

The Nemtsevich manor house

The Nemtsevich manor house is the architecture monument well preserved to the present day. The manor house is situated in the village Skoki 20 minutes from Brest city. This is significant object of historical and cultural inheritance of Belarus of the 18th century. It is the only architectural structure of its kind in the outskirts of Brest city.

Manor park ensemble is the monument of baroque architecture and style of garden art. The house has a volume composition characteristic to baroque architecture: rectangular two-storey building. The magnificent manor was built in 1770 by order of a representative of the old Nemtsevich family. Later his son – writer, historian and public figure Yulian Nemtsevich became the master of the house. The famous manor house was visited by Alexandr III, Tadeusz Kosciuszko, an artist Napoleon Orda, a poet Adam Mitskevich. After a wide scale restoration in the historical memorial museum «Nemtsevich manor house» were restored palace quarters, musical art salon and weapon room. The Nemtsevich estate played a key role in the world history.

The estate has seen many interesting historical events. Many famous persons have once visited the Nemtsevich family. There were meetings with Ian Fleming, Princes Czartoryski Shuiskys. During the 1st World War, for almost two years the manor house was a residence of Commander of the Eastern Front German Prince Leopold of Bavaria.

In Belarus, there are not many well-restored houses, especially with a restored interior. For this reason, the manor in the village Skoki has great value for the whole country.

The Nemtsevich manor invites guests to tours, balls, literary and artistic evenings.

I. Answer the questions.

- 1) What sights of Brest do you know?
- 2) When was The Nemtsevich estate built?
- 3) In what architectural style was the manor built?
- 4) What manors in other cities do you know?
- 5) Did you visit The Nemtsevich manor? Would you like to visit the manor?

II. Write the words in English.

- 1) Хорошо сохранившийся _____
- 2) Усадьба _____
- 3) Культурное наследие _____
- 4) Исторические события _____
- 5) Была построена _____

III. Choose the right variant.

- 1) The manor house is situated in the village
 - a) Dudutki.
 - b) Skoki.
 - c) Volchin.
- 2) It is the only architectural structure of its kind in the outskirts of.....
 - a) Minsk.
 - b) Vitebsk.
 - c) Brest.
- 3) Manor park ensemble is the monument ofarchitecture.
 - a) Baroque.
 - b) Modern.
 - c) Gothic.
- 4) The magnificent manor was built in
 - a) 1770.
 - b) 1870.
 - c) 1670.
- 5) Many persons have once visited the Nemtsevich family.
 - a) Outstanding.
 - b) Interesting.
 - c) Famous.