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### ON THE HISTORY OF OKRIBA FAMILY - NAMES

Okriba family - names present important phenomena which explain not only historical, ethnographic, and linguistic questions, but also questions of Kartisation of the region.

A great part of Okriba family-names is mainly derived from the male first-names and nicknames. The same is said about the additional family names which were given to distinguish different sub-branches of the common original family (the so-called "branch-name, "extra - name").

The family -name data testify contacts between the Okriba region and other provinces of Georgia, as Svaneti, Lechkhumi and Megrelia.