

Derivation of Oikonyms in Dido

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Abstract

When studying oikonyms, it is important, on the one hand, to discuss their derivational features and determine their localization, and, on the other hand, to clarify the etymological issues of such names. It is also actual to interpret the names of the current settlements on the territory of Dido and establish their genesis, as most of them are ancient.

This paper presents the regularities and peculiarities of the derivation of oikonyms in a Dido language. It is clear, that historically the territory inhabited by Dido people had a certain area of distribution, in which the settlements were found to have both their own Dido names and Avar names. Along with this, several oikonyms of Georgian origin were noticed. In addition, the paper provides a historical interpretation of a number of oikonyms and an attempt to establish their genesis, as illustrated by relevant examples.