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### DIALOGUE OF GENERATIONS IN THE SCIENTIFIC PATH OF KARELIAN HISTORIANS M. N. VLASOVA AND G. N. BOGDANOVA

*This article is written in line with the developing in Russian science field of gender history, which allows us not only to examine the individual biographies of women scientists but also to identify the various ways of their entry into the profession. This issue remains understudied at the national and regional levels. This work examines the participation of the first representatives of the Karelian and Vepsian peoples in historical scholarship in Karelia by examining the biographies of two renowned researchers from this region: Maria N. Vlasova and Galina N. Bogdanova. This choice was motivated by the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of their births, celebrated in 2025. This study, drawing on an extensive corpus of biographical texts, including those from previously unknown family archives, utilized an intergenerational approach, allowing us to consider the professional development of women historians as the result of a dialogue between generations, encompassing both family relationships (“fathers and daughters”) and mentorship and apprenticeship, within a single historical era. It is concluded that the fate of the first female historians from the Karelians and Vepsians was largely predetermined by time, Soviet power and education, the Komsomol, the Party, as well as the example of their fathers and teachers — worthy representatives of the first generation of Soviet intellectuals who emerged from the working-class and peasant environment.*

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