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THE INSCRIPTIONS IN ST. ANDREW CHURCH NEAR SKOPIE
AND THE DECLINE OF THE MRNJAVČEVIČI DYNASTY

(Summary)

This article is a continuation of the author's researches into the epigraphic material from Vardar Macedonia. In this case it is the question of the inscriptions of the Church of St. Andrew, built in 1389 by the second son of the late King Vălkašin, Andreaš. Two of them are commemorative inscriptions associated with the death of the direct founders of the shrine. Of much greater interest are the other two texts executed by order of the king's son Andreaš. The one is a special type of document (срѣвно or an inventory of property) which has preserved on the façades of the church a handwritten text that has disappeared. In it were given the boundaries of the property and villages owned by St. Andrew. The other inscription fixes a court decision concerning a land dispute with the other big monastery in the vicinity – that of the first son of Vălkašin, King Marko.