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NICHOLAS CHUBATY 1889–1975

Nicholas Chubaty, noted Ukrainian historian, educator, and publicist, died July 10, 1975, at the age of eighty-six in Paramus, New Jersey. He studied history of Eastern Europe under Professor Michael Hrushevsky and law under Professor Oswald Balzer at Lviv University, where Chubaty received his Ph.D. in 1917. Chubaty taught history of Ukrainian law at the University of Kaminets Podilsky (1919) and at Ukrainian University in Lviv (1920–23); he taught history of the Ukrainian church at Lviv Theological Academy (1928–39). In the summer of 1939 Chubaty came to the United States to attend the International Pax Romana Congress, and he was unable to return to Lviv because of the outbreak of World War II. In the United States, he taught at St. Basil's College in Stamford, and in 1944 founded the *Ukrainian Quarterly* which he edited for 13 years. Chubaty was the first president of the Shevchenko Scientific Society in the United States (1948–55) and was a cofounder of the Ukrainian Historical Association (1965). He was professor of law at the Ukrainian Free University and dean of the law faculty at the Ukrainian Catholic University in Rome (in the sixties and seventies).

Professor Chubaty's historical research and contributions focused on three major areas: church history, history of Ukrainian law, and the problem of ethnogenesis of Slavic East European people. As a church historian, Chubaty published a number of monographs relating to Slavic Christianity. Among these one finds *Western Ukraine and Rome in the 13th Century in Their Aspiration to Church Union* (in Ukrainian, Shevchenko Scientific Society, 1917); "Ukrainian Church in the Cossack Period of Ukrainian Statehood" (*Bohoslovia*, 1925); and his fundamental *History of Christianity in Rus' Ukraine* (vol. 1, Rome, 1965). Unfortunately, Professor Chubaty was unable to finish this comprehensive study which he planned to publish in three volumes.

As a law historian, Chubaty published the first *Survey of Ukrainian Law* (in Ukrainian, 2 vols., Lviv, 1921–22), and was the author of *The State-Legal Status of Ukrainian Lands in the Lithuanian State at the End of the 14th Century* (Shevchenko Scientific Society, 1925), and a number of other studies on the history of Ukrainian law. In regard to the ethnogenesis of Slavic nations, Chubaty in general accepted the scheme of East European history advocated by his professor, M. Hrushevsky. This scheme is based on the thesis that there exists a clear distinction between the history of Russians, Belorussians, and Ukrainians in medieval ages, and since these three peoples unquestionably maintained their ethnic, political, and cultural identities, their histories should be studied as separate national entities. In this area, Chubaty published a number of articles ("The Ukrainian and Russian Conceptions of the History of Eastern Europe," "Two Conceptions of Ukrainian Nationality," *Proceedings of the Shevchenko Scientific Society*, vol. 1, 1951; vol. 2, 1953), and a comprehensive monograph in Ukrainian, *Princely Rus' Ukraine and the Emergence of the Three Eastern Slavic Nations* (1964). He also contributed articles to *Slavonic Encyclopedia*, *American Catholic Encyclopedia*, *Ukrainian Historian*, *Encyclopedia of Ukraine*, and a number of other publications.

Professor Chubaty authored over one hundred historical studies and approximately 1,500 newspaper articles. He dedicated a large part of his life to the study of various aspects of Slavic history—especially Ukrainian history, and his death is a great loss to Slavic historiography.

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