

Place-names of the Village of Chqepi According to the Documents of the Second Half of the 19th Century

Summary

On February 19, 1861, the Manifest, undersigned by Emperor Alexander II, was published abolishing the serfdom in the Russian Empire. This process had been gradually realizing in Georgia for 1864-1870. The Kutaisi State Archive still possesses the documents describing the above-mentioned process in the village of Chqepi (KFA, F N 18. C. N 823).

The comparison of the place-names in the Archive data and those of existing today shows an interesting situation:

- a) up to 70 place-names occur with the same form today;
- b) some place-names have been retained with different phonetic variants;
- c) up to 40 place-names have not been attested now a days,
- d) a place-name, evidenced in the document, has been substituted with several other names;
- e) today`s one place-name unites several older ones;
- f) there are several place-names in the village of Chqepi which have not been evidenced in the Archive documents;
- g) parallel use of an old and a new place-name has been attested