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**LITTLE KNOWN ROYAL PROPERTIES AND DWELLINGS:
LEGENDS AND TRUTHS AT THE END OF THE 19TH AND THE
BEGINNING OF THE 20TH CENTURY**

(Summary)

The „royal places“ in Bulgaria have very often been the subject of speculation over the years and are almost always shrouded in a vague strangeness. In addition to their official palaces, chalets and villas, the king and royal family in the late 19th and early 20th centuries were associated with a series of landed estates, forests and buildings requested by the head of state or provided to him by local authorities in hopes of compensation of another nature. As these are almost always “exclusive” properties and areas, there is always the suspicion of attempts at some (albeit soft) coercion to acquire them; on the other hand, the municipal councils and the mayors considered the properties in question as a bargaining chip for the purpose of personal political career or favoring the settlement due to royal proximity. The study examines this phenomenon based on known and almost unknown examples across the country.