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Ethnonymic Surnames in Georgian

Summary

Ethnonymic Surnames are the surnames (family names) which are derived from stems denoting this or that ethnic group (tribe, nation). In Georgian the ethnonymic surnames occur both as root-words, and with surname-forming suffixes (Svani, Svanidze, Svanadze, Svanishvili, Shonia, Shonidze...).

Sometimes an ethnonymic surname coincides with an anthroponymic surname.