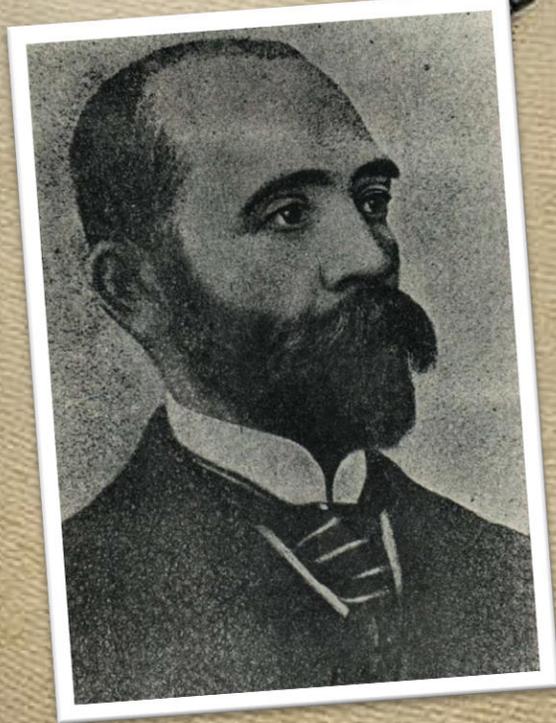


Vasil  
Kanchov -  
the pride of  
Vratsa



# Biography

- Vasil Kanchov was born on 14 (28) July 1862 in Vratsa into a poor family. He was born at a time when the main goal of the Bulgarian people was to win their freedom.
- His patriotism and devotion to the Bulgarian people were formed during his school years. His friendship with other vigilant citizens of Vratsa - Mito Orozov, Stefanaki Savov, Dr. Hristo Yordanov, as well as his contacts with people loyal to the national cause - Mihail Sarafov, Mihail Arnaudov, Dragan Tsankov and others are also important.



# Professions

- In 1878 Vasil Kanchov started working as a clerk at the municipal administration of Vratsa to save money to continue his education, but in 1879 he gave almost all his savings to go to Tarnovo and see the Grand National Assembly.
- In the summer of the following year, 1880, he took the 4th grade exams and went to Lom in the hope of receiving a scholarship for poverty to study at the local high school. After failing, he returned to Vratsa. The Vratsa City Council, moved by his request, is helping him with funds. At the age of 22, Vasil Kanchov graduated from the real high school in Lom.
- In the summer of 1884, Vasil Kanchov acted before the Vratsa school board and was appointed "chief teacher of Bulgarian language and history" in the four-grade school. As a teacher in Vratsa, he also took part in the activities of the Razvitie Chitalishte (the Razvitie scholarly society). He is one of its founders and is among its most active figures.

# Political activity

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Since his school years, Vasil Kanchov has shown interest in political life in the country and in Vratsa. He has never distanced himself from public life, although he considers political circles to be "high-ranking circles where law cannot be distinguished from crooked." He defends his positions uncompromisingly, without taking into account narrow party interests.



# Tanya Wellmans- the granddaughter of Vasil Kanchov

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- Tania Velmans (Gubidelnikova-Velmans) is a prominent Bulgarian and French scientist, Byzantine. She was born in Sofia in 1925 in the family of Georgi Gubidelnikov, a populist, CEO of the Bulgarian Commercial Bank, one of the largest Bulgarian bankers, along with Ivan Burov and Marko Ryaskov. Her father, Eng. Gubidelnikov, was imprisoned after September 9, 1944. She married a French diplomat, but only years later managed to emigrate to France. In Paris she became a student and collaborator of the professor from the Sorbonne, the prominent Byzantine Andre Grabar. In the early 1970s, Bulgarian scientists began to officially cooperate with it. In 1983 he defended his doctoral dissertation at the University of Lille (Lille, Univ., Diss., 1983: The Byzantine mural painting at the end of the Moyen Age / Lille: Atelier National de Reproductions des Thèses, 1983). After the death of A. Grabar in 1991 he took over the publishing of the prestigious description Cahier archéologique. T. Wellmans is the author and co-author of numerous scientific publications and books written in French.



# Family

Kanchov's wife, Hristina Baltadjieva



Kanchov with his daughter Nevena



# History of school

- On 15.09.1937 in the town of Vratsa was opened a new primary school with 8 classes / I, II, III classes and I and II class / with director Alexander Ivanchev - a teacher from the central junior high school and class teacher. In 1938, a free student canteen was opened. The means of subsistence are from donations from St. Vratsa Metropolitanate, the Red Cross. Many poor children study at the school, which is evident from the principal's report in 1940, as 32 students eat in the dining room of the Mercy Society, and another 20 students receive food in the dining room of the church "St. The Twelve Apostles. By decision of the parents 'teachers' association, another 30 students are fed / this tradition continues to this day with the help of the UN for socially disadvantaged children /.



# Thank you for your attention!

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