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**THE HASKOVO CHORBADZHIYA HRISTODUL VALCHEV  
SHISHMANOV (1784–1870) BETWEEN THE LEGENDS  
AND THE HISTORICAL FACTS BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH**

(Summary)

Hristodul Valchev Shishmanov /1784-1870/ is among the prominent historical figures from Haskovo with an interesting biography, sounding at times like a legend. Therefore, over the years, great interest has been shown in his life, but so far no research has been written about him and his family. Attempts at a comprehensive study to present the personality of Hristodul V. Shishmanov – one of the brightest Haskovo revivalists and his family, have not been made. Representatives of the family are mentioned in various studies in connection with different historical events. This adds to their genealogical history but is not a complete study of it. In 2021, one of the descendants of the family provided the Regional History Museum in Haskovo with a family tree and helped clarify many unknown moments in the history of both the family itself and the city of Haskovo.

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