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## ON HISTORY OF WORD *MANIAKI*

The ancient Georgian written sources quite frequently feature the word **maniaḳi** meaning “necklace”.

The lexical item under discussion is not attested in medieval monuments (“The Knight in the Panther’s Skin”, “Visramiani”, Didmouraviani, Archiliani, Shahnameh versions, Davitiani, Kalila and Dimna, A Book of Wisdom and Lies, etc.). The above lexical item is defined in the 15<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> century vocabularies (by N. Chubinashvili, D. Chsubinashvili, S. S. Orbeliani, T. Bagrationi, etc.) probably based on ancient written monuments.

**maniaḳi** is also attested in the Explanatory Dictionary of the Georgian Language with an example from “The Right Hand of the Grand Master” by K. Gamsakhurdia. **maniaḳi** is found infound in Georgian legal documents, namely, in the “History of the Eristavs” (1348-1400) where it appears as an archaism.

No parallel unsuffixed form of the **maniaḳi** lexeme exists. Cf. **ĉala/ĉalaki, glaḥa/glaḥaki**, etc.

The **-aḳ** element in the nominal stem of **maniaḳ** has no diminutive concept. Presumably, **maniaḳi** could have been transferred from Persian into both Georgian and Armenian.