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PECULIARITIES OF SOCIAL INTERRELATIONS IN THE SMALL DOMAIN OF SVANETI

The small domain of Svaneti - Sadadishveliano - was distinguished by the number of peculiarities, which, first of all, revealed in the sphere of social interrelations.

In Sadadishveliano peasants' liabilities represented the basis for political protection. In its turn that caused the differences between the characteristics of those liabilities not only in different villages, but in one and the same village, being in the possession of and ruled by the Ddishvelianis.

The Dadishvelianis, who acted as a supreme legislators and rulers in their domain, possessed the domain on the basis of familial-communal (feudal-tribal) ownership. This resulted in the aggravation of feudal exploitation in the domain. Such a familial-communal ownership had a worst impact on the state of serfs working in the landlords' economies and their life did not differ much from the life of slaves. Due to the natural and economic conditions in Sadadishveliano it was impossible to develop large-scale agriculture. In order to remain as rulers the Dadishvelianis, on the one hand had to retain feudal-tribal unity, on the other hand they had to let the noblemen's families have various legal statuses and privileges.

Thus, in Sadadishveliano _ the domain established on the political basis, the feudal ownership was achieved by means of violent acts and forcible methods. It caused both the aggravation of relations between serfs and landlords and the strong differentiation of the productive society.