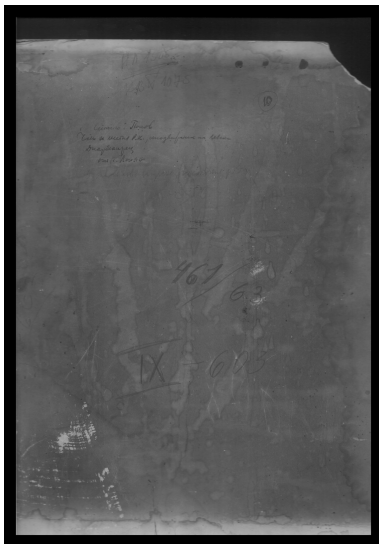


## Opalchentsi-pobornitsi (volunteer combatant) in front of the monument of Bulgaria's National Hero Vasil Levski



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| Object:       | Opalchentsi-pobornitsi (volunteer combatant) in front of the monument of Bulgaria's National Hero Vasil Levski   |
| Description:  | Outdoor photograph of a group of men, mostly in urban clothes with insignia of honour; two of them in an Orthodox priest garb. They are sitting and standing in front of a monument with a bas-relief. On the left side there is a boy sitting.  |
| Comment:      | Opalchentsi were Bulgarian voluntary army units who took part in the Serbo-Ottoman War in 1876 and in the Russo-Ottoman War in 1877 – 1878. The men in these units were called opalchenets-pobornik, meaning "volunteer combatant". Vasil Levski, born Vasil Ivanov Kunchev (1837 - 1873), was a revolutionary; he is a national hero of Bulgaria, honored as "the Apostle of Freedom". The Monument to Vasil Levski in Sofia was inaugurated on October 22, 1895. |
| Date:         | Not before 1895  |
| Location:     | Sofia  |
| Country:      | Bulgaria   |
| Type:         | Photograph   |
| Creator:      | Karastoyanov, Ivan Anastasov, (Court photographer)   |
| Dimensions:   | Artefact: 361mm x 289mm<br>Image: 254mm x 207mm  |
| Format:       | Not specified  |
| Technique:    | Not specified  |
| Keywords:     | 150 Behavior Processes and Personality > 156 Social Personality<br>790 Ecclesiastical Organization > 793 Priesthood<br>720 War > 729 War Veterans<br>890 Gender Roles and Issues   |
| Bibliography: | Todorova, Maria (2009): Bones of Contention. The Living Archive of Vasil   |

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