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Österreicher in Rußland: Die Bergbaufamilie KACHKA

Im Laufe des 18. Jh. und zu Beginn des 19. Jh. kamen zahlreiche „*Bergmeister*“ aus Sachsen und England nach Russland und brachten entscheidende Impulse für die aufstrebende Bergbauindustrie und genossen deshalb große Popularität. Zwei Persönlichkeiten aus dem österreichischen Kaiserreich – der „*Steiger*“ Simon KACHKA aus Dobschau und der „*Hüttenmann*“ Franz Johann HERRMANN – prägten mit ihren Nachkommen die russische Montanindustrie für mehr als 100 Jahre. KACHKA wirkte im Ural und im Altai hingegen wurde Herrmann Leiter der Bergbaue im Ural rund um Ekaterinenburg. Herrmann heiratete KACHKAs Tochter Elisabeth und deren Söhne waren ebenfalls angesehene Bergingenieure. Der Clan der KACHKA und Herrmann weitete sich zusehends aus, denn sowohl die 2., 3. und auch die 4. Generation war in der russischen Bergbauindustrie tätig und sie lieferten bemerkenswerte Beiträge zu deren Aufschwung.

The Austrians in Russia: The KACHKA's mining clan

① To development of mining of Russia in the 18th century and beginning of the 19th centuries the big contribution were brought by foreign masters. German masters from Saxony were most numerous. At the end of 18 centuries to Russia there have arrived English masters. Have received also popularity and two specialists, citizens of the Austrian empire, -Steiger Simon KACHKA from Dobschau, working on Ural and Altai, and the expert in metallurgical technology, native Styrian (Styria/Steiermark), Benedict-Franz-Johann (Ivan FILIPPOVICH) HERRMANN (1755-1815). Their names have come in a mountain history of Russia. The Steiger KACHKA's son, Gavriil Simonovich KACHKA (1739-1818), born in Russia, became subsequently the head of all mining of the country. Ivan Filippovich HERRMANN became the Russian academician, the chief of the Ekaterinburg mining factories in Ural. He - the author of the numerous books containing data on a mining industry of Russia.

② G.S. KACHKA and I.F. HERRMANN were not only colleagues, but also relatives, - HERRMANN married the daughter of KACHKA, Elizabeth. Their sons, Feodor and Franz HERRMANNs, became mining engineers. In mining G.S. KACHKA's brother, Jacob Simonovich KACHKA, and also their sons, - steiger Simon KACHKA's grandsons, - Alexander GAVRILOVICH and Andrey JAKOVLEVICH worked also. In mining of Russia continued to work and the fourth generation of KACHKAs, Alexander GAVRILOVICH's sons, - Alexander, GAVRIIL, and Peter.

③ The relationship connected KACHKAs not only with HERMANNs, but also with other mining families of Russia, - IL'MANNs, Tomilovs. Andrey Jakovlevich KACHKA has been married to the daughter of mining engineer P.F. IL'MANN, the son of Saxon nobleman. J.S. KACHKA's daughter, Elizabeth JAKOVLEVNA, has married mining engineer Nikolay Pavlovich TOMILOV; their sons, Konstantin and Jacob, also became mining engineers. So the KACHKA's clan which representatives worked in mining of Russia over hundred years was formed.

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