELNICENSIS" along the surround, is about 34 mm in diameter. It bears a depiction of St. George, facing left, slaying the dragon. A survey of the relevant source material has found an image of the seal (S(IGILLUM)*CIVITATIS*DE*KVNIGISBERG*) in a document attesting the authenticity of an ownership title issued by the municipal court of Wąwolnica in the early 15th century. Thanks to this discovery, it has been found that the earliest evidence of the Wąwolnica seal dates from 1424, not from the years 1581–1582, as previously believed. [MF]