

**DEPICTION OF HISTORICAL REALITIES
IN THE BOOK JOURNEY TO ARARAT
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ABSTRACT

Georgia, with its rich history and diverse nature, has always been a subject of special interest to visitors from around the world. This explains the fact that most of the travelers who arrived in the country actively tried to do sightseeing in certain parts of Georgia.

One such person was the German naturalist and traveler Johann Friedrich Parrott who as a member of a scientific expedition to Transcaucasia visited our country (including Kutaisi) twice in 1811 and 1829. Johann Friedrich Parrott was the first scientist to carry out a successful expedition to Mount Ararat in 1829 and to record the results of that expedition in writing.

In particular, the impressions of the scientific expedition and stay in Georgia organized by J. F. Parrott on Mount Ararat are narrated in his book *Journey to Ararat*. Following author's death, the book was first published in London in 1845. The impressions of a German naturalist about his travels in many cities and regions of our country are narrated in an interesting way. The proposed paper analyzes the part of the book that addresses the German colonies in Georgia. Unfortunately, the above-mentioned book remains beyond the focus of scholars' attention.

It should be noted without exaggeration that the above-mentioned work of Johann Friedrich Parrot is inevitably an important foreign source for scholars interested in the relevant period of the history of Georgia.

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