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SURNAMES OF ASPINDZA MUNICIPALITY ACCORDING TO HISTORICAL SOURCES

The article discusses the anthroponyms spread throughout the *Aspindza Municipality*, according to the historical sources (i.e. *The Great Book of Vilayet of Gurjistan*, *Meskheta Chronicles*, "Books of Remembrance of the Amilkhvani and Kopasidze families", and "The Topkapi Palace Archive"), presenting structural and semantic analysis of the above sources.

The proposed article investigates the names attested in the above-mentioned documents that served as a basis for further development of surnames as well as nickname-type surnames.

It appears that some of the surnames documented as far back as the 16th century still occur in the *Aspindza Municipality*, while others remain part of toponyms. The examination of historical sources shows that naming in Georgian is tolerant, and the use of names as surname components ensures Georgianized forms.