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### MARGARET STIRLING ABOUT GEORGIA

Georgia with its location, history and traditions has numerous times become the object of interest for foreign travelers. Despite the fact that it wasn't an independent country in the 19<sup>th</sup>–20<sup>th</sup> centuries, it still attracted foreigners' interest. As it is known, most of the travelers were Europeans with different missions. Unlike Europeans a relatively small number of Americans visited Georgia in the 19<sup>th</sup>–20<sup>th</sup> centuries. The article is focused on one of them – Margaret Stirling, who visited Russian Empire, including our country, in 1902. The same year, upon her return to America the American traveler published her impressions in the newspaper "The New York Times".

The American traveler's article quite interestingly describes the life of those times in Tbilisi and Batumi. While traveling in Georgia she also visited Dusheti, Ananuri, Pasaauri, Gudauri as well as other villages and residential areas of our country.

Interest towards the above-mentioned publication is essentially caused by the fact that the American traveler impressionably depicts the situation in Georgia at the beginning of the 20<sup>th</sup> century.