

# NIKOLOZ OTINASHVILI

## TOPONOMASTIC MATERIALS OF THE VILLAGE OF DZEGLEVI

The village is situated in Ksani Gorge of Akhagori Region, the 5-mile distance from the regional center, of the west of the Lomis-Alevi Slope.

The surnames of the inhabitants of the village are: Sabiashvili, Tamarashvili, Tsiptauri, Imerlishvili, Matsiashvili, Shugliashvili, Tatarashvili, Gajikashvili, Chokhuri, Bedoshvili, Kakhishvili, Rusitashvili, Gigauri, and Kisievi.

The village is mentioned in some historical documents such as „The Census of Kartli-Kakheti” written by Ioane Bagrationi, the famous encyclopedist of the second half of the 18<sup>th</sup> century.

According to the „The Census of Ksani Gorge” made in 1781, Ivane Dogriashvili, Pilipe Gigauri, Beria Javakhishvili lived in the village of Rgevi; they were the peasants of Zurab Pitskhelauri living in the village of Ikoti.

In 1771 the member of the Russian Academy of Sciences Johann Anton Gldenstdt Guldenshteti, during his travel in Zemo Kartli, recorded data on Ksani Gorge and mentioned even the name of the village Dzeglevi.

Studying the toponomastics of the village is very important for the gorge as well. For example, „Records of income” made by Tornike Eristavi in 1822, provide valuable information about toponymy and anthroponymy of those times. David, Giorgi, Gabro Ghvtisavarishvilis, Gigo Chokhuri, Abrama, Zakaria Osishvilis lived there who no longer live but we can identify the traces of their lives in toponomastics. So can be said about the materials of the lives of the Tsiptauris, Tatarashvilis, Shugliashvilis.

The Ghvtisavarishvilis lived in the south of the village, where the examples of mycrotoponyms were attested as provided in the following forms: Giorgi Ghvtisavarishvili, „Giorgaant Tskaro (i.e.Stream)”. The surname of Gabro corresponds to „Gabro Napudzari”, the former place where they lived though no longer live, and the place is covered with shrubs and forest.

The surname Osishvili corresponds to „Osiaant Valleys”, while Chokhuri corresponds to „Chokhurt Stream”.

In total, there are 50 surnames with different forms but they have the common Georgian endings.

In toponymy we can identify the surnames with -urn suffix such as Kenkuri, Kodalauri, Pkhachuri etc., or the surnames with the ending -ant: Kakhaant, Eliaant, Rusitaant akho, as well as the words with the endings -eb, -an, -et.