

FAMILY NAMES OR PATRONYMICS GJAKOVA TOWN AND ITS SURROUNDINGS

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Abstract

This paper presents a summary of Onomastics that consists of two large groups of names: a / names of people or personal names (anthroponomy) and their respective family names (patronymic) and b / place names (toponyms), that being numerous and varied may be grouped under other divisions. Certainly, this paper will be focused on family names or patronymic that is of special importance to be researched and presented. Precisely, first of all it should be mentioned the circumstance since the early Albanian tradition in general patronymic richness, that names formed in Gjakova and its surroundings constitute an undisputed wealth in this region, unused toward onomastics as a new scientific discipline. It is as interesting as important science, in terms of research that offers opportunities of related and interdisciplinary reviews, that leads to valuable conclusions, especially in the case of languages with late testimony of writing as the Albanian language is. From a point of view to general revision, it is understood that the family names or patronymic have an uninterrupted reciprocation and as a consequence of that they have personal names (anthroponomy), with early Albanian tradition. For example: Personal father’s name has served as the family name, because at the top it was patronymic in genitive (Marku i Gjonit, Marta e Zef Lleshit, Anxhelina e Tomës, Vilsoni i Ndrecës, Filja e Dedës ; John’s Mark, Zef’s Marta, Tom’s Angelina, Ndreca’s Wilson, Deda’s Filja), or even in three member’s form (Marku i Gjon Gjergjit, Marta e Zef Lleshit, Anxhelina e Tomë Dedës etc. John George’s Mark, Zef Lleshi’s Marta, Tom Deda’s Angelina, etc.). This paper will do as much research of family names and patronymic in the town of Gjakova and its surrounding villages and their use.

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