

## MILITARY SETTLEMENTS IN CHUGUYEV

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The ordinary cliché : «Chuguyev is a place of birth of Repin» does not disclose all historical richness of this small city. Chuguyev is more ten years older than Kharkov and in that epoch it had been the military capital. From that time it remained the marks of military shine in its planning and appearance of the buildings. The military settlements, located in Chuguyev according to the projects of General Arakcheyev, – is one of more disputable and few investigated pages in the history of XIX century.

The object of our work: to study the experience of military settlements, the results of this governmental initiative, negative and positive aspects as well as the importance for the economic development of the country.

The military settlement is the system of military organization in Russia at the period from 1810 to 1857 which combines military service with a production work, first of all – the agrarian works.

The organization of military settlements contributed to an active development of new lands of Slobozhanshchina and South of Ukraine, to introduction of new lands in the economic relations. But severe regulation, drilling, military system made the life insufferable for settlers.

The soldiers had been dissatisfied of agricultural works; tensions were growing. In summer 1819 the armed revolt took place which had been suppressed with a personal participation of Arakcheyev.

This armed revolt in Chuguyev forced the government to take notice to the transformations made. It was clear that the idea to joint two estates was the utopia. We don't know exactly the duration of the period of this socio-economic experience but the beginning of economic decline in the country stopped it. In the second half of years 1850 the emperor Alexandr II liquidated the military settlements at all the country.

Chuguyev maintained many buildings – mutes of its glorious past which had its prosperity at the period of military settlement. We hope that the architectural pearls of this city will have not the destiny of some mansion houses moribund now.