**ORIGIN AND HISTORY OF APOSTOLOVE**

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Apostolove is a town of regional subordination and an administrative centre of the region of Dnipro which is located in the central part of Ukraine.

The town was named after Danylo Apostol’s grandson Mykhailo Apostol who received 12 000 acres of land around the river Voshiva by the declaration of Catherine II in 1793. The station of Apostolove was named the station of Voshiva at first. Meanwhile, to the eparchial registers of St. Mary’s church located in the nearby village the newly opened station was added as part of ‘Pokrovske’.

Indeed, the village that appeared at the station was geographically linked with Pokrovske which is now a part of Nikopol district of the region of Dnipro. The united settlement was named ‘Apostolove’ and this name in its turn was changed to ‘Kosiorove’ in 1936. Afterwards, the place was named ‘Apostolove’ again in 1938 and got its town status in 1956. The station of Apostolove is situated at the intersection of the rail lines connecting Dnipro, Krivoy Rog, Kherson and Mykolaiv.

Some excavations were researched near the town which belong to ancient times. For instance, some of the mounds of the Bronze Age and Two Scythian mounds were unearthed where lots of jewelry, weapons and utensils were discovered.

Nowadays, those who want to find out more about the history of the town can visit the Apostolove History Museum. There are lots of pictures and photos that tell about the events of World War II, the local heroes of the war and their biographies. It is difficult to describe what young people can feel when they discover unfamiliar facts about their own heroic ancestors. Everyone in a situation like this would be deeply impressed: imagine the feelings of a person who finds his or her great-grandfather’s photos and learns a lot of interesting facts about him which their family failed to know before.

In addition to the museum, there are a few more sites that make the visitor think about our country’s history: for example, a tank installed on a small pedestal with the text on the memorial plaque made of granite*: “Monument to the Soviet Army’s warriors who liberated Apostolove in February 1944”.*

It’s difficult to compare Apostolove with the town it used to be some decades ago. The history of this town continues to unfold. This is largely due to the business companies which cooperate with other cities’ companies and, thanks to them, those who visit Apostolove for the first time can easily see the new buildings with beautiful fences along with the old reconstructed structures.

Apostolove continues to develop as an important cargo-passenger railway junction of Krivoy Rog’s directory of the Dnipro railway network.

***Based on the interviews granted by the local residents***

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