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NIKO BERDZENISHVILI ABOUT THE 1819-1820 REBELLION IN WEST GEORGIA

N. Berdzenishvili did not study issues of the 19th century specially but his standpoints of the given period of Georgia's history are conveyed in his work "Georgia in the First Quarter of the 19th Century". The work deals with 1800-1813 years and ends with the narration of Kakheti uprising. In fact, it offers the plan of the circle of the basic issues that should have been the subject of further investigation.

These issues are:

- 1) The abolishment of Kartl-Kakheti Kingdom, establishment of the Russian rules, and the evaluation of Russia's governance in Georgia;
- 2) Imereti kingdom in the first decade of the 19th century and King Solomon II of Imereti.
- 3) The relationship of Russia to the political units of Trans-Caucasus.
- 4) The exile of Georgian princes to Russia.
- 5) The relation of the Georgian feudal society and peasantry to the Russian rules.

In spite of the fact that the main sphere of research for Niko Berdzenishvili was the Georgia's feudal epoch the 19th century Georgian's history could not stand beyond his scholarly interests.

The fact that he had been an official opponent at the dissertation sessions concerning this period can serve as additional evidence.