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## NEW INFORMATION ABOUT THE FATHER OF PATRIARCH NIKON

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**Abstract.** The work is devoted to the study of information about the father of Patriarch Nikon. A few sources about the origin of the future Primate are analyzed, including the testimonies of contemporaries (cleric John Shusherin, Archpriest Avvakum Petrov) and memorial records, some of which are introduced into scientific circulation for the first time. The opinions of modern historians who have been studying the ethnic origin of Patriarch Nikon and the search for his relatives are presented. The author of the article established that Nikon's father was named Mina Ivanov. Based on the latest research on the history of settlements in the Nizhny Novgorod region, it is noted that many residents of the village of Veldemanova, Nikon's homeland, were newcomers. During the study compiled in the early 1620s. From the scribal descriptions of this village and nearby villages, it was established that the name of Nikon's father, the peasant Mina, was mentioned among the population not by Veldemanov, but by the adjacent village of Shershovo.

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