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FURTHER STUDY OF THE AGRARIAN COUP D'ÉTAT IN THE YAMBOL REGION DURING THE 19 CENTURY

(Summary)

One of the prime consequences of the Russo-Turkish War of Liberation is transition of land from the small and even big Turkish farmers to the Bulgarian villagers and therefore they become independent proprietors. This process, which is known as the Agrarian coup d’état, is formally split in two by the researchers. The first part covers the months during the War of Liberation and right after that, when the Bulgarian villagers overtake the land of the fled Turkish farmers. The second, which is vaguely described by scientists, is the period when the Bulgarian residents were obliged to buy the land from the Turkish owners. In this article the author reveals who this coup d’état was carried out in a typical rural area - Yambol. He also introduces to science new data from the archives that complete the fact about this poorly investigated second period. In order to clarify the process the author brings forward the main factors that lead it, or namely the existing types of ownership of land and the regular changes in the demographics during the centuries of Ottoman dominance.