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## **Effectiveness of using archival documents in the primary sources of information about the Irevan Khanate**

### **Abstract**

Archival documents play the role of an irreplaceable source in expanding spiritual wealth, horizons, historical consciousness, national self-awareness and national pride of a person, as well as a reliable information base for conducting historical research. An analysis of information resources about the Irevan Khanate shows that our republic has accumulated significant experience and expanded the scope of this topic. The creation of information sources dedicated to the Irevan Khanate is a contribution to replenishing the documentary fund of our republic, being part of the documentary and information resources of Azerbaijan. Archival documents and archives, which are people's memory and written memory, represent a collection of cultural values of the nation. In the research work devoted to the effectiveness of using archival documents in primary sources of information about the Khanate of Irevan, we see that archival documents are sufficiently used in primary sources - books, periodicals. Archives, which play the role of an important social institution for society, as well as research centers that store multidisciplinary and universal information, provide access to retrospective information of the state and citizens, influence political, socio-economic and cultural life. Development of the country, increase management efficiency, play the role of a guarantor of social rights. The article also provides an analysis of books that use archival documents and provides examples of archival documents.

**Keywords:** *Iravan khanate, primary sources of information, archival documents, effectiveness of using archival documents, information provision*

## **İrevan Hanlığı hakkında birincil bilgi kaynaklarında arşiv belgelerinin kullanımının etkinliği**

### **Öz**

*Arşiv belgeleri, bir kişinin manevi zenginliğini, ufkunu, tarih bilincini, milli benlik farkındalığını ve milli gururunu genişletmede yeri doldurulamaz bir kaynak ve tarihi araştırma yapmak için güvenilir bir bilgi tabanı rolü oynamaktadır. Erivan Hanlığı hakkındaki bilgi kaynaklarının analizi, cumhuriyetimizin bu konuda önemli bir deneyim biriktirdiğini ve kapsamını genişlettiğini göstermektedir. Erivan Hanlığı'na adanmış bilgi kaynaklarının oluşturulması, Azerbaycan'ın belgesel ve bilgi kaynaklarının bir parçası olarak cumhuriyetimizin belgesel fonunun yenilenmesine bir katkıdır. Halkın hafızası ve yazılı belleği olan arşiv belgeleri ve arşivler, ulusun kültürel değerlerinin bir koleksiyonunu temsil eder. İrevan Hanlığı hakkında birincil bilgi kaynaklarında arşiv belgelerinin kullanımının etkinliğine yönelik araştırma çalışmasında, arşiv belgelerinin birincil kaynaklarda - kitaplarda, süreli yayınlarda yeterince kullanıldığını görüyoruz. Toplum için önemli bir sosyal kurum rolü oynayan arşivler, multidisipliner ve evrensel bilgi depolayan araştırma merkezlerinin yanı sıra, devletin ve vatandaşların geçmişe dönük bilgilerine erişim sağlar, siyasi, sosyo-ekonomik ve kültürel hayatı etkiler. Ülkenin kalkınması, yönetim verimliliğinin artırılması, sosyal hakların garantörü rolünü oynarlar. Makalede ayrıca arşiv belgelerini kullanan kitapların bir analizi yapılmakta ve arşiv belgelerinden örnekler verilmektedir.*

**Anahtar Kelimeler:** *Erivan Hanlığı, birincil bilgi kaynakları, arşiv belgeleri, arşiv belgelerini kullanmanın etkinliği, bilgi sağlama*

### **İntroduction**

The archives of Azerbaijan, which have gone through a path of 102 years of development, are a treasury where valuable archival materials are stored for studying the history of the statehood of our people, their social and cultural development. Numerous archival documents confirm that the foreign forces that targeted our historical lands were content not only with the exploitation of the material resources of Azerbaijan, but also targeted our cultural wealth.

The involvement and understanding of historical issues in objective, non-intrusive research in society is considered one of the most difficult problems in science. In order to solve this problem, we can mainly point to the main issues - conducting extensive scientific and theoretical research, developing a methodologically processed and factual database, contacting professional experts in this field and benefiting from their ideas and research, and bringing together other such important elements (Ismayilov and Khalafova, 2022, pp. 22-28). It is for

this reason that when conducting research on the history of Iravan, it is important to turn to accurate and undistorted information, mainly archives and other historical documents. Uncovering the documents related to this issue stored in the funds of different countries and involving them in the research and bringing the truth to the attention of the public is a responsible and equally important issue for the experts. For this reason, in this article, the archival and historical documents referred to by the specialists who created various primary documents related to Iravan in their research are discussed in a broad form. The involvement and understanding of historical issues in objective, non-intrusive research in society is considered one of the most difficult problems in science. In order to solve this problem, we can mainly point to the main issues - conducting extensive scientific and theoretical research, developing a methodologically processed and factual database, contacting professional experts in this field and benefiting from their ideas and research, and bringing together other such important elements (Ismayilov and Khalafova, 2022, pp.194-202). It is for this reason that when conducting research on the history of Iravan, it is important to turn to accurate and undistorted information, mainly archives and other historical documents. Uncovering the documents related to this issue stored in the funds of different countries and involving them in the research and bringing the truth to the attention of the public is a responsible and equally important issue for the experts. For this reason, in this article, the archival and historical documents referred to by the specialists who created various primary documents related to Iravan in their research are discussed in a broad form (Ismayilov and Bayramova, 2022, pp. 70-76).

### **1.The purpose of the research**

The main goal of the research is to reveal the efficiency of using archival documents in the flow of documents related to Iravan , the historical land of Azerbaijan, and to bring the historical documents used by experts to the attention of other researchers, and to achieve the recognition of those documents at the international level.

### **2.Discussion of the issue**

In the conditions of constantly increasing and updated information flow in society, it is necessary to meet the needs of users for accurate and operational information, joint use of material, moral and intellectual resources on an international scale, providing information exchange at low cost, improving information services, etc. made it necessary to create Automated Information Management Systems that meet modern requirements. In order to carry out library-bibliography and information works in accordance with the international level in

our country, it is important to create a base of existing primary and secondary resources in the territory of the republic (Sadigova, 2019). A number of documents are of particular importance in the methodological development of the document base in the field of librarianship and bibliography, for example: Ismayilov, Kh., Ismayilov, Nadir, I., Sevda, Kh. "General Characteristics of Local Lore Documental Network Resources of the Libraries of Azerbaijan (Based on library collection)" (Sadigova, 2016). Kazimi, P., Abdullayeva, A., Ismayilov, N. "Scientometric analysis of document flow in library science of azerbaijan (2014-2018)" (Sadigova, 2019). Nadir, I., Oruj, G. "Creation and formation of information resources for children" (Sadigova, 2017). Ismayilov, N., Khudiyeva, V. "Analysis and processing of users' information and research requests" (Mustafa, 2020) and so on. we can show scientific research works (Ismayilov and Gasimli, 2022, pp. 16-22). While analyzing the initial flow of documents about Irevan, what draws our attention is the efficiency of using archival documents that prove the exact facts in those works. In this regard, we observe how objectively and impartially the works of research authors reflect history (Sadigova, 2021). Articles devoted to the study of primary sources on Irevan can be found in the works of Associate Professor S. Sadigova. and so on. we can show scientific research works (Sadigova, 2016). Sadigova, S. (2019) The place of primary sources on the Irevan khanate in the information provision of field experts. Monthly International Scientific Journal of Scientific Work Humanities, 9, 55-58 (Sadigova, 2019). Sadigova S.A. (2016) Information resource dedicated to Irevan-Azerbaijani literature / materials of the scientific-practical conference of young researchers on the topic "Material and spiritual heritage of Irevan" Baku, May 25, Baku: "Our Generation" GRIA PU, 2016.-P.107-112.15. Sadygova S.A. (2019)The role of information provision of specialists in the main business resources//«EURASIASCIENCE» Collection of articles XXIII International Scientific and Practical Conference on August 15, 2019. Moscow: "Science-publishing center "Aktualnost.RF", -S. 124-126. Sadigova S.A. (2017). The reflection of the socio-political information resources in the indicators of "the Azerbaijan book" // Abstracts of the Republican Scientific Conference: Baku, November - P.47-4917. Sadigova S.A. (2016) Socio-political information resources: Methodical instructions.-Baku, 110 p. (Ismayilov and Khalafova, 2022, pp. 22-28). Sadigova S.A. The place of primary sources on the Irevan khanate in the information provision of field experts // Scientific work: Monthly international scientific journal on humanities.-2019.- № 9(48).-P.55-58 (Ismayilov and Bayramova, 2022, pp. 70-76) and so on. Nazim Mustafa's 292-page work "The City of Irevan", which is one of the most famous works on the history of Irevan, was written in 2020 with extensive reference to archival documents.

The book contains extensive information about the past of the city of Irevan, which has the ancient and unique beauty and culture of Azerbaijan, its ethnic composition, architectural monuments and the fate of some of them, Irevan's press, scientific and cultural figures. In the book, the author clearly indicated which archival documents he used in the "sources and literature" section. As an example of those archival documents, we can show the following: (Sadygova, 2019).

### **2.1. State Archive of the Republic of Azerbaijan (ARDA)**

- ARDA, fund 411, siy. 9, case 734.
- ARDA, fund 411, siy. 28, case 678.
- ARDA, fund 897, siy. 1, work 11.
- ARDA, fund 897, siy. 1, work 40.
- ARDA, fund 970, siy. 1, work 1.
- ARDA, fund 1984, siy. 3, work 1-6. and so on.

### **2.2. Archive of Political Documents of the Office of the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan (ARPIISSA)**

- ARPIISSA, fund 1, list 169, case 249.
- ARPIISSA, fund 1, list 221, case 1.
- ARPIISSA, fund 1, list 222, case 48.
- ARPIISSA, fund 1, list 222, case 72.
- ARPIISSA, fund 2761, list 9, case 4.
- Part Archive of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Armenia, fund 1, case 309, folder 18.

Books and periodicals available in different languages, which are as valuable as archival documents, were also used in the work. At the end of the work, in the "Appendices" part, separate tables show the cultural monuments that once again prove Irevan's belonging to Azerbaijan and the information about their existence. Another important aspect of the work that draws attention is the inclusion of 2 important documents in this section, reflecting the concession made by the APC to the Armenians in Irevan in 1918.

We should also note that this work is considered very important, and based on it, a database named "City of Irevan" (<https://iravan.preslib.az>) was created by the Presidential Library of the Affairs Department of the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan. Most of the material reflected in this database was placed in the database using this book. The list of archival documents and other materials used in the database is shown in the "Literature" and

"Documents" sections (Ismayilov and Guliyev, 2022, pp. 735-742). Among the primary documents, another relevant work on this topic is the work entitled "Eternal and Eternal Land of Azerbaijan, Iravan Khanate (present-day Armenia)" written by Teymur Ahmadov in 2020 and consisting of 4 volumes. At the end of the IV volume of the work, in the "Used sources and eternity" section, the names of 354 sources used separately in each of the 4 volumes are mentioned, among which archival documents occupy the main place (Ahmadov, 2020). Almaz Bayramova's "Toponyms of the Iravan Khanate" is another important work on the Iravan Khanate. Among the 329 sources used in this work, which was published in 2016 and consists of 256 pages, the place of archival documents is special. Historical geography, ethnic composition, lexical-semantic features of toponyms, ways of formation were extensively investigated for the first time in this work written with reference to archival documents (Bayramova, 2016). Jalal Allahverdiyev's work entitled "Iravan Literary Environment (1920-1950s)" published in 2010 used 202 sources, many of which are documents of historical importance. In this work, which was written using these documents, the activities of Azerbaijani intellectuals who played a major role in the formation and development of the literary environment of Azerbaijan and demonstrated national will, the problems faced by Azerbaijanis in the context of Armenian fraud, the role of the native language press, educational and educational institutions, Azerbaijani literature and theater are discussed. information is shown in detail (Allahverdiyev, 2010). There are many primary sources related to the history of the Iravan Khanate, one of which is the monograph "History of the Iravan Khanate" authored by Zenfira Hajiyeva in 2012. So, although the author uses 70 sources here, most of these sources are archive-based documents. In the work, documents from the scientific archive of the Institute of History named after A. A. Bakikhanov of ANAS were mostly used. In the monograph, the history of the Iravan khanate, which has a rich and honorable history, was discussed, touching on deep and important points (Hajiyeva, 2012). Nazim Mustafa's book "Genocide of Azerbaijanis in Iravan Governorate (1918-1920)", which tells about the massacres committed by Armenians against Azerbaijanis in Iravan, was created as a result of research conducted at the Institute of History of the National Academy of Sciences of Azerbaijan. The book was written based on archival documents and periodical press materials. One of the advantages of this century is that in this work, not only the archival documents available in the archives of Azerbaijan, but also the archival documents stored in the archives of Turkey, which reflect the information about the massacres committed by the Armenians in the South Caucasus, were widely used (Sadigova, 2016).

## Conclusion

Thus, from the issues mentioned in the article, it is clear that most of the primary sources written about the history of Irevan are written referring to archival documents and documents of historical importance. Remarkable issues are included in each of these works investigated as a research object and are proved to the public and the international world with accurate and undistorted facts and documents. There are many primary sources on Irevan, most of which refer extensively to archival materials (Ismayilov, Mahammadli and Gasimli, 2023, pp. 122-127). Taking into account that this topic is in an even more sensitive position in our time, it is of particular importance to refer to accurate facts and documents in each of the written works. It is a very important task to uncover and present the facts and documents that prove that Irevan is the ancient and ancient land of Azerbaijan in the international arena, and it is the responsibility of Azerbaijani historians and experts to fulfill this task.

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