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Marfa Sobakina, forensic facial reconstruction by S.A. Nikitin. **Sergei Nikitin**

442 years ago today, on Oct. 28, 1571, Tsar Ivan the Terrible married Marfa Sobakina, his third wife, in Aleksandrovskaya Sloboda. Marfa died a few days later due to a mysterious illness, and Ivan, suspecting that she had been poisoned, became increasingly paranoid and killed many of his subjects.

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