

Name 1	"ŠVICA"
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ID number	002.89.Idrija
Manager / Administrator	SGI Stanovanjsko gospodarstvo in investicije d.o.o., Kosovelova ulica 9, SI-5280 Idrija; Health Insurance Institute of Slovenia, Miklošičeva cesta 24, 1000 Ljubljana.
Ownership	Private
Owner	SGI Stanovanjsko gospodarstvo in investicije d.o.o., Kosovelova ulica 9, 5280 Idrija; The owner information is not public.
Local / Original ID Number	EŠD 4814
Type of Object	Town, Built heritage - other, Daily life

DESCRIPTION

Short description	<p>The two-storey building has a five-axial facade. An asymmetrical arrangement of the buildings' axis is probably a consequence of subsequent modifications. The wall rims are made of original construction material, while the interior was fully reconstructed. The front facade faces the street. At the top it ends with an arched attic rim. Rustically processed verticals in the plaster, divide the façade surface into three parts, creating the appearance of an avant-corps and stitched edges. The central part of front facade is accentuated with a stone Baroque portal. There is a bronze plaque embedded above it. The building is covered with a steep double-eaved</p>
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roof with bunches. The front of the building is light yellow. The windows, supporting pillars and building edges are white. This way, the Baroque bourgeois appearance of the building was more noticeable.

Measures Area 271 m², height 16.3 m.

Materials Brick, wood, plaster.

Dating The first half of the 18th century (around 1735).

Author / Producer The building was built by the order of the mining director (1724-1747) Franz Anton from Steinberg.

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Original use

The "Švica" building of flats was originally a one-storey building, which had a smaller balcony above the entrance. It had a fenced yard with a garden, a part of which was also a horse stable, distanced from the street. Later, there were apartments and the ordination of mining doctors in the building. During his time working in Idrija (1754–1769), the well-known naturalist and the first mining doctor Joannes Antonius Scopoli, lived in the building. He was also a regular recorder of social conditions in the town and the health problems of the miners. He was also a professor at the newly-established metallurgic-chemical public school (1763). It is assumed that Balthasar Hacquet lived in the building (1766–1773). The Czech mining doctor, Dr Janez Štverak (1894–1914), lived in that house from 1900. The south-eastern garden corner was decorated with a chapel "Pri skrivni rani" (At the secret wound) right up to 1955.

Present use

The "Švica" building is being preserved, secured and presented as important mining heritage of Idrija with exceptional universal values. It also know as the Scopoli house. It functioned as a business and residential building. There are five apartments and three business premises in it. In 2001, the bronze plaque above the Baroque portal was built in, in the memory of the works of Joannes Antonius Scopoli and Swedish scientist and botanic Carl Linné in Idrija. The protected area of the former fenced garden with a fountain has been called Scopoli Square since 2001.

Original location

2357 Idrija - town, lot no. 1426 (including building no. 685).

Present location

No changes.

STATE OF CONSERVATION**History of**

conservation:	Between 1995 and 1996, the fundamental reconstruction and static renovation of the building was performed by the company SGP Zidgrad Idrija. From the ground floor up, the building was newly built and painted (the contractor: Spekter d.o.o. Idrija).
Present state	good
Necessary activities:	The plaques at the existing location and also the wider surroundings of the facility, which provides the functional integrity of the architectural heritage in the wider area are protected without disturbing elements.

DOCUMENTATION

Addresses / collections / links etc. where further in-depth information is accessible:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Cultural Heritage Register of the Republic of Slovenia; - Odlok o razglasitvi kulturnih in zgodovinskih spomenikov ter naravnih znamenitosti na območju občine Idrija. Official Gazette of the SRS no. 16/88, 17/88, Official Gazette of the RS, no. 56/93, 45/97, 131/03, 45/07, 115/07.
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