

Summary

Taking Care of the Wounded in the First Serbian Uprising

With the beginning of the restoration of the Serbian state, there also started the organization of the medical corps. Folk surgeons, by curing and heeling wounds, greatly contributed to taking care of the wounded in Serbian uprisings. Among them, the healer Toma Konstantinović was the most famous one. However, according to the recently found data, the organization of the medical corps had been already initiated during the First Serbian Uprising, while the first properly educated military surgeons started coming to Serbia at the invitation of the Serbian authority. Upon the request for medical care submitted to Russia by Karadjorđe in 1807, the Russian troops initiated the formation of the first medical and surgery war stations for taking care of the wounded and the diseased, as well as of the local population. Dr Ivan Morachevski was the first educated doctor and surgeon who arrived in Serbia in 1809.