

SUMMARY

Simonas Daukantas' guardian Ignotas Vaišvila

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In 1861–1864 Lithuanian historian, enlightener and national revival evoker' Simonas Daukantas in his old age was taken care of by Papilė (in North Middle Lithuania, not far from Šiauliai) parish administrator Ignotas Vaišvila (1811–1894), he lived and died in his house. I. Vaišvila had descended from Samogitia (West Lithuania) as well as S. Daukantas himself. He became S. Daukantas' guardian most probably not as an intelligent fellow countryman but evaluating the latter's scholarly and cultural merits and national ideas. I. Vaišvila was a typical national orientation priest that belonged to famous Lithuanian writer and culture worker bishop Motiejus Valančius (1801–1875) epoch. He became a live linkage between the national movement beginning and its massive period, he sincerely communicated with young Lithuanian culture workers of liberal trend, he took care of S. Daukantas' works, the first national trend secular papers publication and he supported the gifted young people who strived for science.