

The Suffix -xe in Lower Imeretian

Summary

The morpheme **-xe** \ \ **-pxe** has been attested in Zan and in some dialects of Georgian (viz. Acharian, Gurian and Imeretian). It is added to the stem of the maiden name of a married woman and indicates her origin.

In Lower Imeretian only the allomorph **-xe** occurs. As different from other dialects, it is added to the surnames of both married women and girls.

According to my data, the morpheme **-xe** conveys also the diminutive semantic, which seems to be a new phenomenon.