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**ON THE CORRECTNESS OF WRITING THE SURNAME OF THE
FAMOUS DESIGNER AND INVENTOR OF UKRAINIAN ORIGIN
B. G. LOUTZKY**

Summary

The purpose of the study is to determine the correct spelling of the name of the famous designer and inventor of Ukrainian origin Borys Hryhorovych Loutzky, who has a global priority in the creation of numerous designs of internal combustion engines, cars and aircraft.

It is established that in the Russian Empire his name was written in the media as «Loutzky» or «Loutzkoy», and abroad as: Lutzky, Lutzki, Lützky, Lutski, Lutzkoy, Lutzkoi, Lutzkay, Loutzky, Loutsky, Loutzkoi, Loutzkoj, Lout , Luts koy, Lützkoy, von Loutzkoy, Baron Loutzkoy, etc. In particular, in the annual address books of Berlin, the surname of Borys Hryhorovych was written as «Loutzky» until 1911, and from 1911 to 1943 as «Loutzkoy». Due to such diversity in the spelling of Loutzky's

surname, it was difficult for historians to understand whether the information they found concerned Borys Hryhorovych Loutzky and not other designers.

As documentary evidence of this study used archival documents and patent documents for inventions, which is the most reliable source of information. Materials from German archives were studied: Daimler AG (Stuttgart), MAN (Augsburg), Munich Technical University, State Archives of Berlin and Russian archives: Russian State Military History Archive, Russian State Archive of the Navy, Naval Fleet State Historical Archive of St. Petersburg, the archive of the Russian Academy of Sciences. More than 250 applications filed by Loutzky during 1887-1936 to patent offices around the world with a request to grant him patents for inventions were considered.

Based on the analysis of archival materials and patent documentation for inventions, it was found that in the Russian Empire, Boris Grigoryevich Lutzky wrote his name as «Луцкий» until 1910, and from 1911 as «Луцкой». In Germany he wrote his surname from 1882 to 1884 as «Loutzky», from 1885 to 1890 as «Lutzky», and from 1891 to 1910 again as «Loutzky», from 1911 to 1918 as «Loutzkoy», and from 1919 to 1943 as «von Loutzkoy».

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