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**ALEXANDER TSINKALOVSKY (1898–1983) –  
PROMINENT HISTORIAN AND ETHNOGRAPHER OF VOLYN  
(TO THE 120th ANNIVERSARY OF HIS BIRTHDAY)**

**Summary**

In our time, the urgent need is the research of scientific, social activities and intellectual heritage of historians who have studied the history of individual regions and Ukraine as a whole throughout their lives. It is impossible to create a new state history without studying the past of the native land. Therefore, we are turning to such special historical disciplines as archeology, ethnology and ethnography. One of the well-known researches, whose scientific activity allows the unification of these branches of knowledge, and which requires careful study, is Alexander Tsinkalovsky (1898–1983). This is a historian, archaeologist, ethnologist, ethnographer, who is known not only in Ukraine but also abroad; he is the author of more than 140 scientific works. His works are mainly devoted to the study of history, historical monuments, archaeological finds on the territory of Volyn and Polissya. The scientific achievement of the scientist is really impressive, O. Tsinkalovsky's

diversity of interests does only not allow to analyze his activities within the limits of one particular science.

The article aims to highlight and generalize the intellectual biography of a scientist. During the study, a special model based on the principles of intellectual biography was implemented and its covers several structural levels: a person's biography (information about time / place of birth, education, family roots and family upbringing, features of character and personal life of an individual) and situational biography or biography of environment (events and conditions of socio-economic and political life of society and the era in which the scientist lived and worked). In particular, O. Tsinkalovsky's scientific work as a director of the Kremets Museum of Local History is partially described, which until now has not been described and needs more detailed consideration in general.

As a result of the research, it was discovered that the problem of creating a comprehensive study of life and especially the scientific work of O. Tsinkalovsky, remains actual nowadays. The study of intellectual biography and life of O. Tsinkalovsky will outline his place and role in the study of history, archeology, ethnography and the restoration of historical monuments of Volyn region.

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