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### TERM “HULA” ACCORDING TO GEORGIAN HISTORICAL DOCUMENTS

The term “hula” (ხულა) with its various meanings occurs in the historical documents that date back to the 17<sup>th</sup>–18<sup>th</sup> centuries. In order to identify and clarify such meanings, the article investigates and summarizes the Georgian historical documents and the data of ethnographic materials. It has been revealed that the term was applied to express the following meanings:

1. hula – is a facility for storing dry products and *tableware*.
2. hula – considering its main features, a sacral building related to the forces of fertility.
3. hula, huhula (ხუხულა) – was used to call a small hut, a temporary lodging for the night.

The study of the Georgian historical documents clearly reveals that the term “hula” (ხულა) denoted a trading house, a baryl house in West Georgia of the above-mentioned period.