

The famous people of Mordovia

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*Many known people who made
great contribution to history of
Russia have the Mordovian
roots.*

Patriarch Nikon

1605 - 1681



He was born in the Mordovian family. At age 12, went to Makariev Zheltovodsky Monastery. In 1624, returned home, married, and was ordained a priest. On July 25, 1652 Nikon was solemnly enthroned patriarchs Moscow and All-Russian.

Saint Serafim Sarovsky

1754 - 1833



He was hieromonk of Sarov monastery, the founder and Patron Diveevsky female monastery. One of the most esteemed Russians saints. Serafim was honored with vision of the Virgin of 12 times.

Fedot Sychkov

1870 - 1958



He was a well-known Russian (Soviet) artist, the Honored worker of arts of RSFSR and Mordovian ASSR, the national artist of Mordovian ASSR. He was born into a poor peasant family. Fedot since the childhood showed talent for drawing.

Vladimir Filatov

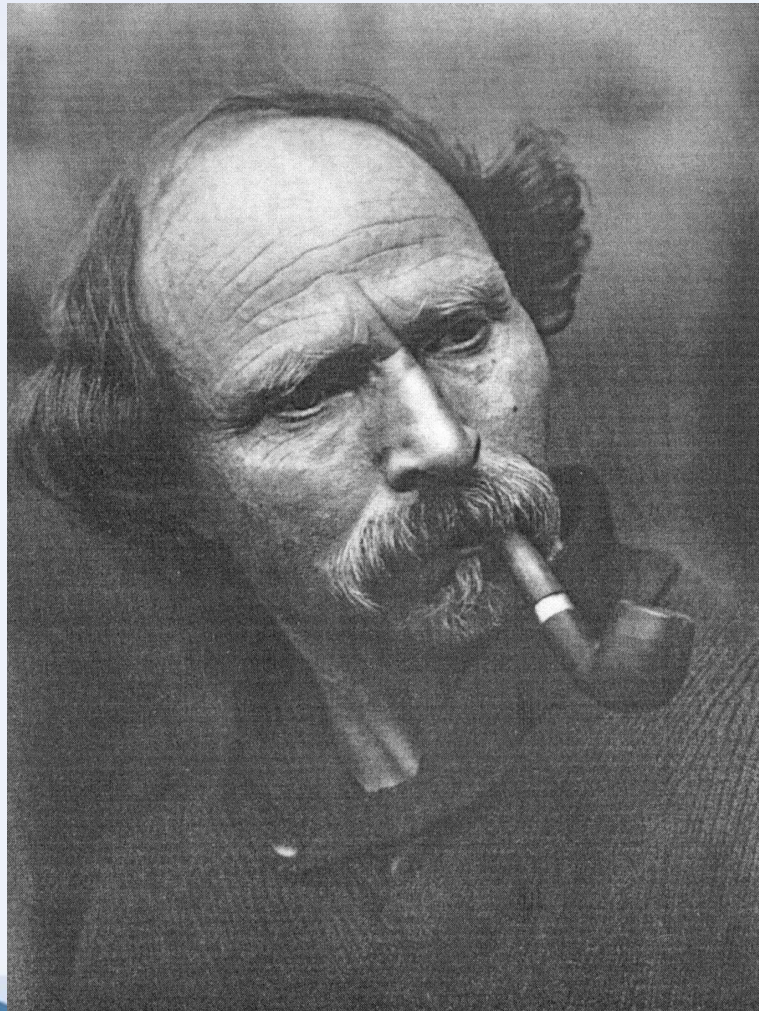
1875 - 1956



He was the Soviet ophthalmologist. Winner of the Stalin award, academician of AMN USSR and AN USSR, Hero of Socialist Labor. Nephew of the founder of the Russian pediatrics N. F. Filatov

Stepan Erzya

1876 - 1959



Stepan Nefyodov was born in a family of the peasant. He was a Russian and Soviet painter, sculptor, master of sculpture from wood, representative of Modern. The pseudonym reflects belonging of the artist to an ethnic group of Erzyans as a part of the Mordovian people.

Michael Devyatayev

1917 - 2002



Devyatayev Michael was born in a peasant family. He was Mokshanin. He was Senior Lieutenant Guard, fighter pilot, Hero of the Soviet Union. Escaped from a German concentration camp in a stolen bomber Heinkel-111.

Nikolay Merkuškin

February 5, 1951



He is the Russian state and party activist. The governor of the Samara region since May 12, 2012. Head of the Republic of Mordovia, from 22 September 1995 to 10 May 2012.

Oleg Maskaev

March 2, 1969



He Russian professional boxer, who plays in the heavy weight category. The world champion in heavy (WBC, 2006 - 2008 version) of weight category. Oleg Maskaev was born in Kazakh SSR in Jambul. Nationality - the Mordvin.

Alexey Nemov

May 28, 1976



*He is the Russian gymnast,
the 4-fold Olympic champion.
Lieutenant colonel of VS
Russian Federation of a stock,
Editor-in-chief of the Big-time
sports magazine. He was born
in Barashevo, Mordovia.
Alexey from the age of 5
started going in for gymnastics.*

Sergey Kirdyapkin

January 16, 1980



Russian athlete (race walking), Olympic champion XXX Olympic Games in London in 2012, two-time world champion (2005 and 2009) at a distance of 50 km, Honored Master of Sports of Russia. Started as a middle distance runner (800 m).

Denis Nizhegorodov

July 26, 1980



Russian athlete, current world record holder in race walking for 50 km, two-time Olympic medalist, world vice-champion in 2011, Honored Master of Sports of Russia. In sports walking is engaged from 18 years.

Olga Kaniskina

January 19, 1985



*Famous Russian athlete,
Olympic champion in 2008, the
first in the history of sports
walking triple world champion
(2007, 2009 and 2011),
European champion in 2010,
two-time champion of Russia.
Specializes in walking for 20
kilometers.*