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Crafts and Craftsman's Organizations in North-west Bulgaria in the Third Quarter of the XIX Century

(Summary)

Most expert researches into the crafts and craftsman's organizations in north-west Bulgaria in the third quarter of the XIX century observe the capitalistic producers' relationships between the family industries and crafts as stages of development from lower to higher forms of organized labour (from family industry and craft to scattered and centralized manufacture and therefore factory). However, many crafts and their appropriate craftsman's organizations remain and still have their trends and specific influence on a certain region, although have not had the chance of running their course. The author makes an attempt to give a vivid description of the main crafts in north-west Bulgaria in the third quarter of the XIX century. These crafts form the economical appearance of the different cities in this region and the formation of professional guilds whose purpose is to set criteria for the participation of different ethnic groups in certain crafts. Although the information for the economical development is too poor and sporadic, on the ground of preserved and available source material (mostly Otto-turkish) there is a relatively good, although general, idea of some accents as the gradual growth of the importance of the craftsman's guild as social institution. The author mentions the dynamics of different craftsman's manufactures that influence the demographic processes.