

## DIACHRONIC ASPECTS OF THE BULGARIAN ANTHROPNOMIC SYSTEM IN THE 19<sup>TH</sup> CENTURY. LINGUISTIC FEATURES. TRENDS

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The article presents results of a study of the historical aspects of Bulgarian anthroponymy obtained as part of a postdoctoral project. The study is based on 19<sup>th</sup>-century archival materials that have been introduced into scientific circulation only recently. It reveals the unique features of the formation of the anthroponymy characteristic of a Bulgarian community outside Bulgaria's ethnic territory. The study presents linguistic and statistical data on 19<sup>th</sup>-century Bulgarian personal names, highlighting the changes in the personal name system of the settlers in Tabak (South Bessarabia) that took place under polylinguistic influence.

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