



FONDAZIONE GIOVANNI GORIA

Archivio Fondazione Giovanni Goria

Goria Foundation Archive

The Foundation Giovanni Goria has amongst its objectives the recovery, acquisition, description and exploitation of archives relating to political and economic history, in particular concerning Asti. In this context, the Foundation has worked since its inception in 2004 to create an archive that - starting with the original Giovanni Goria Fund - has over the years been endowed with significant funds. **In July 2013, the archive gained recognition for its historical interest, particularly relevant regarding Legislative Decree n. 42/2004 (Code of cultural heritage and landscape).**

Currently the Foundation's documentary heritage consists of eight archives which stretch for approximately 170 metres, deposited within the State Archive of Asti. In addition to the Giovanni Goria Collection, donated by his heirs, there are the preserved party archives of the Christian Democrats of Asti and Alessandria and of the Asti Liberal Party. There are also archives of some political personalities (Piero Baino, John Borello and Aldo Viglione) and of local culture. The most remarkable discovery made by the Foundation is the historic archive of the Cassa di Risparmio di Asti, which holds records kept by the bank since 1843 (one year after its foundation) until the 1970s.

The latest archival fund acquired and reorganized by the Foundation is the archive of the Territorial Trade Unions of CISL Alessandria-Asti.

The Foundation participates in the project "Archives of the twentieth century" (**Archivi del Novecento**), which aims to build a network of archives aimed at harnessing funds to invest in Italian history of the last century, and has adopted the **GEA system** software for the description, management and inspection of documents.

The Foundation, in its pursuit of a careful and targeted acquisition policy for the furthering and expansion of its archival collection, is always working to obtain new payments and donations. This work is carried out with the belief that private cultural institutions can play an important role in the preservation and enhancement of archives in the contemporary age, in an era - like the present - particularly exposed to the risks of dispersion and destruction.

Consultation:

The consultation of the documents, held in the Asti State Archives, is possible during the opening hours of the archive, by appointment:

Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday: 8:10 – 13:50

Tuesday and Thursday: 8:10 – 16:50

For appointments and information: archivi@fondazionegoria.it

The Giovanni Goria Foundation has joined the Senate project "**Archives on line**", thereby publishing series of documents in digital format on a website dedicated to the Giovanni Goria inventory fund project. These documents are freely available for consultation under such series titles as 'Political Activity', 'Political Thought', 'Photographs', 'Audiovisual' and 'Miscellaneous'.