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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 ([кароль Ян III Сабескі](#)) issues charter for Yurevichi town in 1683.
- November 1920 pogrom led by [Булак-Валячовіч \(банды Булак-Балаховіча\)](#) “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 buried 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 “households”.

- 1834:
  - Town: 66 households (двор)
  - Village: 51 households
- 1848: 115 households
- 1866: 134 households
- 1897<sup>1)</sup>
  - Town: 201 households, 1320 people
  - Village: 108 households and 600 people
- 1930
  - Town: Yurevichi-1 and Yurevichi-2: 300 households, 1537 residents
  - Village: 114 households, 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 acres (дзесяціна зямлі) 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<sup>2)</sup>
  - Town: 40 shops (лавак), 4 tanneries (майстэрні па апрацоўцы скуры), 2 taverns (карчмы)
  - Village: Postal telegraph office, pharmacy, bakery or bread store (хлебазapasны 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)<sup>3)</sup>

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A coarse-grind grain mill for the production of porridge from cereals, such as kasha from buckwheat

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