
 ** A N A N I E V. **

 1875-1896.

Like Alexandriya, Ananiev stood on a spur of the Balta to Kremenchug railway. It was in the western section of the Government, however, much closer to Balta: Podolia began only 10 m. to the north-west, & Bessarabia began less than 40 m. to the west. The city lies in the heart of an oasis-like farming region, surrounded by steppes. This fertile area produced fruit, vegetables and some cereals. Ananiev, with a population of 16,713 in 1897, specialised in the shipment of the products, & of cattle raised in the outlying areas - the great port of Odessa was only 95 m. to the south-south-east.

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Ananiev issued nine stamps between 1875 and 1896. The first six, in three slightly different types, were type-set or lithographed in solid colours, and were circular. The 7th stamp was rectangular and elaborately lithographed in four colours, with a coat of arms bearing a similar cross to that of Alexandriya, also with three small crowns below, and a large one above, but with the addition of a wreath. All of the stamps were of 5 kopeck value, including the last three which were of the same design as the elaborate, rectangular, many-coloured one, but were more economically produced just in one colour (brown, red or yellow-green). The Zemstvo also produced some official and postage-due stamps; these were all circular in design and showed no value.



1875: No.2.
 Litho. white paper. Outer circle dbl-lined. 25½mm. diam. Impf.
 Type lb.



1886: No.8.
 Litho. white paper.
 Pf. 12½-13½.
 Type kb.



1883: No.7.
 Litho. white paper.
 Pf. 12½-13½.
 Type pc kb.

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