

WHY WAS MAIN SCHOOL OF HORTICULTURE TRANSFERRED TO THE BASE OF “SOFIIVKA” PARK?

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Main reasons for transferring School of Horticulture from Odesa to Uman on the outskirts of already known and famous park of Europe “Sofiivka” are substantiated. It is confirmed that park “Sofiivka” after the seizure of descendants Sophia and Stanislav Pototski became the property of military settlements and was named “Tsar’s Garden”. It is proved that the current National Arboretum “Sofievka” SRI NAS of Ukraine since 1815 has been known to the European Community as “deed of monarch hands” and therefore was named “Tsar’s Garden”. The author of the idea and architectural design of “Sofiivka”, in our opinion, was quite knowledgeable in landscape architecture, Sophia Frederick-Augustus-Anhalt-Zerbst, Catherine II, Empress of All Russia who in 1796 changed Pototski’s plans to build estate and park in the Crimea and requested Stanislav Pototski to begin building the park in Uman providing its funding.

In a variety of world famous sites of landscape art, botanical gardens, schools of Tsar Russia, exactly the factor of ownership of the park “Sofievka” was used by Tsar Alexander II of All Russia to transfer Main School of Horticulture to the base of “Tsar’s Garden”. Logically, on a plan of Alexander II “Tsar’s Garden” as a training base for practical training of gardeners was transferred to Main School of Horticulture, on the rights of subordinate structural unit.

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