

Commemorative coin

# Pavlo Skoropadskyi

Pavlo Skoropadskyi was a statesman, a military figure and the last hetman of Ukraine. A descendant of an ancient Ukrainian Cossack noble family and an extraordinary personality, Skoropadskyi made a significant contribution to the development of the Ukrainian state.

Skoropadskyi, who was born in the city of Wiesbaden (Germany), spent his childhood in the Trostianets family estate in Chernihiv oblast. There his grandfather – Ivan Mykhailovych, a patron of the arts, philanthropist, and the founder of the Trostianets Arboretum – had a great influence on the shaping of Skoropadskyi's views and upbringing.

He began his military career as a cavalry regiment commander during the First World War. After the revolution began in the Russian empire, he took part in the formation and then headed the 1st Ukrainian Corps.

In the spring of 1918, Skoropadskyi headed the young Ukrainian State, setting an example of state building at a most critical time.

Over the seven-and-a-half months of the existence of the Hetmanate (anti-Bolshevik government), economic stability was established in the country. Plans were underway to establish a State Land Bank to lend to farmers on cheap and more preferential terms and help them acquire land, in order to create an economically powerful group of middle-class and wealthy farmers.



Skoropadskyi continued the policy that promoted the Ukrainian language and culture. In particular, he contributed to the opening of the Ukrainian Academy of Sciences, the National Archives, the National Library of the Ukrainian State, two state universities – in Kyiv and Kamianets-Podilskyi, 150 Ukrainian schools, and many other educational and cultural establishments.

Even after he was forced to step down from his position in December 1918 and emigrate to Germany, Skoropadskyi continued to actively participate in the political life of Ukraine.



*You can learn more about the Hetmanate under Pavlo Skoropadskyi and the hetman's life at the exhibition of archival documents that marks the 150th anniversary of the birth of Pavlo Skoropadskyi (arranged by the State Archive Service of Ukraine).*

Skoropadskyi believed, "No matter what happens, Ukraine will exist in one form or another. You can't force a river to reverse the direction of its flow. The same is true of people: you can't make them give up their ideals." This saying has throughout the centuries confirmed the courage and unshakable will of Ukrainians in the fight against the enemy for their own state.

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30 May 2023	nickel silver	31.0 mm	special uncirculated	grooved	30,000