

COLLECTION 8 (f.8)

GOVERNMENT OFFICE OF PEASANT AFFAIRS IN BESSARABIA

Timeframe: 1868-1892

Catalogue books: 2 (in Russian)

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Files: 2590

Founded in 1868. The main functions of the Office were: examining and approving official statutory documents, examining complaints about the actions of peace intermediaries; examination of disputes arising between landlords and peasants; control over the activity of network and village administrations.

Suspended in 1892, and its functions were transferred to the administration of the governorate of Bessarabia.

- Decrees of the Governor Senate and circulars of the zemstva section of the MAI (1871, 1884-1892);
- Registers of the meetings of the Governmental Office for Peasant Problems (1868-1892);
- Files regarding the implementation of the 1868 reform in the governorate of Bessarabia;
- Correspondence with the peace mediators regarding the presentation of data on the land surfaces given to the peasants; regarding the drawing up of official statutory documents for the allotted land, determining the size of the plots of land, the rights of the peasants over the plots of land that were assigned to them, examining the complaints of the peasants regarding the persecutions by the landlords;
- Files regarding the examination of peasants' petitions in order to acquire their land; the redemption of plots of land by them;
- Data regarding the peasant revolts in the villages of Bessarabia in connection with the allocation of lots;
- Data about the surface and structure of estate domains, of monasteries and razes, of small estates in the counties of Bessarabia governorate.
- Data regarding the collection of cash benefits in the counties of the governorate; collection of taxes and fiscal arrears from the inhabitants of Bessarabia;
- Files regarding the displacement of the inhabitants of Bessarabia on the lands of the state, in the Caucasus, in Siberia, in the Kuban region;
- Lists of villages in Bessarabia governorate, official statutory documents of villages and monasteries;

- Files regarding the alienation of the land for the construction of the Tiraspol-Chișinău railway;
- Files regarding the net and village administrations; regarding guardianship; regarding the examination of land disputes; regarding the imposition of taxes on the peasants of the state for the maintenance of popular schools;
- Reports on the activity of savings banks in Bessarabia;
- State of service of the administration officials, of the peace mediators.
- **Complaints, lawsuits with Jews (judging from the names) as claimants and defendants.**

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