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“The Path to Victory”: Documents on the History of Evacuation Collected by the Chelyabinsk  
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Abstract

The article reviews the documents collection “The Path to Victory. Evacuation of industrial enterprises to the Chelyabinsk region during the Great Patriotic War of 1941–45,” dedicated to

the 75th anniversary of the Victory. The book provides information about the enterprises evacuated to the Chelyabinsk region. The book structure is analyzed. The publication begins with a historiographic overview presenting the context for the history of wartime evacuation, its causes, scope, mechanisms, difficulties, and results. Besides the historiographic review, the collection contains two major documentary sections. The first one includes articles on departments evacuated to Chelyabinsk and on heads of the People’s Commissariats. The second section contains articles on enterprises relocated to the region. It includes bibliographic reference with data on the leaders of the Chelyabinsk region and employees of industrial enterprises. Each section contains unique archival documents from the fonds of the United State Archive of the Chelyabinsk Region (OGACHO). The collection is complemented by memoirs and photographic documents representing a comprehensive impression of the era. The review concludes that the collection is of great practical importance. The collection of historical documents prepared by the OGACHO team reconstructs the complex evacuation process and provides an incentive for further study of the economic history of Russia during the Great Patriotic War.

#### Keywords

Sources, Great Patriotic War, evacuation, history of industry, Chelyabinsk region, Ural, archival documents, memoirs, photographic documents.

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