

THE ROLE OF SCIENTIFIC DOCUMENTATION FROM ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESEARCH REVEALING THE HIS- TORY OF SLIVEN

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Abstract

The scientific documentation from archaeological research works, carried out by the Museum of History in the town of Sliven, has been created from 1960 to the present day. The documents began to come in the scientific archives of the museum in 2006. As a source of historical knowledge, they are classified and kept as two types: archival sources and publications.

Elena Batsova – head of the “Archaeology” Department at the People’s Museum in Sliven, made the first scientific documents from excavations. She carried out archaeological research in the northeastern part of the town in 1960, 1961, 1966, 1968, 1969 and 1970.

The documentation from the systematic archeological excavations in the period between 1982 and 1992 reveals the history of the town from antiquity to the middle ages. The article outlines the main sites and artifacts found during the period, as well as the reproduced scientific documents, made by the head of the excavations Research Associate Irina Shtereva and her deputy Mary Radeva.

Buildings in the center of the fortress were further examined and pottery and coins were documented during the resumed archaeological research under the guidance of Senior Research Associate Irina Shtereva too. The results confirm the systematic studies carried out earlier.

Since 2012, the further revealing of the history of the antique and medieval town is carried out in parallel with the work on the project “Travelling through time, in time and with time ...” Rescue excavations were carried out under the guidance of Nikolay Sirakov from Regional Museum of History – Sliven.

Part of the walls and artifacts from the Early Iron Age, Early Byzantine and middle ages were documented.

Научна документация от археологически проучвания, извършени от историческия музей в град Сливен започва да се приема в научния архив на музея през 2006 г. Първоначално постъпват над 4700 документа, в т.ч. снимки, негативи, схеми, геодезични заснемания и др. Впоследствие документацията ежегодно се попълва и архивира.