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ON THE HISTORY OF GEORGIAN - ETHIOPIAN RELATIONSHIP

There were close contacts between Georgian and Ethiopian Christians in early centuries. The Ethiopians called Georgians „Kurz“, also „the people of belt“ and their country „Kuerj“(VII-XVI).

In the beginning of XX century Dr. Mérab real name Merabishvili Petre (1877-1930), private physician of Menelik II Emperor of Ethiopia, in 1910, in Addis-Abeba founded the first pharmacy and policlinic „La Georgie“ (called after his homeland Georgia in S-W Caucasus). His writings deal with history, customs and medicine of Ethiopian people. He died in Paris and was buried in the cemetery of Père- lasheise.