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On Publication of N.S. Zelov's Book on Russian Archivists, Scientists, and Local History Experts

Abstract

The review sums up and assesses articles in N. S. Zelov's "Champions of Archiving" devoted to life and activities of V. V. Adoratsky, V. V. Maksakov, M. N. Pokrovsky, N. P. Prokopenko, and others. Author's 55-year-long services at the head of the personal provenance fonds department in the State Archive of the Russian Federation (GARF) bring to mind the words "preserver of the memory of archivists and science communicator who made known documents of national scientists, artists, writers, bibliographers, and local historians." His publications - books, articles, documents, reviews, reports, memos - number up to 1000; they appeared as books and also in periodical publications on archiving, history, politics, literature, theatre, etc.

Much attention was paid to the town of Vesiegonsk, Tver (otherwise Kalinin) region, where he was born on June 28, 1939. He continues to publish his archival research on the town history in the local newspaper Ves'egonskaya zhizn'. More than half of the articles included in this collection have been published in Vestnik Arhivista / Herald of an Archivist. In the final part of the book N. S. Zelov mentions with gratitude all those with whom he worked at the TsGAOR of the USSR (later GARF) over years, altogether 73 archivists.

Keywords

Archival business, archival sector, historical sources, archivists, TSGAOR USSR, State Archives of the Russian Federation, memories, N. S. Zelov.

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