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The earliest documents of the Archive stored in the fund of the Semipalatinsk custom-house date from 1732 and reveal the history of trade ties with Dzungaria, China and the Central Asian khanates.

The major of the documents of the Pre-soviet period chronologically embrace the period from the end of the 18th century to 1917. The vast majority of the documents of this period are unique and only by their informational content and representativeness of the fixed data. These documents tell about the economic situation in Kazakh steppe, features of social and political structure of Kazakh society in the end of the 18th – 20th centuries and give information about the originality of culture and life of the local population.

Archival documents illustrating life and activity of such outstanding representatives of Kazakh history and culture as Shoqan Valikhanov, Ibrai Altynsarin, Abai Kunanbayev, Alikhan Bukeikhanov, Akhmed Baitursynov and others are of a special interest.

The most valuable part of the archival funds includes documents on people's liberation movement of Kazakh nation from uprisings of batyrs (warriors) Srym Datov, Zholaman Tlenshiev, Isatai Taimanov, Dzhanhodzhi Nurmukhamedov, sultan Kenesary Kasymov to the rebellion of 1916.

Besides documentary materials which highlight the history of pre-revolutionary Kazakhstan funds of the Archive contains documents on history of neighboring states (Mongolia, Western China, Central Asian khanates).

Documents in Central Asian Turki (Chagatai language), Farsi, Kazakh, Tatar, Kirgiz, Uigur, Chinese, Mongolian and Manchu languages are kept in substantial number of funds.

Funds of the Soviet period form the main part of documentary archive. Data from documents of the Soviet period reflects the main stages of formation of the republican industrial base, creation of multi-field economy, development of virgin lands, process and features of cultural building, demographical and ethnic changes of the population in the republic and many other questions.

The history of formation of independent Kazakhstan is reflected in documentary materials of modern period. This documents appeared as a result of activity of the highest bodies of the state power and state government (fund of the Parliament, the Government, the Constitutional and the Supreme Courts, ministers and offices).

Separate complex of materials includes personal funds of famous state and public figures, scientists, writers, artists, composers, journalists (K.I. Satpayev, I. Omarov, Sh. Chokin, Ye. Bekmakhanov, I. Dzhanugurov, M. Auezov, S. Mukanov, B. Momysuly, N. Anov, D. Snegin, O. Suleimenov, A. Zataevich, Ye. Brusilovsky, A. Kasteev, A. Zhubanov, K. Baiseitova, R.

Baglanova, S. Kalmykov, and to name but a few). At the present time the Archive has more than 250 archival funds including over 70 thousand cases.