

Eleonora and Marie Prosek were the teachers and ethnography research workers, which on the break 19 and 20 century worked in Turnov. Their fates show us what acceptance had ideas of women emancipation among active women in small provincial town. Their interest in ethnography show us beginning of ethnography as a scientific branch and what importance had women in that.

Eleonora was born on 13 th December 1844 in Prague and Marie was born on 10 th February 1858 also in Prague. Sisters obvious come from family, which came under the middle classes. In Prague sisters attended the school. Sisters were venerable much distant and so possibilities of education they had different. Eleonora gained education of teacher of needlework, but Marie was able to gain education on school for teachers and started to teach also specialist subjects.

To Turnov came Eleonora in 1872 and started to teach needlework on school for girls. In this time she was interesting of national dresses and textile. This interest she specified from 1886 in cooperation with museum in Turnov. She cooperated also on preparation on big exhibitions in 90. 19 century, which took place in Prague. She completed national dress of Turnov and lake the first she described national dress of Turnov, which retained in 80. 19 century. With museum she cooperated to her death on 5 th December 1910.

Marie came to Turnov 10 years later than her sister, in 1882. She started to teach on school for girls. 1895 - 1905 she was teaching in Rovensko pod Troskami. With museum she started to cooperate in 1910, when she took resort of her sister Eleonora. Marie prepared for publishing describing of national dress, which made Eleonora. It was published in journal "Od Jesteda k Troskam" in 1922. In 1927 she made first continue exhibition of national textile in museum in Turnov. In museum she worked until to her death on 24 th March 1932.