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### KARTVELIAN ANTHROPNYMS ACCORDING TO THE CATHOLICATE LIST OF ABKHAZIA

Medieval legal documents are of specific importance for the study of Kartvelian anthroponyms. These documents contain the names of both Georgian and foreign origin. The 17<sup>th</sup> century document entitled *the Catholicate List of Abkhazia* is used in the proposed analysis. The very document provides a clear description of the situation typical to the most part of Western Georgia by 1621. The article deals with those composite personal names that originate from Georgian environment.

The analysis of the proposed material revealed that in spite of the spread of new, official names, the traditional names, namely, the anthroponyms of Kartvelian origin have not been forgotten. The majority of names included in *the Catholicate List of Abkhazia* evokes an impression of a nickname due to their semantics; however, due to the fact that the discussed materials represent an official legal document, any of the personal names indicated in these materials is therefore considered as an official personal name.