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FAMOUS GEORGIAN WOMEN IN FOLKLORE

The heroism, bravery, patriotism, honesty and high moralsof Georgians have been known since ancient times with a Georgian woman particularly having all the above qualities.

Georgian women together with men always stood as defenders of their nation and country. That is why Georgians survived countless invaders and did not disappear from history.

Written monuments describe that Georgian women together with men were actively involved both in political and civil life. Some good examples are Kartlos's wife, Ghadana –the wife of Pharasmanes II the Brave,Gurandukht – Bagrat III's mother. Queen Mariam – the wife of George I, Rusudani – George III's sister, Tamari – the King of Kings, Queen Ketevan and many others.

Women from the peasant circles together with devoted nobles fought for defense, strengthening and freedom of their country. The mother of nine Brothers Kherkheulidze, DarejanShildeli,TinaPharsmeli, Bulbula Kvishkheteli,Kristine,the woman from Bodbe,MaiaTskneteli, Tina Tsavkisel, TamroVashlovaneli and many others belong to this glorious group. They devotedly fought not only against the enemies but also against social oppression. Georgians immortalized glorious deeds of these women and conveyed them in folklore for future generations. Due to heroic courage of Georgian women the nationwithstood all the vicissitudes of history.