

Welcome to Khokhloma and Koverninian District



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The present work is a small initial effort of the teachers of English in opening up Kovernino to foreign and local tourists, hoping to create here possibly a very popular tourist center of Nizhegorodsky region.



Towards Kovernino



Kovernino is located in the north of Nizhegorodsky region, 128 km away from it.



The Golden Khokhloma is a bright phenomenon of Russian folk arts.

The sunny, joyful art of “ Khokhlomskaya Rospis “ has no world analogues. Splendid, breathtaking, second to none painted wooden tableware attract tourists attention. It is excotic, charming and picturesque.





**Much prominence
is given to
the Khokhloma-folk art.**



**The Junior High students
take a special
course of painting.
This work is of great value.**



Kovernino is located on the river Uzola, a nice place for relaxation. The word “ Uzola” consists of two parts : “ Uz” means “ to flow” and “ Ola” means “ a forest stream with deep water”.

Kovernino in the Past



They say that the first inhabitants lived there in the first century A.D.

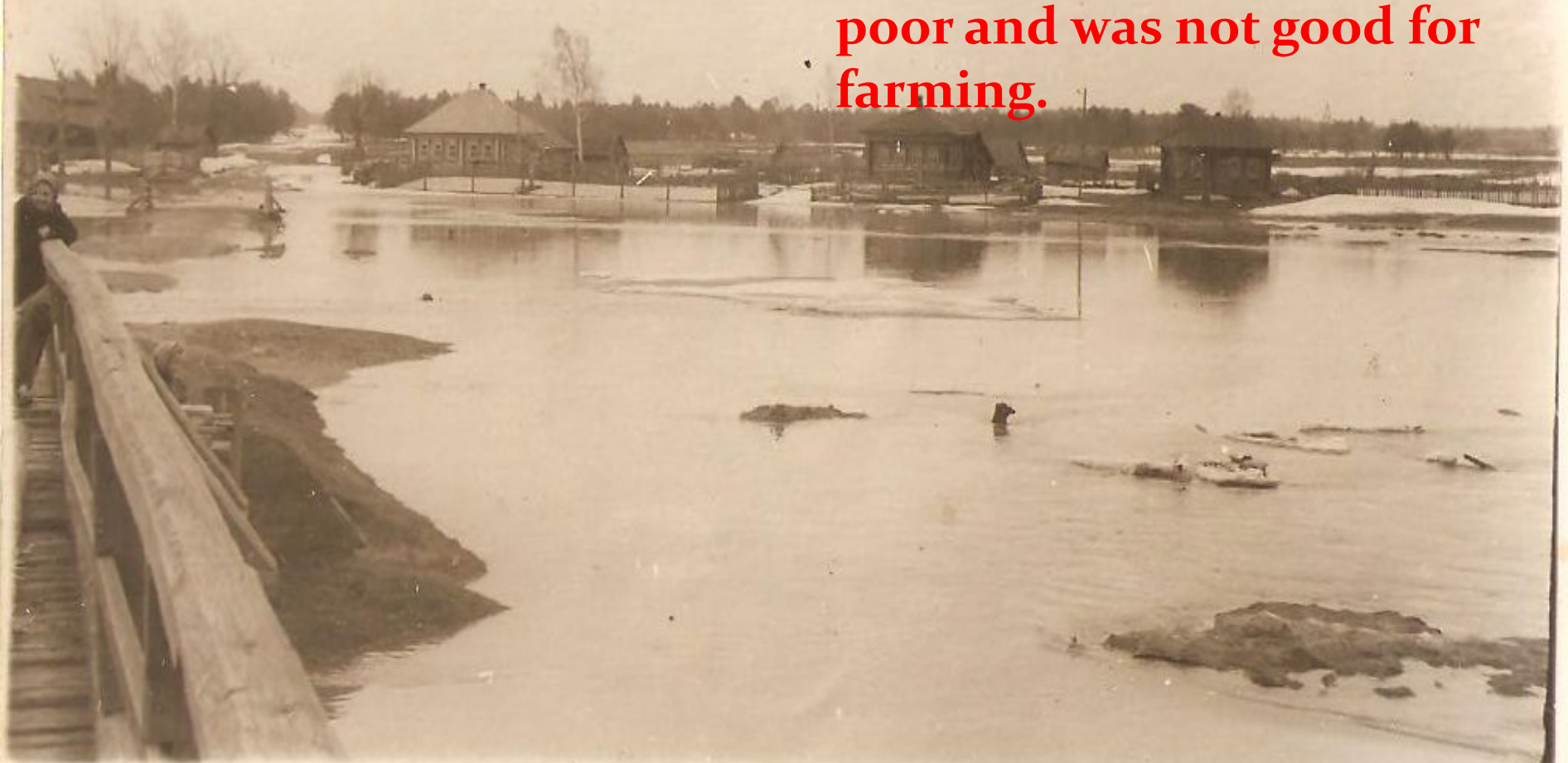
They hunted and fished. But the full deforestation of the land began in the 17th century. The settlers were of Finnish origin and came there for religious freedom from Karelia. There was a schism in the church of Russia. The Official Church persecuted old believers and they ran to the forests of Kovernino and its surroundings. They were hard-working, peace-loving and religious people. They just wanted to worship as their great-grandfathers did.

The spiritual center of old believers was Shadrino.

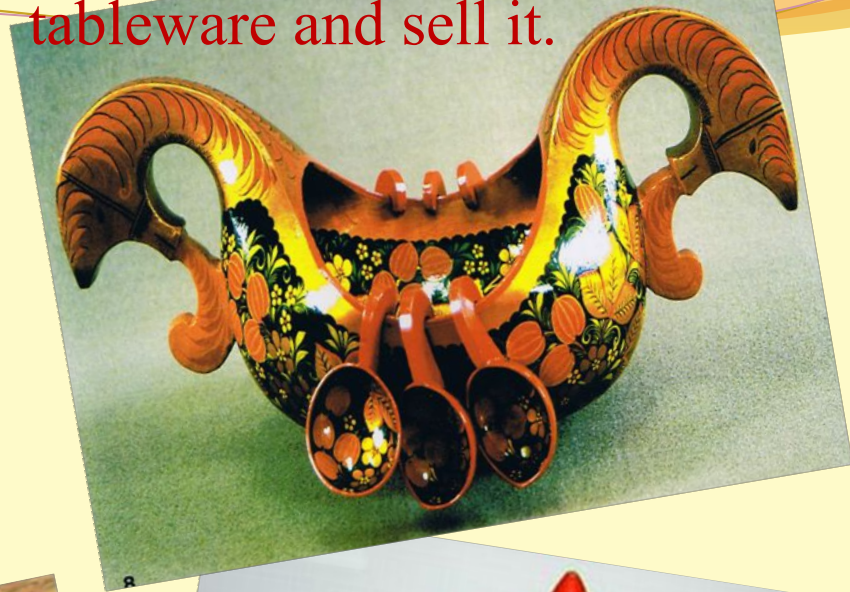


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The life in Koverninian district in the 16 century was a hard one. The first settlers had to survive. The soil there was very poor and was not good for farming.



That is why people began to make wooden tableware and sell it.



**The village of Khokhloma was the
centre of trade.**



**On the left bank
of the river
Khokhlomka they
sold their painted
wooden
tableware.**





Another very important occupation was making valenki in Anisimovo, Protazanovo and Tarasovo. But this craft nowadays is practically dying. You can buy valenki only in Anisimovo



Kovernino is associated with the name of Boris Kustodiev. We say with great pride that Boris Kustodiev, an outstanding Russian painter, visited Khokhloma and Kovernino twice in 1903 and 1912. He glorified Kovernino and the village of Khokhloma in some of his works. He did enjoy the cats of Khokhloma and beautiful women from Kovernino drinking tea from samovars and painted them so vividly.



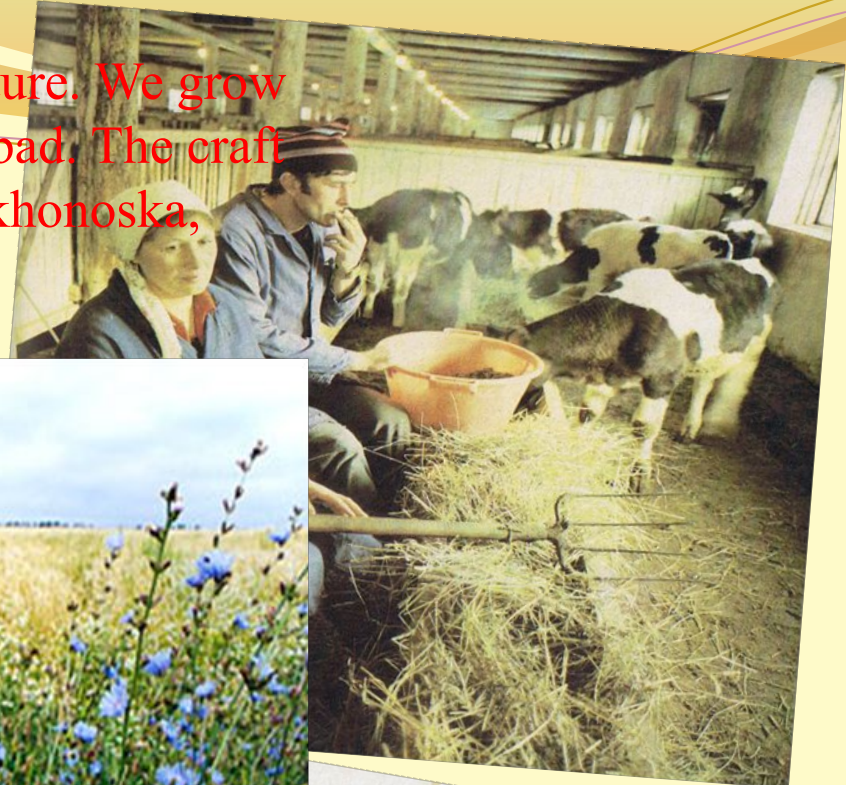
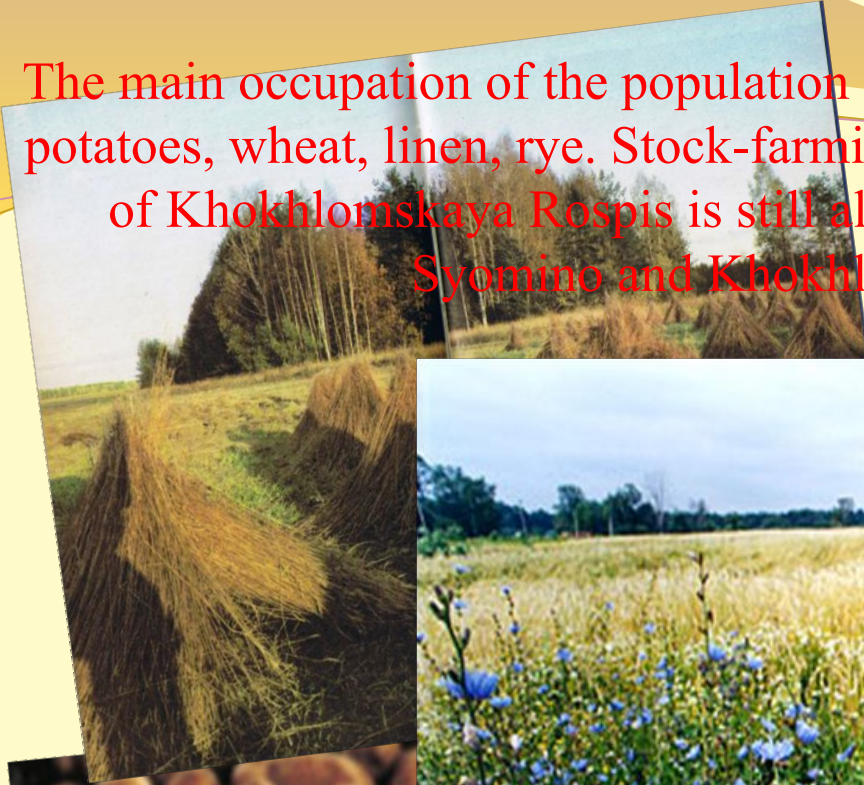
He painted the Russian bazaar in Khokhloma. He was amazed by the welcoming atmosphere of our fairs.



Kovernino nowadays (at present)



The main occupation of the population is agriculture. We grow potatoes, wheat, linen, rye. Stock-farming is not bad. The craft of Khokhlomskaya Rospis is still alive in Sukhonoska, Syomino and Khokhloma.



The most fascinating place of Kovernino is the Chudov-grad



Kovernino is one of the most picturesque settlements of Nizhegorodsky region



Monasteries

Vysokovsky Uspensky Monastery
(1784)



The church in Belbazzh
(1726)



The Trinity Church in Skorobogatovo
(1817)



Peter's church in Khokhloma
(1828)



Koverninian district is an ideal place for relaxing





**Location:
Only 13 km from
Kovernino.**

**You may stay at the rest
-house "Russian Forest".**



**Offers to its guests:
modern
accommodations in
private lodgings- rooms
and apartments.**



Welcome!



A dirt path winds through a dense forest of tall, leafy trees. The path is light brown and leads from the foreground into the distance, curving slightly to the left. The trees are vibrant green, and the overall atmosphere is peaceful and natural. The text is centered over the path.

**Take advantage of
Kovernino's
hospitality**