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**The Tribal and Communal Organisation and the Terms Describing it in Tusheti**

Summary

The traditions of tribal and communal relations have been preserved in Tusheti only in memory.

These relations as recorded in ethnographic, folkloristic and socio-economic specialist literature, are as follows: in Tusheti an ethnographic territory is divided into four communities; communities themselves contain societies; societies include villages; villages are divided into surnames, and surnames into families.

the folk terms describing this organisational system do not correspond the scholarly terminology.

These relations of the communal organisation are in perfect isomorphism with the relations of the religious-ritual organisation.