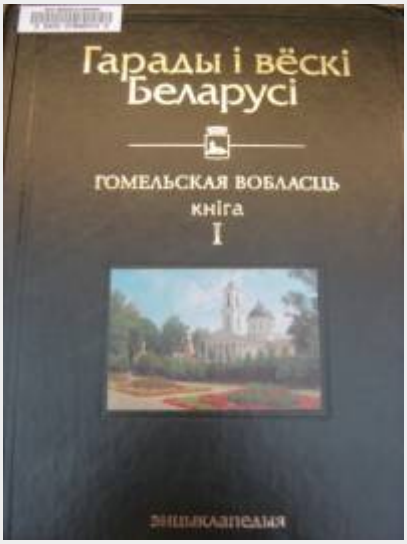
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Geography

- Yurevichi is located 167.5m above sea level
- Marina on River Pripyat about 1km away

History

Antiquity

- Site of iron age settlement

Medieval Period

- Tartar and Mongol raids around 1240 burned down a fortified castle that stood in this area.
- Early city may have been called Vidolichy (Відолічы) or Mezhymostse (Межымосце)

Modern Period

- In 1510, King Sigismund I the Elder (Жыгімонт I Стары) gives “for eternity” the village of Yurovichi to his official Bogdan Serbinavu (Багдану Сербінаву)
- Jesuits arrive in second-half of the 17th century. Wooden monastery built c.1673. Two-story stone monastery later built in 1700s.
- King John III Sobieski (каролъ Ян III Сабескі) issues charter for Yurevichi town in 1683.
- November 1920 pogrom led by Bułak-Bałachowicz (банды Булак-Балаховіча) “gang” killed 18 “people”
- Orphanage opens in 1928
- In 1936, a folk choir is formed and becomes widely known
- “Belorussian Patriotic War”
  - April 1943 guerrillas defeat the stronghold that the Germans created in the town. Fighting around the village killed 312 soldiers, who were burried in a mass grave.
  - 188 Yurevichi residents killed on the front lines and partisan struggle. An obelisk memorial erected in 1967.

Population

The population figures are for “двор”, which comprises an extended family, residential building, stables, farm animals and equipment. We will refer to “двор” as “homestead”.

- 1834:
  - Town: 66 homesteads (двор)
  - Village: 51 homesteads
- 1848: 115 homesteads
- 1866: 134 homesteads
- 1897[1)]
  - Town: 201 homesteads , 1320 people
  - Village: 108 homesteads and 600 people
- 1930
  - Town: Yurevichi-1 and Yurevichi-2: 300 homesteads, 1537 residents
  - Village: 114 homesteads, 463 residents
- 1939: 2546 residents

Schools

- 1865 Men's technical college (народны вучылішча), built by Boguslaw Askerko. There are 45 students in 1885.
- 1875 Woman's trade school (Дзейнічала жаночае вучылішча), built by Boguslaw Askerko, opens. There are 25 pupils by 1885.
- 1897 Census
  - Town: 2 religious schools (малітоўныя школы)
  - Village: 2 town schools (народны вучылішчы)
- 1935 Original town schools now have 7 grades with 504 pupils

Gentry

- Boguslaw Askerko (Багуслаў Аскерка) - Fiefdom lord who gave money in 1866 to rebuild Jesuit church in Orthodox style, 1865 to found a men's technical college and 1875 to found a women's trade school.
- Bakunenka (Бакуненка) - Estate owner who owned 3590 desyatina (дзесяціна зямлі)[2)] and horse-powered grain mill

Commerce

- Late 1800s: Farming, trading of crafts including pottery
  - Askerko was a major landlord with serfs working on his estate
- 1897[3)]
  - Town: 40 shops (лавак), 4 tanneries (майстэрні па апрацоўцы скуры), 2 taverns (карчмы)
  - Village: Postal telegraph office, pharmacy, bakery or bread store (хлебазапасны магазін), 2 windmills (ветракі), horse farm (конны млын) and tavern (карчма). A farm named Yurovichi was nearby.
- 1930 Collectives “Red Banner” (Чырвоны Сцяг) and “Drummer” (Ударнік)
  - Brick and pottery
  - Blacksmith
  - Shoemaker
  - Sheepskin cooperative
  - Steam and windmills

- 2 forges
- “Kruparushka” (крупарушка)[4]

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References 1897 Census
[2]
Measurement of land equivalent to 2.7 acres
[4]
A coarse-grind grain mill for the production of porridge from cereals, such as kasha from buckwheat

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