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FROM THE HISTORICAL TOPONYMY OF APKHAZETI ("SIDA", "SUBEISHI", "TSQABA")

The paper provides the analysis of history and etymology of three Abkhazian toponyms attested in Georgian written sources. Discussion is offered on geographic names such as "Sida", "Subeishi" and "Tsqaba". Specialists have proposed differing assumptions concerning their origin and content. Structural and etymological analysis provides an opportunity to reconsider all three toponyms as names of Kartvelian, particularly, Megrelian origin.