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EDUARD EICHVALD ABOUT WEST GEORGIA IN THE FIRST THIRD OF THE 19TH CENTURY

Eduard Eichvald, an eminent German scholar and traveler was in the Caucasus in the years of 1825-1826. He visited almost every part of Georgia and made an interesting description of the country. His writings present important materials for the study of Georgia's history of the period.

E. Eichvald's work *Travelling in the Caucasus* consists of stories featuring political events of the first three decades of the 19th c. The German scholar appeared to have been interested in the events developed in the small Georgian kingdoms and princedoms. Very often he himself appeared an eye-witness of these events.

Eduard Eichvald left Tbilisi for the west Georgia in April 5, 1826. He stayed here for a few months. In his memoirs he dedicated quite a number of pages for the study of history of Imereti kingdom, and of Guria, Megrelia, and Abkhazia princedoms.