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CHORONEME "KARTLI" ACCORDING TO JUANSHERI'S "THE LIFE OF VAKHTANG GORGASALI"

In the ancient historical sources we find a number of names with different nuances denoting 'Georgia' or its various provinces.

Juansheri's narration of the Life of Vakhtang Gorgasali tells about the 5th-6th century Georgia. It features the domestic conditions of the country (the relationships between kings and eristav-lords (heads of principalities)) as well as the relations between the neighboring countries. Presumably Juansheri is 9th century historian; correspondingly, it is natural that he makes use of the terminology of his epoch as well.

According to Juansheri's story the choroneme 'Kartli' denotes: a) entire Georgia; b) one of the provinces of Georgia; c) a City.

The word Kartli is used to denote Georgia, in general, as well as a Karli province proper. It is also applied in fixed phrases: *yoveli qarTli* (entire Kartli), a country of Karli/ countries of Karli, all the velleys of Kartli.

Kartli is a general concept in the titles of kings and eristav-lords: King of Kartli,/ king of the entire Kartli, erstav of Kartli/eristav of entire Kartli.