N.V. Lukina. Formation of material culture of the Khants (eastern group). Tomsk: Publishing House of Tomsk State University, 1985. 364 pp., Illustrations.

The monograph is devoted to the eastern Khants (with division on Vasyugan-Vakh, Surgut and Salym Khants) allocated by linguists equally with western and northern groups of this people. The researched part of Khanty ethnos occupies the river basins of Vasyugan, Vakh, Yugan, Salym, Agan, Trom'yogan, Pim and Ob in area of these rivers. The field material of the author collected in 1969-1978s among researched groups is used as a basis of the book.

The book consists of a Foreword, Introduction, 2 chapters, Conclusion, Resume in German, References, Russian-Khanty dictionary, Illustrations.

Chapter 1. Material culture of Surgut and Salym Khants. Includes the description of means of transportation, clothes, utensils.

Chapter 2. The comparative historical analysis of material culture of the eastern Khants.

The comparison of the basic characteristics of subjects described in the first chapter with such characteristics of the other groups of the eastern Khants (the information about them was published by the author before in the monograph "Vasyugan-Vakh Khants") is carried out. Means of transportation, clothes and utensils are investigated.

In **the Conclusion** results of research are examined. For the first time ethnographic features of the eastern Khants are determined whereas before they are allocated on linguistic attributes. Possible sources of many traditions are revealed and the way of their transformation is tracked. The formation of the majority of Khanty and Obsko-Ugrian attributes of material culture occurred in territory, which these peoples occupy now or occupied in the recent past. The results promote the decision of the most general problem – ethnogeny of the Ob Ugry. So it is established that the eastern Khants have the northern-Siberian features of culture, which can be connected with the Ural population than the western Khants. As for their southern origin, the western Khants have connections with Central Asia, and the eastern Khants – with the Sayano-Altay uplands. New conclusions on a debatable problem are received that in the process of an origin of the reindeer breeding the Ugrian population took a part. Thus the material culture represents as a historical source that is especially important for unwritten peoples as the Khants.

Russian-Khanty dictionary includes the terms concerning to material culture.

Illustrations contain 35 tables including the images of 260 subjects with drawings and circuits. These copying photos and field sketches of the author are made for the publication by S.G. Bardin.