Summary

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The XIX century represents the period of aspiration among Balkan nations, which were appearing as for liberation and forming national states, after almost five centuries of slavery under the Turkish regime. The particular trait to that struggle was given by the Serbian nation. Since the beginning of the Serbian revolution in 1804 (The First Serbian Uprising), during whole XIX century, Serbian nation was waging continual struggle which was crowned in 1878 by recognizing its independence at the conference in Berlin.

However, a great number of Serbian territories continued to be out of borders, so that the liberation process would continue by the end of Balkan Wars 1912 – 1913.

At that struggle, many Serbian patriots showed as brave and gave significant contribution. One of them certainly was Arandjel Stanojevic – Trnski. As a respectable citizen of Trn and Znepolje, which stayed out of Serbian state by the decision of the conference in Berlin, he changed his residence and came to Pirot. His whole life he was making great efforts to develop Pirot region. Well-educated, influential, he was maintaining close relationships with most popular individuals of Serbian political and cultural life. His lifetime and work marked an epoch in history of Pirot region. This biography represents real testimony about that.