

Anthropological Characterization of Few Local Populations of Middle North Bulgaria after Archive Materials from 1943-1944

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Anthropological data of archive materials from 1943-44, collected by G. Markov, a student of acad. M. Popov in Middle North Bulgaria are processed and analyzed. They include of 284 men – 238 Bulgarians, 23 Turks and 23 so-called Lovchanski Pomaks. The analysis showed significant differences between the three ethnic groups and between the local groups of Bulgarians themselves. Migrations from Southern Bulgaria and from Northwestern Bulgaria, as also in the Middle North Bulgaria itself have been traced. Sharp social urban-rural differences in height have been found. The results of the study are an interesting testimony of centuries of demographic and processes in Middle North Bulgaria.

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