

## „Ana and Todor Pulievi“ – Fund

The contributors are Todor and Ana Pulievi.

Todor (Teodor) Hristov Puliev (Aug. 1839 – 15<sup>th</sup> Apr. 1913) – merchant, born in Karlovo and cousin of Hristo Georgiev. He was a student of Rayno Popovich in Karlovo and Nayden Gerov in Plovdiv, and two years later The Greek School in Bucharest. He graduated with a degree in Trade and Commerce in Vienna and then took up trading business in Galats. He went back to Karlovo after the Liberation and later on moved back to Plovdiv, where he died. His remains were moved to Karlovo and buried in the church of „Saint Mary“.

Ana Pulieva (unknown – 22<sup>nd</sup> Nov. 1929) – a woman deeply engaged in social activities. She was an honourable member of The Female Charity Organisation „Education“ as well as various other charitable organisations in Plovdiv. She died in Plovdiv.

T. Puliev left almost all of his fortune to Karlovo for charity purposes and appointed Hr. Arnaudov and Chaplain Petko Papukchiev for executors.

In 1905 T. Puliev, along with his wife Ana Pulieva, donated 6 thousand lv for the formation of a fund with the Free Student Meal Centres Organization. The family also donated its pastures in the region of Suyutlyu burun and Yumruk chal – Mitirizovo village (today, Vasil Levski), Plovdiv to the same organization. The latter was sold with the knowledge of the donors for 2400 lv and the sum was added to the fund. T. Puliev gave about 15 thousand lv for the construction of a free student meal centre in the yard of The Karlovo School and 200 lv for the settlement of the student study with the school in Karlovo.

The will of the donors was that there would be a fund formed with the Free Student Meal Centres Organization, the funds from which would be used for the construction of the building and the maintenance of the meal centre.

The charity work of the family was noted in the letter (28<sup>th</sup> Sept. 1906) of the director of The Fifth Class Boys' School in Karlovo to the minister of National Education Iv. Shishmanov. The letter gave information on the laying of the foundation stone (8<sup>th</sup> Oct. 1906) of the Meal Centre for poor students in Karlovo. The building was designed by the Plovdiv architect Lazarov and had 4 rooms, a salon with a stage, a cellar and a kitchen. It was also designed for other charity purposes as well: a place for the training of poor children in handiwork.

On 5<sup>th</sup> October 1906 Ivan Shishmanov sent a letter to Todor Puliev, saying: “ In this respect you are worthy of regard and honor. From now on, you are an example to all those who have wealth, because you showed them how to be respected and honored by present and future generations.”

In 1906 the grateful citizens of Karlovo elected Todor Puliev as a chairman of the Meal Centre Organization. The organization, the established fund and the meal centre, which was built with means given by the family, were named “Ana and Todor Pulievi”.

After Todor Puliev's death, in the record of the School Board of Trustees in Karlovo from 11<sup>th</sup> December 1922 it was reported that the Free Student Meal Centre Organization “Ana and Todor Pulievi” did not exist, despite the fact that it was not officially closed down. The archive of the

Organization, the estate and the available inventory were given away to the School Board of Trustees in Karlovo. After 1922 the deeds of the Organization were run by a committee consisting of – the secretary of the School Board of Trustees – V. Velev , St. D. Kracholov (a member) and the cashier of the Board, whose name cannot be read in the record. It was decided that the School Council should determine which students were in need of a free meal.

At the Board's meeting, which was held on 23<sup>rd</sup> March 1923, the School Board of Trustees granted 17 450 lv of its budget in order to help the Free School Meal Centre Organization "Ana and Todor Pulievi". The sum had to be used only for buying food for very poor students.

Other data for the Fund and the Organization has not been found.