

## Summary

### THE TAILORS' GUILD OF NIŠ

With the development of manufacture, the need arose, on the part of the craftsmen, to form a guild, with the aim of protecting their best interests. Niš was a crafts centre at the end of the 19<sup>th</sup> century, and around 30 guilds had been formed in that city alone. The tailors' guild has been operational in Niš since the beginning of the 18<sup>th</sup> century, and during the Turkish occupation was one of the most numerous of guilds. One particular kind of tailor (in the past they were known as *abadžije*) made pants, coats and a type of long peasant jacket (also known as *gunj*), while another kind (*terzije*) made other items of clothing such as shirts. With the import of textiles from abroad, local manufacture was suppressed, which brought about a crisis in the tailors' guild. In 1895 the crisis was so great that it meant the onset of the guild's break up, which finally led to the tailors' abandoning the guild in 1900 in order to join the another guild.