

COLLECTION 3 (F.3)
REGIONAL COUNCIL OF BESSARABIA

Timeframe: 1818-1873

Catalogue books: 5 (in Russian):

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FILES: 6622.

The Supreme Council was established by the rescript of Emperor Aleksandr I of 29 April 1818 in accordance with the "Statute of Formation of Bessarabia" in place of the suspended Provisional Committee. The composition of the Supreme Council included: the Chairman in the person of the Governor General, four members of the regional government (civil governor, deputy governor, chairmen of the criminal and civil courts) and six deputies elected by the nobility for a term of three years. Until 1825 the Supreme Council was the supreme legislative and judicial body, the supreme court of appeal, and since 1825 - only a legislative body.

In 1828 the Supreme Council was changed into the Regional Council of Bessarabia and instead of the main governmental institution it became a consultative body and its members were appointed by the tsarist government.

The Regional Council of Bessarabia was suspended in 1873 with the submission of the files to the Chancellery of the Governor and the Government Administration.

The collection contains the documents on following subjects:

- Senate Governor's Decrees for the years 1818-1821, 1823-1841, 1859, 1861-1863, 1867-1869.
- Decisions of the Regional Council for the years 1819-1830, 1833-1841, 1843-1848, 1850-1855, 1857-1858, 1861-1862, 1864-1865, 1871-1872.
- Files on the suspension of the Provisional Committee of Bessarabia with transmission of the files to the Supreme Council (1818), the reorganization of the Supreme Council, the establishment and suspension of the Regional Council. Communications on the entry into office of governors; service records of officials.
- Files on the activity of local self-administration bodies, on the suspension of the town council and local administration of Balti. File on the transfer of the administration and the treasury from Hotin to Briceni (1824-1826).
- Lists of inhabitants of Chisinau and Orhei counties by social status (mazili, ruptași, scutelnici, breslași).

- File on the establishment of the zemstvo guard in Bessarabia (1819-1826).
- Files on the examination of petitions concerning the attribution to privileged social status. Genealogical registers of nobles from the Bessarabia region.
- Data on gypsy (Roma) serfs, regarding their persecution by landlords. Files on the examination of petitions by gypsy serfs for release from serfdom, on the search for runaway serfs and combating their hiding. Decision of the Supreme Council on the organization of the life of the Gypsies (1827).
- The regional government's proposal on how to settle on free state land. Documents on settlers' settlements in Bessarabia.
- Survey materials on the examination of land and property disputes between landowners and landlords.
- Files on the examination of criminal cases for illegal border crossing, bribery, theft and smuggling.
- Files on the examination of peasants' complaints against landowners regarding overly high taxes.
- Files on the transmission of arms requisitioned from etherealists to the ataman of the army on the Don (1827-1829), on the material supply of the Russian armies in Bessarabia (1827-1828).
- Files on the opening and activity of the Public Assistance Department in Chisinau. Report of the State Chamber on the spending of the 10 percent budget in the region in 1814-1830. House diaries of the Supreme Council of Bessarabia.
- Personnel schedules of the county treasuries in the Bessarabia region (1828). Lists of income and expenditure (1821-1828, 1838) and files on the approval of income and expenditure estimates in Bessarabian towns.
- Annual lists of the volume of arrears. Documents on the tax system, on tax exemption, on the collection of tax arrears on landed estates. File on the reduction of peasants' benefits (1835).
- Documents on the handing over to the peasants of the record books of days worked to the landlords (1850). Records on the levying of taxes on goods exported and imported by merchants, on the leasing of certain revenues.
- Description of six counties: Akkerman, Bender, Orhei, Hotin, Iasi and Ismail (1818). Data on the number of spirit factories, wine cellars, and wine produced.
- Files on the construction of new post offices and measures taken to improve the activity of the old ones, on the construction of the post routes

Chisinau - Telenesti, Orhei - Balti (1840), on the construction of the stone bridge over the Nistru river, on the repair of roads and bridges.

- Materials on industry and agriculture. Files on the establishment of the land-holding service in Bessarabia (1819), on the appointment of deputies to the commission set up to draw up land-holding rules. Documents on the release of loans to landowners from the rural industry fund under the pledge of populated lands, on the development of sericulture, alcohol industry. Files on the formation of building committees in Chisinau and Ismail, on the construction of state buildings, on the annexation of Buiucani village to Chisinau, on the allocation of funds, on the construction of the cathedral and the bell tower.
- Documents on education and health protection.
- **Census lists of the population of the region by counties and towns (1817, 1823, 1828, 1830, 1856).**
- **Data on the nationality and faith of the inhabitants of the region.**
- **Lists of Jewish taxpayers in the town of Noua Suliță, Hotin county (1856).**
- **About taxation of Jews and tax exemption for the Jews converted to Christianity.**
- **About Jewish municipal hospitals.**