

ON VOCABULARY OF IMERETIAN DIALECT (ACCORDING TO OKRIBA MATERIALS)

ABSTRACT

Exploring, recording and documenting of the dialect vocabulary is an important process for a thorough study of a language vocabulary, the more especially as a certain part of lexical units which is of tremendous importance for our everyday life disappears being gradually neglected.

The article deals with interesting word forms attested in Imereti, specifically, in the villages of Orpiri community. The materials were recorded during 1993-98 by the staff of Scientific-Research institute of Kartvelian Dialectology (currently, the Center for Kartvelology) affiliated to Akaki Tsereteli State University. The word forms of Imeretian dialect are presented in comparison with the data of the Explanatory Dictionary of the Georgian Language, and other dictionaries of various dialects.

The analyzed materials have been divided into several groups:

1. Words that are not found in published dictionaries: murķucobda “was moving”, čamosarķalda “she has turned pretty/she turned pretty”, etc.
2. Words that are attested in other dialects, though are missing from the dictionaries of Imeretian dialect: baciķala “small/little”, čapuqli “ragged, damaged”, etc.
3. Words that have different form or meaning: apañurebs “s/he is blinking”, ģinčilat “less”, ģvlipi “small/little”, etc.
4. Interesting word combinations and phrases occur.

The examined Imeretian word forms are important for the purposes of expanding and improving the vocabulary of the Georgian language.

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