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TATAR POPULATION OF UKRAINE (15 – 18 CENTURY)

During the 15th – 18th centuries, the period of direct neighbourhood of Ukrainian lands and Crimean Khanate, mutual migrations of the Ukrainians and the Tatars took place as a result of the captivity system, soldiery necessities, and was fulfilled in a voluntarily way. In the 16th – at the beginning of 17th century, when Turkish-Tatar aggression in Ukraine arrives at an apogee, the considerable part of the Tatars in battles with a local population, cossacks and polish army, perished and were taken as prisoners. The last worked on the building of defensive city buildings, settled in the Ukrainian cities, conducted the settled way of life, were engaged in a handicraft or were in the military service [1]. In historical literature there is information about the Tatar cells of the 14th – 15th centuries on Kyivshchyna, Cherkasy oblast, Western Ukraine. In Ostrog there was a mosque for the Tatars, functioning and building of which would be if not impossible supported by princes who, thus, took into account the religious features of the Tatars. The considerable settling of the Tatars can be testified by toponyms: the river Tatarka (Ostrozkyi district), village of Tatarivka (Khmelnysk oblast) and others. Tatar society of Ostrozhchyny existed for the period of more than 400 years, from 1512 till the first half of the 20th century [2, s. 189–194]. The assimilation of the Tatars took place fairly slowly, this is explained, obviously, by the tolerance of the Ukrainian population to this nation as well as mental dogmatism and fundamentalism of the Tatars.

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