

To the Question on Research of Craftsmanship Traditions of Ganja of XIX – First Half of XX Centuries

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Abstract

Have been researched the historic-ethnographical importance of development of the main traditional branches of craftsmanship of Ganja. On the basis of new methods and innovative technologies have been researched the main features of the main national craftsmanship kinds for this historical period. Also in scientific article basic typical craftsmanship branches of Ganja were investigated for the first time from the ethnographic-anthropological point of view.

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1. Introduction

In this ancient city printed cotton and calico fabrics have been widely produced. In traditional cloth productions the main place took the urban mines. In the early 30s of the XIX century in Ganja there were more than 164 people - weaving. The majority of these artists were weaving. In Ganja, which was the most important center of cloth production were produced different kinds of cotton cloth. Only in the 30s of the XIX century in Ganja were presently working 30 cloth bench. During one year this machine were producing 2000 of white cloth, 200 top of red cloth (shile) and nearly 400 thin cloths spoke. In general, in Ganja from textile there were made cotton cloth with simple painting, various kinds' decorations [Guliyeva, N.M., & Hasanov, E.L., 2013].

In most cases, in the XIX-XX centuries after coarse calico colored in white colors of, it colored to different colors. History and art of Azerbaijan people as rich and colorful as its nature. On decorations of this descriptive art are reflected spiritual world, living style, customs and traditions of our nation. These pearls of art on material preparing and processing techniques are divided into different kinds. Among these types of craft metal treatment is mostly developed and has ancient history. Abundance of local raw materials created favorable conditions for development of metal treatment from ancient times. In general, in the third millennium BC there was high culture of the Bronze Age in our country, and in the first millennium transition period from Bronze Age to Iron Age began. In that period in Azerbaijan there were appeared several branches of metallurgy treatment. Jewerries, daggers, arms, copper products and other samples of art have been treated so refined, that in nowadays they are protected as very valuable exhibits in famous museums. Scientific and archaeological researches have proved that Ganja had been the cradle of science and culture not only of Azerbaijan, but also of the whole East. During 2011-2012 with application of new scientific approaches, also innovative technologies have been determined by us some new results about handicraft heritage of Ganja [Azerbaijan ethnography, 2007; Guliyeva, N.M., & Hasanov, E.L., 2013].

2. Literature Review

Investigation of the main traditional craft branches on the basis of new, innovative methods and technologies is very important. Results of these researches show the significance of different patterns of craftsmanship kinds as a source in studying of historical past of nations. The increase in quantity of handicraftsmen in a city directly has been bundled to population growth. The competition of production of production plants and factories has not reached still serious level and consequently was created a favorable condition for spreading of traditional occupations there. In addition, products of these craft branches have been closely bundled to a life and traditions of the people, and it would be difficult to replace with their factory production. In the specified period of history in Ganja developed basically carpet weaving, weaver's business, craft of the tailor, squeeze men, forge and a jeweler, trades of dyer, the stone mason, the cooper and leather dresser, weapon business and other similar craft branches.

Among these crafts especially developed carpet weaving. To so wide development of carpet weaving promoted

availability of raw materials. In addition carpets were very widely used in a population life-both as furniture, and as a curtain, both as sand bed and as a coating for a floor. In carpet weaving have been held basically women. It has been bundled by that in a Muslim society of the woman preferred to work in house conditions. However also know cases when men were occupied with this craft [Hasanov, E.L., 2014b; Stern, S.M., 1960]. Tailors and hatters created both national clothes, and clothes in style of the European fashion. According to the spent explorations there are exact data on wide development of a jeweler in Ganja in the end of XIX century – in a beginning of XX centuries. Jewelers basically fabricated ornaments to order. Among them there was a specification. Jobs of skilful masters amazed even foreigners. Development of trading and economic relations of Ganja with the next states promoted recognition of local jewels abroad. In middle ages in spheres of gentle and applied art, Ganja of inhabitants of territory, in agriculture life bone was widely applied. Bone products, raw materials, that found during investigations in and around Ganja prove that time bone processing separated from other spheres of craftsmanship. These samples of art make more ancient history of city culture of Azerbaijan and in whole play nard. There were found knife handles, rare geometrical decorations, samples of pipe and other instruments here. During excavations there was found bone products that used as raw materials and cutting with pipe. In XI-XIII centuries this sphere of art was developing mostly. This thought is proved with a lot of bone and horn, found in zone of excavation. This period from bone there were prepared buttons, knives and etc. Found during archeological excavations and used in wooden treatment and knife, showed that at the beginning of XI-XIII centuries in and around Ganja this sphere of craftsmanship in exist [Azerbaijan ethnography, 2007].

In the territory of ancient Ganja during the end of 2012 - in 2013 have been carried out scientific researches, archaeological and ethnographical investigations by local scientists together with researchers from National Museum of Natural History of Smithsonian Institution of the USA and Tokio Museum University of Japan with the purpose to study of historical formation and development of Urban culture. Because, one of the areas of initially appeared human civilization was an integral part of Azerbaijan, the historical land of the city Ganja. Scientific and archaeological researches have proved that Ganja was cradle of science and culture not only of Azerbaijan, but also of the whole East. The majority of historical monuments, that are demonstrate the ancient history of Ganja, which is the national wealth of our people, today gain unique place in the expositions of World's museums. In state and private museums of Metropolis, Munich, Berlin, Hamburg, Louvre, Paris, Moscow, St. Petersburg and other cities rare and valuable exhibits, that concern to the history of ancient Ganja are preserved. Ganja city that located on an altitude of 400-450 meters above sea level is situated on the west of Azerbaijan, 375-kms to the west from the capital city Baku, on Ganja-Kazakh plain, that located in the Kura - Araz lowland, at the foot of the Lesser Caucasus on the north-east. Ganja, that has changed its location at least 4 times since its establishment, is located in a favorable position from the strategic point of view. That why it always has been the center of attention of foreigners. Ganja, that was the victim of a terrible earthquake many times, also was the subject of attacks of Mongols, Kharezms, Georgians, Arabs, Russians and other invaders. Ganja has turned to the arena of war damage of different countries of the World. But in spite of it didn't shaken, and using the genetic power revived and developed, and rose to the level of great cities.

As known, Ganjabasar is one of the richest areas from archaeological point of view. As a result of archaeological investigations here were found samples of material culture that concerned to the stages of different history period. Today most of them are kept in various museums of the World. The flint tools, that found in Gillikdag workshop and camp around Ganja, ladle, that were found here give the reason to say, that people, who lived in this area in VII - VI millennium BC were the founders of the Neolithic Age culture.

Archaeological investigations prove that in this period the main population of this region had sedentary lifestyle and were engaged with farming. In V millennium BC in Ganja region all known to us domestic animals were domesticated. This fact is approved with osteology remainders that were found during archaeological excavations. The anonymous author of the article "Russian city" gave the schedule indicating the date of cities of the South Caucasus, also of Azerbaijan. And here he matched, that Ganja was founded in II century BC - IV centuries. The same words that match that Ganja is older than Barda and Beylagan prove Qagemeyer's information and conception that says "At a short distance from Barda another city was also flowering, which at the time of destruction substituted it. It was Ganja city. Their origin, probably, was the same ..." [Azerbaijan ethnography, 2007].

Basic objective of research is outreach, also publish in international academic journals of the main results of scientific researches in this field on the basis of application of innovative technologies and methods. Research of traditional wares of handicraft kinds of Ganja on the basis of innovative methods is very important and necessary. The increase in quantity of craftsmen in a city directly has been bundled to population growth. Closely bundled to an economy and a daily life of the people, craft employment were one of the basic carriers of national traditions. The competition of production of production plants and factories has not reached still serious level and consequently was created a favorable condition for spreading of traditional occupations there. In addition, products of these craft branches

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During our scientific investigations about research of local craftsmanship traditions of Ganja have been used some main innovative academic methods:

1. Research of local materials of craftsmanship patterns;
2. Determination of traditional methods and materials of handicraft wares on the basis of innovative roads;
3. For the first time research of problem of genesis of handicraft traditions on the basis of production technology and technique of local craftsmanship patterns of ancient and classical periods;
4. Foundation of the new scientific direction on ethnography and ethnology on the basis of investigation of sustainable historical features of handicraft branches in research of the historical past of formation and development of Urban culture;
5. Investigation of importance of the handicraft patterns as the main source in research of characteristics of formation and development of Urban culture (formation process of the features of urban culture) for ancient and classical periods on the basis of scientific arguments [Nishiaki, Y., & Hasanov, E.L., 2014].

It was first of all the trades bundled to a spreading of a city and population grown has increased demand for craft products. Under such circumstances the handicraft work could not keep the natural character. Already in a number of branches finished articles have been exposed on a market. Ganja is one of the richest areas from archaeological point of view. Investigation of traditional wares of handicraft kinds of Ganja on the basis of innovative methods is very important and necessary. As a result of ethno-archaeological investigations here were found samples of material culture that concerned to the stages of different history period.

4. Discussion

Today most of them are kept in various museums of the world. Archaeological investigations prove that in this period the main population of this region had sedentary lifestyle and were engaged with farming. Works of art, made from metal, for their content and their form are divided into two major groups. They are products of art and household goods. Made of precious metals gold and silver jewelries, that prepared by Ganja masters, are divided into 4 main groups for wearing and putting: neck jewelries - it is included such kind of jewelries, that gold piece coin, imperial, cardamom or barley,

medallions, bracelets, different kinds of beads and etc., jewelries for arms and fingers – this group include bracelets, bangles and rings with various precious stones as (turquoise, rubies, pearls and etc.), head jewelries – skull-cap and others, jewelries for clothiers [Guliyeva, N.M., & Häsänov, E.L., 2014].

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5. Conclusions

1. As in many places, production of wool, cotton and silk in and around Ganja made necessary emergence and development of weaving. In the first half of the XVIII-XIX centuries, as well as in other parts of Azerbaijan, in Ganja household objects, forging weapons and jewelries that made from metal were decorated with different technical ways [Hasanov, E.L., 2014b].
2. Becoming weaving one of the ancient spheres of crafts in and around Ganja was connected with the rich raw material base here. Presence of useful plant species for textile, including cotton, high level development of wool area of agriculture-sheep and goat breeding, camel breeding, horse breeding, presence of cotton cropping in Middle Ages and finally, regular expansion of silkworm breeding in this area created a foundation for growth of weaving here.
3. In traditional production of cloth manufactory trade historically played an important place. This kind of craft that developed on the basis of local raw materials was tied with cotton-growing economy. Since the time of the early Middle Ages, Ganja as other big cities has been the main center of Azerbaijan in production of cotton cloth. In this ancient city printed cotton and calico fabrics have been widely produced. In traditional cloth productions the main place took the urban mines. [Nishiaki, Y., & Hasanov, E.L., 2014].
4. Internal conditions of craft department reflected a sort of employment of his owner. In these departments worked the master and his pupils. In a life of the population of Ganja the role of craft products was great. These products were widely used inhabitants of Ganja they decorated conditions of living rooms, with them filled up a dowry of brides. The dresses created in local departments, suits and caps were an integral part of an attire of town-dwellers.
5. In comparison with villages though the national clothes in XX century began to supersede them gradually. It also has been bundled to accruing arrival to Ganja representatives of other nationalities. Therefore changes in clothes were more marked. Only female ornaments as an attire constituent part left the national feature.
6. Closely bundled to an economy and a daily life of the people, craft employment were one of the basic carriers of national traditions. Its hereditary transfer to descendants was one more feature of craft business in Ganja. Hereditary jewelers, weavers, manufacturers of carpets, cobblers, potters and stone borer were especially allocated.
7. Traditional spheres of crafts are invaluable and reliable sources of studying of culture, aesthetic taste and outlook of the Azerbaijan people. Ethnographic and anthropologic exploration of problems and branches of crafts very important, as a way of studying along with history and culture of the people, years generated political-economical and relations of production [Guliyeva, N.M., & Häsänov, E.L., 2014].

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