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## STONE IN THE MONUMENTS OF WIELICZKA CEMETERIES

### Summary

The article is devoted to the use of natural stone in the monuments of Wieliczka cemeteries. The author of the study has presented the subject of rock materials used to raise tombstones. Certain types of rocks and their properties have been described. Various types of tombstones have been characterized, from the beginning of the municipal cemetery and the Jewish cemetery to the first half of the twentieth century. The article also presents the historical background of the above mentioned cemeteries as well as the names of sculptors—creators of Wieliczka tombstones.

It should be emphasized that some of the tombstones listed in the article are subject to special protection of monuments and by the decision of the Regional Conservator of Historic Monuments in Cracow in 1991 were entered in the register of monuments of Cracow (Małopolska) Province. Others, according to the author, have high artistic values, and in some cases, the used stone is a worth noting rarity.