Memorable Places of V. I. Vernadsky: History of the Construction of the Building of the Tambov Provincial Zemstvo Government and Pedagogical Aspects of his Study (1903 – 1917)

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Abstract: The pedagogical aspects of students' study of memorable places of the life and work of V. I. Vernadsky are highlighted. As an object of corporate pedagogy, which is also an object of historical memory, the administrative building of Tambov State Technical University (TSTU), which until 1918 housed the Tambov provincial zemstvo government and where the outstanding biogeochemist Academician V.I. Vernadsky carried out his social and political activities. The history of the creation of the administrative building of TSTU as an architectural monument associated with the socio-political activities in the Tambov region of the outstanding biogeochemist, academician V.I. Vernadsky is outlined. The reasons, stages, conditions and features of the construction of the last building of the Tambov provincial zemstvo (1914 – 1917) are considered.

A conclusion is drawn about the complex structural composition of the building, built on the basis of load-bearing structures of previous capital objects of the zemstvo government, acquired and reconstructed at the turn of the 19th–20th centuries. Built in 1914–1915, the administrative building of the TSTU for employees of the Tambov provincial zemstvo government, was used by the latter as office space from the fall of 1915 to February 1918, and then was operated according to its functional purpose by the highest government bodies of the Tambov province (1918 – 1921) and Tambov region (1937 – 1993) until the transition in February 1994 to the balance of TSTU. The complex composition of the building of the provincial zemstvo, one of the parts of which at the turn of the century was the place of zemstvo activity of the future academician V.I. Vernadsky, who did a lot for the development of science and education in Russia, is the rationale for placing a memorial plaque on its facade in honor of the scientist and the historical motivation for the decision on its transfer to the capital funds of the technical university.