
Alexander Andreevich Bezborodko — a representative of the noble officials of the Russian Empire in the XVIII century (Experience of the historical biography)

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The article attempts to show a possibility of studying history of the Russian bureaucracy development through a prism of personal history — the historical biography. In the turn of the centuries' perception of this subject changed. The problem of correlating micro- and macrostories revived a great interest to the genre of the historical biography in modern historical science. A.A. Bezborodko's life gives a striking example of formatting a new type of a Russian bureaucrat. He was Ekaterina's dignitary, a nobleman of the Age of the Enlightenment and absolutism, but his life was unfairly neglected by historians. The aim of the research is to make a portrait of Russian officials as an integral part of the developing state apparatus of absolutism, to track the origin, the position in society and mentality of the highest bureaucracy during the critical period for the country, to reveal features of the Russian bureaucracy of the highest echelons of power on the example of an outstanding statesman of the end of the XVIII century in comparison with mandative ranks of Moscow Russia.

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