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Personnel Composition of the Omsk Regional Finance Department: Source Studies Analysis and Statistics (August 1927)

Abstract

The article presents an analytical study of the report of the Omsk District Financial Department that contains detailed information on its personnel. The document has been found by the authors in the fonds of the Historical Archive of the Omsk Region. The article is to conduct information survey of social structure, gender, age, educational level, professional qualifications, party affiliation of Soviet financial employers in the 1920s and their participation in the social and political life on the example of the Omsk region. The article discusses factors that could

have affected the above mentioned quality characteristics of the Omsk District Finance Department employees. The document has been critically analyzed for accuracy of its data. The proposed interdisciplinary research combines anthropological approach, principle of consistency, statistical and comparative historical methods. This perspective allows us to identify a number of important socio-demographic characteristics of Soviet society in the first post-Revolution and post-Civil-War decade on the example of a large regional government. This publication may be useful (regarding the results of statistical generalizations) in scientific research on the socio-political, financial, economic, military history of the Soviet society; some facts may be of use in gender, historical, biographical, and genealogical research, as well as in studying the history of Soviet provincial daily life of the second half of the 1920s. The analysis of this source with its the high scientific potential has allowed the authors to come to the conclusion about continuity of the early Soviet society and the pre-revolutionary society, about loyal political atmosphere in the institutions employing skilled labor, where representatives of the “ex-” category could find and realize themselves as Soviet employees.

Keywords

Source, Soviet power, social and political life, party life, demography, statistics, gender history, finance, Komsomol, officers.

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