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***Galkin A.G. Volost court as a reflection of social, ethnic and confessional structure of Russian society***

Obviously, the course of reforms 1860-1870's in rural areas could not be objectively conceived to ensure the rule of law reform in 1864 only by the magistrates. Lack of specialists on the one hand, ignorance, poverty and passivity of the rural population – on the other, resulted in saving a specific peasant parish court. At the same time, because of its apparent identity, judicial reform not only affected estates parish court, but did not link it to the rest of the justice system, in fact, only a few fixing and adjusting the state of affairs that existed in the country prior to the reform. So Russia experienced a period of isolation of peasant justice, lasting until 1912. Article analyzes the reasons for the continuing parish (peasant) ships as a major regulatory inter volost relations in a relatively closed peasant community.

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