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ON THE HISTORY OF THE IMERETI FAMILY – NAMES (According to the Data of Salominao)

Ethno –historic linguistic researches of the family – names of the villages of Tsitelkhevi and of Rokhi have allowed me to conclude the following: The villages of Sademetrao (modern Tsitelkhevi) and Rokhi of the Bagdadi region formerly were the parts of the historic region Salominao. Inhabitants of these villages were immigrated from western as well as Eastern Georgian, from mountains and plains alike. I have established affixation of the derived family –names and the cases of complete change the family- names.

The ties with the family- names of the original places of the ancestors and of the tradition to make pilgrimage to former churches and shrines served due for many conclusions.