

Documents on the history of the opening of the Kabardin (Nalchik) school

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Abstract. The work examines the process of creating the Kabardin (Nalchik) school. The Russian government since the 30s. XIX century pays great attention to the creation of secular educational institutions, since cultural policy was considered in the context of a national course to strengthen positions in the region. The Caucasus occupied an important place in Russia's geostrategic plans in a southern direction. The organization of the system of education and upbringing of the mountain aristocracy was subordinated to the task of growing it into the all-Russian space, and through it to influencing the mountain peoples. One of the mechanisms that contributed to the formation of this «ingrowth» became the Kabardin (Nalchik) school (1851–1860); within its walls representatives of the mountain elite received education. The new documents allow us to take a fresh look at the formation of secular education in the Caucasus. The documents cited provide clarity on the ethnic composition of the first pupils of the school – Balkars, Georgians (Svans), Kabardins, Karachays, Ossetians (Digors).

Key words: Kabardin (Nalchik) school, mountain school, Nalchik fortress, Yekaterinograd village, pupil

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