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The province of Piotrków Trybunalski and his provincial communities in 1870-1914 years.

The issues concerning small towns, as well as settling them communities, were taken by many researchers, and in the recent time is brought up more often. However in spite of an interest in this subject matter, it seems look like this problems weren't still discussed in the exhaustive way. For example can serve the history the province of Piotrków Trybunalski and his small towns in the XIX last decades and beginnings of the 20th century. With main purpose of this trial is attempt to show the history of settlements of this province in years 1870-1914 and portraying to show the image group of communities living in it, based on chosen issues. In the dissertation showed specificity of small urban centres both of the ones which spent the period of the stagnation, as well as which they demonstrated dynamics of the development. With the subject of the research 39 small towns which out of 50 cities of the province of Piotrków Trybunalski and which lost the urban status for many different reasons.

The presented work was divided according to the problem - chronological arrangement, for five chapters. In the first chapter presented the political and social situation of the small towns in the Polish Congress Kingdom established the end of years 70. of 19th century. In particular they concentrated on the municipal reform from 1869, portraying her influence for the subsequent development of small towns. In chapter number one presented also a legal situation of residents after 1870, which is a very important issue, because during the reform determined part of the population stayed leveled in laws with the municipal population. In the second chapter showed a spatial arrangement, as well as an appearance of Polish small towns at the 19th and the 20th century, based on the contemporary public opinion. The next section of the work was devoted for detailed characterization of provincial communities embracing many aspects as like: social origins and territorial, the religious and ethnic structure, the number, as well as the social structure and professional of residents. The fourth chapter was devoted to depicting the group portrait of the provincial family and matters connected with everyday life. In this chapter presented also multicultural character of small towns, where by themselves settled: Poles, Jews, Germany and sometimes Russians. Last, fifth chapter, showed issues of the education in settlements, with particular reference the education of craft ranges. Portrayed also activity of residents on social-cultural field, stressing simultaneously the issues associated with the health care.

I hope, that prepared work, at least in part introduce the issues concerning with the province of Piotrków Trybunalski and his provincial communities of the XIX/XX centuries.

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