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**CHANGES IN THE UPPER IMERETIAN DIALECT  
OVER A CENTURY**

(on the basis of material from Savane)

The paper deals with the comparison of the linguistic peculiarities revealed in the Upper Imeretian dialect (speech of inhabitants of village Savane), encountered in the documents of purchase and sale of the early 20th c., the texts recorded by K.Dzotsenidze in the 1950s and the material obtained by us in 2003-2005. The comparison has shown some changes, having occurred over the century in the speech of the inhabitants of one village speaking the given dialect.