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THE MUSLIM CENSUS BOOK FOUND WITH A SOLDIER REGISTERED IN TAŞLICA (PLJEVLJA) DISTRICT

ABSTRACT: This study on Taşlıca (Pljevlja) district Muslim military population register The book is registered in the Turkish Presidency State Archives of the Republic of Turkey Ottoman Archives (BOA) population registers, under the number Nfs.d 5780.

The population book was prepared April 22, 1868. The book includes the household number, names and birth dates of 192 household heads in 5 neighborhood and 21 villages of Taşlıca. At the beginning of the book, it is stated that there is also another book prepared since these household heads were in the military.

KEYWORDS: *Taşlıca, Pljevlja, Montengero, Population Register, Ottoman, population book*

Introduction

In this study, a census book dated 1868 of the Taşlıca (*Pljevlja*) district is transcribed. In this book, only the male population registered in the population of Taşlıca, who was enlisted in the army during the census. Therefore, it is not a general census book. The study aims to contribute to social issues by transcribing the census book in question, especially for the researchers who conduct studies on the demographic structure of Taşlıca.

In the Ottoman Empire, starting from the 15th century, censuses were made to find out all the social and economic elements of the conquered regions and to collect soldiers and taxes in this way. Classical registry books include taxable population of the sanjak per household, the distribution

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of this population according to streets, villages and communities, all the revenues of cities and villages, all the details about the borders, revenues and purposes of foundations.³ It is known that this classical registry method continued until the end of 16th century. After this date, classical registry method was abandoned and separate books were kept for each issue, as *jizya* book of accounts for *jizya*, *timar* registry books for *timar* and *avariz* books for *avariz*.⁴

Following *tahrir* and *avariz* census in the classical period, the first modern census was made in 1828-29 in the Ottoman Empire. However, this census could not be applied in the whole country due to 1828-29 Ottoman-Russian war. The census started in 1828, but it was interrupted due to the war, and resumed in 1830-31.⁵ After this date, regional or general censuses were held on different dates and the records were kept up-to-date.

In the census made for the first time in the Ottoman Empire in 1882, male and female population were counted together.⁶ Since the previously made censuses were done for military and tax purposes, only the male population was counted.

Taşlıca District Muslim Population Register, which constitutes the basis of the study, is registered in the *Turkish Presidency State Archives of the Republic of Turkey Ottoman Archives (BOA)* population registers, under the number Nfs.d 5780. The register was kept on Hijri 29 Dhul-Hijjah 1284 (April 22, 1868). It is 20X57 cm in size and consists of 10 pages with five foil prints.

Administrative status and population of Taşlıca

Located today under the name Pljevlja within the borders of Montenegro, Taşlıca is situated on mountainous region in the north of the country.

The city remained under Ottoman rule from 1465 until 1912. After the conquest of Bosnia, it became affiliated to Herzegovina, one of the six provinces that constituted the Bosnian Sanjak.⁷ Taşlıca was the central

³ Mehmet Öz, "Tahrir", *Diyanet Vakfı İslam Ansiklopedisi*, V.39, İstanbul 2010, p.426.

⁴ Mustafa Öztürk, "1616 Tarihli Halep Avârız-Hâne Defteri", *Ankara Üniversitesi OTAM*, S.8, Ankara 1997, p.250-252.; Mehmet Güneş, "Osmanlı Dönemi Nüfus Sayımları ve Bu Sayımları İçeren Kayıtların Tahlili", *Gazi Akademik Bakış*, Cilt 8 Sayı 15 Kış 2014, p.224-225.

⁵ Kemal H. Karpat, *Ottoman Population 1830-1914*, Demographic and Social Character The University of Wisconsin Press, London 1985, p.18-19.

⁶ Hasan Yüksel, "Osmanlı'da Modern Anlamda Yapılan İlk Nüfus Sayımına Göre Divriği'nin Demografik Yapısı", *Turkish Journal of Population Studies*, 2006-07, 28-29, p.73.

⁷ Hatice Oruç, "15. Yüzyılda Bosna Sancağı ve İdari Dağılımı", *OTAM*, 18/2005, Ankara 2006, p. 251, 262.

district of the Sanjak of Herzegovina until 1833. However, in 1833, Taşlıca lost this position after having lost its central status in the Sanjak of Herzegovina and acquired an ordinary district status.⁸ Within the scope of the Tanzimat reforms, the Taşlıca district became directorate of the Sanjak of Herzegovina affiliated to the province of Bosnia as of 1851. However, due to its strategic location, by 1860, Taşlıca's administrative status was raised to the Sanjak; and remained as such in 1860-1879. Also due to its strategic location, in December 1879, the Taşlıca district was converted into a governorship as the sanjak/liva. Before 1879, Taşlıca was a district of the Yenipazar Sanjak affiliated to Kosovo province, but then became a brigade of Kosovo province.⁹

In 1661, there were 10 neighborhoods in Taşlıca, five of which were Muslims, and five were non-Muslims. Starting from the second half of the 16th century, the proportion of the Muslim population in the region increased in comparison to the Christian population. While, in 1570, the proportion of the Muslim population was 64%, it increased to 71.5% at the end of the century.¹⁰

As of the 17th century, in the central part of Taşlıca, the population was predominately Muslim. The acceptance of Islam by the village population around Taşlıca was effective in the faster development of settlements around Taşlıca, for example, compared to Yenipazar. In 1879, there were 23 Muslim villages and 334 households in the center of Taşlıca.¹¹

Translation of the book into the Latin Alphabet

Taşlıca Kazası'nın ehl-i İslâm nüfusundan esnâ-i askerîde bulunup tefrik ve kayd olunan neferâtın defteridir (This book is The Muslim Census Book Found on A Soldier Registered in Taşlıca District).¹²

⁸ Abidin Temizer, *Karadağ'ın Sosyal ve Ekonomik Yapısı (1853-1913)*, Unpublished PH.D. Thesis, Ondokuz Mayıs University Department of History, Samsun 2013, p.33

⁹ Zafer Gölen, *Tanzimat döneminde Bosna Hersek –Siyasi, İdari, Sosyal ve Ekonomik Durum-*, TTK, Ankara 2010, p.149, 380; Murat Tuğluca, "Güvenlik Kaygılarının İdari Modernleşmeye Etkisi: Taşlıca'nın İdari Dönüşümü (1851-1912)", *OTAM*, 38, 2015, p.184-196.

¹⁰ M. Tuğluca, *ibid.*, p.181-182

¹¹ A. Temizer, *ibid.*, p.80-81

¹² Turkish Presidency State Archives of the Republic of Turkey Ottoman Archives (BOA), *Nüfus Defteri (Nfs.d.)*, 5780

Mahalle-i Hüseyin Paşa (Huseyin Pasha neighborhood)

Hane (households) 4 3 Hasan bin Salih 262	Hane (households) 10 2 Hüseyin bin Abdullah 262	Hane (households) 11 3 Latif bin Abdullah 261	Hane (households) 12 4 Hasan bin Ali 264
Hane (households) 19 2 Yusuf bin İsmail 263	Hane (households) 22 6 Mustafa bin Ali 263	Hane (households) 25 2 Abdurrahman bin Osman 263	Hane (households) 31 1 Ali bin Sadeddin 263
Hane (households) 33 2 Seyyid bin Abdullah 262	Hane (households) 37 3 Selim bin Sinan 261	Hane (households) 40 1 İsmail bin Ahmed 261	Hane (households) 50 2 Abdi bin Fettah 264
Hane (households) 51 2 Hasan bin Şakir 262	Hane (households) 52 1 Murad bin Ahmed 264	Hane (households) 54 3 Abdo bin İbrahim 262	Hane (households) 55 2 Abdullah bin Abdi 262
Hane (households) 59 1 Mehmed bin Mehmed 262			
Neferan Yekün (Total Soldier): 17			

Mahalle-i Hacı Zekeriya (Hacı Zekeriya neighborhood)

Hane (households) 3 2 Osman bin Musli 262	Hane (households) 5 2 Murad bin Mehmed 262	Hane (households) 10 2 İbrahim bin Salih 264	Hane (households) 13 3 Adem bin Hasan 261
Hane (households) 15 2 Süleyman bin Abdel 263	Hane (households) 20 6 Hüseyin bin Ağuş 262	Hane (households) 24 2 Süleyman bin Abdel 262	Hane (households) 24 5 Karındaşı Mehmed 264
Hane (households) 28 2 Abdullah bin Salih 261	Hane (households) 29 1 Osman bin Ömer 264	Hane (households) 31 2 Süleyman bin Mehmed 264	Hane (households) 34 2 Ataullah bin Hasan 264
Hane (households) 35 2 Ahmed bin Nasuh 263	Hane (households) 36 3 Süleyman bin Bekir 264	Hane (households) 39 5 Halil bin Osman 262	Hane (households) 54 2 Mustafa bin Hüseyin 264
Hane (households) 58 2 Salih Bin Ali 264	Hane (households) 62 1 Ahmed bin Hüseyin 262	Hane (households) 66 3 Halil bin Musli 263	Hane (households) 73 2 Muharrem bin Ahmed 263
Hane (households) 77 3 İsmail 263	Hane (households) 79 3 Ahmed bin Abdullah 262	Hane (households) 81 3 Abdullah bin Süleyman 263	Hane (households) 85 2 Süleyman bin Abdullah 263
Hane (households) 95 2 Hüseyin bin Yusuf 263			
Neferan Yekün (Total Soldier): 25			

Mahalle-i Mısrılı (Mısrılı neighborhood)

Hane (households) 17 3 Süleyman bin Mustafa 262	Hane (households) 27 1 Abdi bin Ahmed 262	Hane (households) 28 2 Abdullah bin Salih 264	Hane (households) 32 2 Osman bin Salih 261
Hane (households) 34 5 Süleyman bin Ali 261	Hane (households) 39 2 Hasan bin Murad 262	Hane (households) 45 2 Osman bin Memiş 264	Hane (households) 50 2 Salih bin Musli 261
Hane (households) 58 2 Rano bin Hasan 262			
Neferan Yekün (Total Soldier): 9			

Mahalle-i Hacı Hasan (Hacı Hasan neighborhood)

Hane (households) 7 2 Mustafa bin Halil 262	Hane (households) 7 3 Karındaşı Salih 261	Hane (households) 15 1 Ömer bin Osman 262	Hane (households) 37 2 Ahmed bin Musli 264
Hane (households) 39 1 Salih bin Derviş 264	Hane (households) 45 2 Mehmed bin Ali 261	Hane (households) 47 4 Reşid bin İbrahim 261	Hane (households) 47 4 Paşo bin Yakub 261
Hane (households) 48 4 Mustafa bin Hasan 262	Hane (households) 49 2 İbrahim bin Abdullah 264	Hane (households) 58 2 Abdullah bin Ömer 261	
Neferan Yekün (Total Soldier): 11			

Mahalle-i Rızvaniye (Rızvaniye neighborhood)

Hane (households) 3 2 Salih bin Ahmed 262	Hane (households) 4 4 Mehmed bin Salih 262	Hane (households) 7 5 Ali bin Hasan 262	Hane (households) 10 5 Ahmed bin Süleyman 261
Hane (households) 16 4 Süleyman bin Musli 262	Hane (households) 20 2 Mustafa bin İbrahim 261	Hane (households) 26 2 Osman bin bin Musli 262	Hane (households) 28 6 Hasan bin Ahmed 262
Hane (households) 29 4 Salih bin bin Musli 262	Hane (households) 36 1 Ali bin İbrahim 263	Hane (households) 40 2 Mehmed bin Hüseyin 263	Hane (households) 44 2 Ragıp bin Süleyman 261
Hane (households) 47 2 Derviş bin Haço 261	Hane (households) 48 2 Süleyman bin Mehmed 264	Hane (households) 52 4 Osman bin İsmail 264	Hane (households) 55 2 Latif bin Paşo 261
Neferan Yekün (Total Soldier): 16			

Karye-i Plašće (Plašće Village)

Hane (households) 7 8 İbrahim 264	Hane (households) 11 6 Ali bin Osman 262	Hane (households) 16 2 İbrahim bin Murtaza 264	Hane (households) 17 2 İbrahim bin Musli 264
Neferan Yekün (Total Soldier): 4			

Karye-i Zaselje (Zaselje Village)

Hane (households) 2 6 İbrahim bin Salih 263	Hane (households) 3 2 Mustafa bin Selman 264	Hane (households) 5 2 Derviş bin Abdi 261	
Neferan Yekün (Total Soldier): 3			

Karye-i Zaostro (Zaostro Village)

Hane (households) 2 2 Osman bin Mustafa 263			
Neferan Yekün (Total Soldier): 1			

Karye-i Pračica (Pračica Village)

Hane (households) 4 3 Süleyman bin Ömer 262			
Neferan Yekün (Total Soldier): 1			

Karye-i Pobláče-Hakovići (Pobláče-Hakovići Village)

Hane (households) 5 2 Abdullah bin Ali 261	Hane (households) 10 7 Hasan bin Ali 264	Hane (households) 16 2 Mustafanın oğlu 261	Hane (households) 18 7 Ömer bin Salih 261
Hane (households) 23 2 Hamza bin Salih 263	Hane (households) 25 Hoca Paşo 261	Hane (households) 26 7 Bekir bin İbrahim 261	Hane (households) 32 2 Hamid bin Hüseyin 261
Hane (households) 33 5 Hamid bin Mustafa 263	Hane (households) 37 2 Halil bin Ahmed 261	Hane (households) 45 3 Halil bin Zulfo 261	Hane (households) 46 7 Salih bin Tahir 261
Hane (households) 46 3 Karındaşı Hamid 263			
Neferan Yekün (Total Soldier): 13			

Karye-i Strahov Do (Strahov Do Village)

Hane (households) 6 2 Baho bin Halil 261	Hane (households) 7 2 Ali bin Salih 263	Hane (households) 9 7 Halil bin Hasan 261	Hane (households) 15 7 Halil bin Zulfo 261
Hane (households) 16 2 Musli bin Ramo 261	Hane (households) 20 2 İbrahim bin İsa 261		
Neferan Yekün (Total Soldier): 6			

Karye-i Raščici (Raščici Village)

Hane (households) 5 1 Adem bin Salih 261	Hane (households) 8 4 Salih bin Mustafa 261	Hane (households) 9 5 Süleyman bin İbrahim 261	Hane (households) 11 2 Salih bin Mehmed 263
Hane (households) 12 2 Halil bin İmşo 261	Hane (households) 13 2 Abdullah bin Ali 261	Hane (households) 23 4 Ömer bin Musli 261	Hane (households) 42 3 Fako bin Salih 261
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Hane (households) 69 7 İbrahim bin Ali 261			
Neferan Yekün (Total Soldier): 13			

Karye-i Komine (Komine Village)

Hane (households) 3 2 Hasan bin İbrahim 261	Hane (households) 4 2 Ahmed bin Halil 261	Hane (households) 6 2 Ferhad bin Rustem 261	Hane (households) 9 4 Salih bin Musli 264
Hane (households) 21 3 Musli bin Bekir 261	Hane (households) 21 3 Karındaşı Nazif 263	Hane (households) 25 2 Salih bin Musli 261	Hane (households) 26 3 Süleyman bin Derviş 263
Hane (households) 26 4 Karındaşı Murad 264	Hane (households) 28 5 Hasan bin Ridvan 262	Hane (households) 33 4 İbrahim bin Ahmed 261	Hane (households) 40 2 Hasan bin Musli 261
Hane (households) 49 2 İsmail bin İbrahim 263	Hane (households) 52 3 İbrahim bin Mehmed 262	Hane (households) 53 6 Süleyman bin Abdülkadir 264	
Neferan Yekün (Total Soldier): 15			

Karye-i Podgora (Podgora Village)

Hane (households) 1 2 Zukan bin Mümin 262	Hane (households) 2 4 Ali bin Mehmed 262	Hane (households) 4 4 Hamza bin Halil 262	Hane (households) 5 3 Kadri bin Osman 261
Hane (households) 20 4 Ramo bin Mustafa 261	Hane (households) 22 5 Halo bin Mustafa 261	Hane (households) 23 7 İbrahim bin Hüseyin 261	Hane (households) 25 2 İsmail bin İbrahim 261
Hane (households) 25 3 Karındaşı Hasan 261	Hane (households) 36 2 İsmail bin Hüseyin 261		
Neferan Yekün (Total Soldier): 10			

Karye-i Cerovci (Cerovci Village)

Hane (households) 9 6 Hüseyin bin Abdülmümin 264	Hane (households) 12 6 Ömer bin Murad 261	Hane (households) 15 4 Cano bin Salih 263	Hane (households) 18 4 Salih bin Ahmed 261
Neferan Yekün (Total Soldier): 4			

Karye-i Glibaci (Glibaci Village)

Hane (households) 5 2 İspaho/Spaho bin Zeço 261	Hane (households) 5 4 Nasuh 264		
Neferan Yekün (Total Soldier): 2			

Karye-i Nefs-i Tara (Tara Village)

Hane (households) 2 2 Adem bin Halil 261	Hane (households) 8 2 Murad bin Halil 261	Hane (households) 9 3 Bekir bin Muşo 261	Hane (households) 10 3 Berbo 264
Hane (households) 15 3 İsmail bin Mümin 261	Hane (households) 15 4 Karındaşı Numan 261		
Neferan Yekün (Total Soldier) : 6			

Karye-i Đurđevići (Đurđevići Village)

Hane (households) 1 3 İbrahim bin Salih 261	Hane (households) 2 2 Selim bin Salih 263	Hane (households) 7 3 Şako bin İsmail 261	Hane (households) 9 2 Hüseyin bin Ahmed
Hane (households) 9 1 Karındaşı Hasan 263			
Neferan Yekün (Total Soldier): 5			

Karye-i Zukavica Burići (Zukavica Burići Village)

Hane (households) 4 5 Nurko bin Salih 264	Hane (households) 8 3 Mehmed bin Ali 264	Hane (households) 10 7 Ahmed bin Bekir 261	Hane (households) 15 2 Mustafa bin İbrahim 261
Hane (households) 13 2 Derviş bin Sinan 261	Hane (households) 14 2 Sabit bin İbrahim 261	Hane (households) 15 2 İbrahim bin Hasan 261	Hane (households) 16 2 Hamid bin Haco 261
Hane (households) 18 Murad bin Hüseyin 261	Hane (households) 22 2 Sinan bin Fazlı 261	Hane (households) 28 2 Bekir bin Zako 261	Hane (households) 30 9 Adem bin İsmail 261
Hane (households) 31 7 İbrahim bin Salih 261	Hane (households) 34 4 Musa bin Abdullah 264	Hane (households) 43 1 Ferhad bin Meris 264	
Neferan Yekün (Total Soldier): 15			

Karye-i Vidre (Vidre Village)

Hane (households) 4 6 Mustafa bin Arslan 261	Hane (households) 5 2 İbrahim bin Fazlı 261		
Neferan Yekün (Total Soldier): 2			

Karye-i Podborova (Podborova village)

Hane (households) 1 3 Osman bin Salih 262	Hane (households) 6 2 İbrahim bin Hamza 264	Hane (households) 9 2 Ahmed bin Zeto 262	Hane (households) 11 4 Rıdvan bin Hasan 264
Hane (households) 14 2 Mehmed bin Hasan 264			
Neferan Yekün (Total Soldier): 5			

Karye-i Maoçe (Maoçe Village)

Hane (households) 1 5 Osman bin Musli 262			
Neferan Yekün (Total Soldier): 1			

Karye-i Mijakovići (Mijakovići Village)

Hane (households) 2 6 Derviş bin Hüseyin 264	Hane (households) 9 2 Mustafa bin Ali 264		
Neferan Yekün (Total Soldier): 2			

Karye-i Vrulja (Vrulja Village)

Hane (households) 5 7 Baho bin Osman 264	Hane (households) 9 2 Zeynel 264		
Neferan Yekün (Total Soldier): 2			

Karye-i Vodno (Vodno Village)

Hane (households) 2 2 Yaşı bin Osman 264	Hane (households) 5 3 Sulo bin Muyo 264		
Neferan Yekün (Total Soldier): 2			

Karye-i Kozica (Kozica Village)

Hane (households) 6 2 Siyamet bin Zako 264	Hane (households) 8 3 Zeynel bin Tahir 264		
Neferan Yekün (Total Soldier): 2			

Cem'an Nüfus Yekün (Total Population): 192

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In general, population registers include the names and ages of the household head as well as their occupation and death information over time and the names of all boys in the household regardless of their age. However, the registry that we examined included only the male population who were in the military during the census and occupation and similar information was not included. We found that the men registered in the book were born between 1261 and 1264 (1845 and 1848). In other words, we can see that the military population between the ages of 18 and 20 were registered.

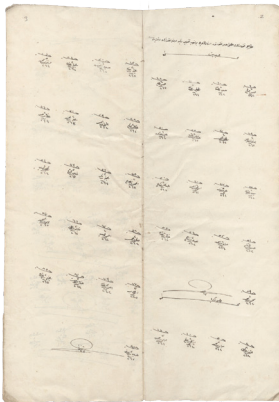
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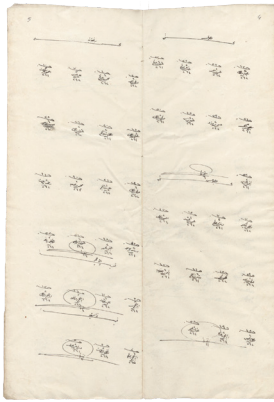
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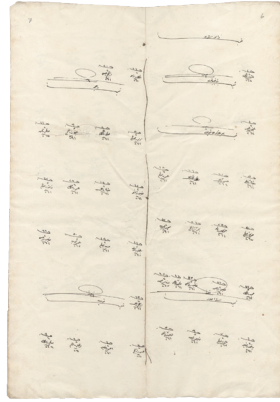
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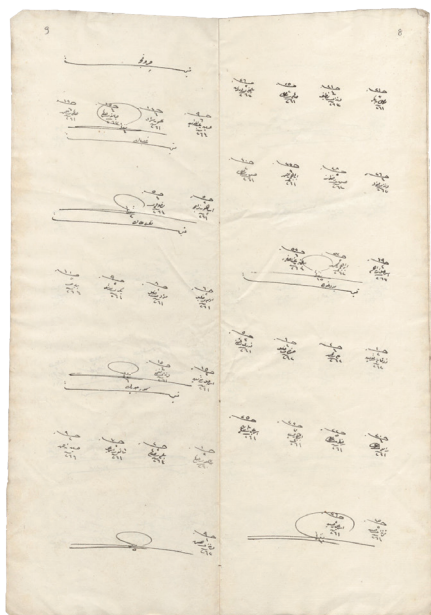
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