

# Visual Anthropology and Folklore of the Peripheries

Part Three

Provinces of Georgia in the Ethnographic Sketches of  
Nino Brailashvili,  
1930-1980s

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# GEORGIA AND NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES



# HISTORICAL AND ETHNOGRAPHIC PROVINCES OF GEORGIA





Types of Dwelling Structures of the Different Provinces of Georgia

## Mestia, Upper Svaneti



Cholashi Village in Svaneti, 1946



House and Tower in the Ienashi Village, Svaneti, 1944





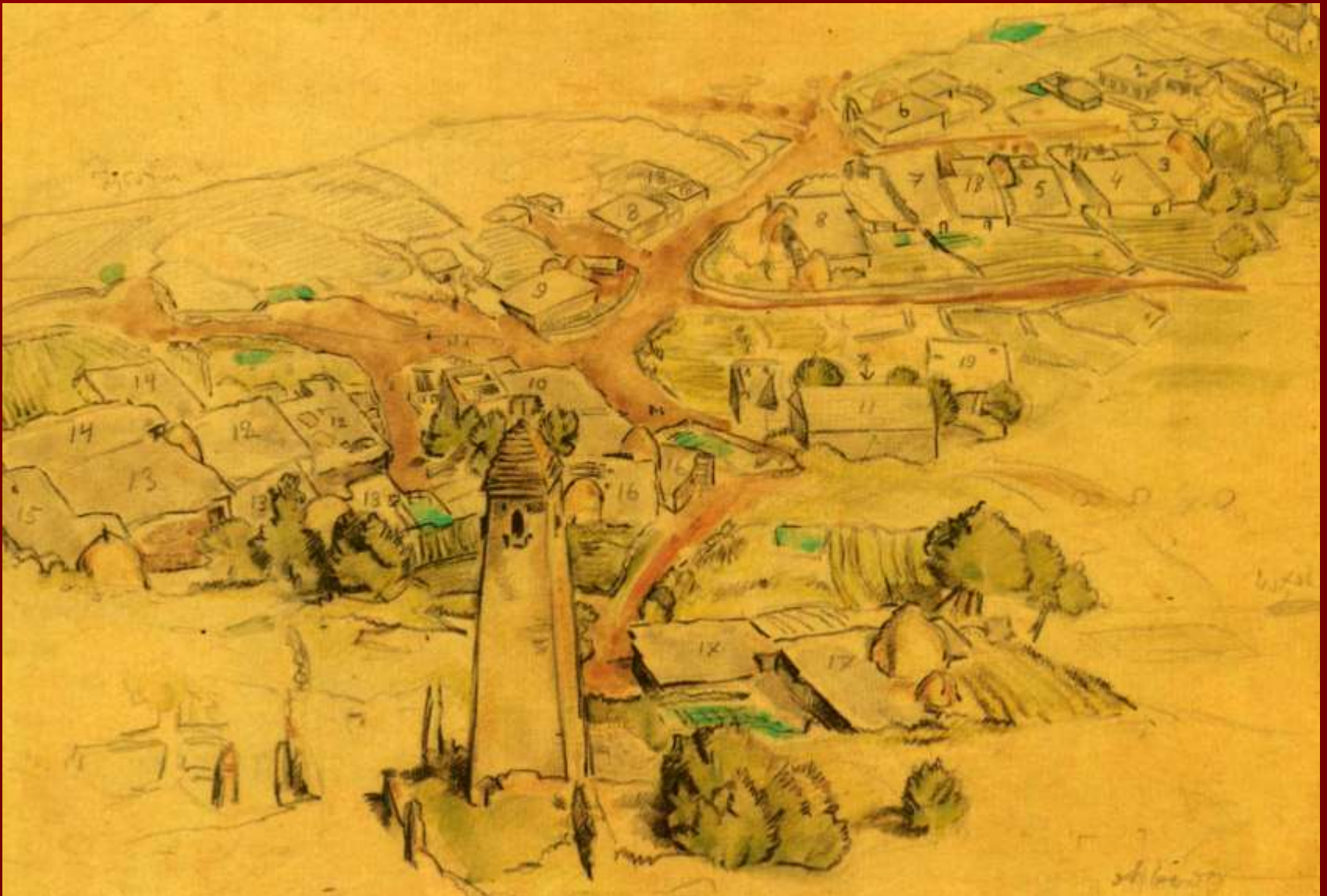
House of Kosta Pirveli in the  
Iphari Village,  
Svaneti, 1944





Women from Racha,  
Ghebi Village, 1949

Akhieli Village, Arkhoti Community, Khevsureti, 1947



Section of a house in Khevsureti

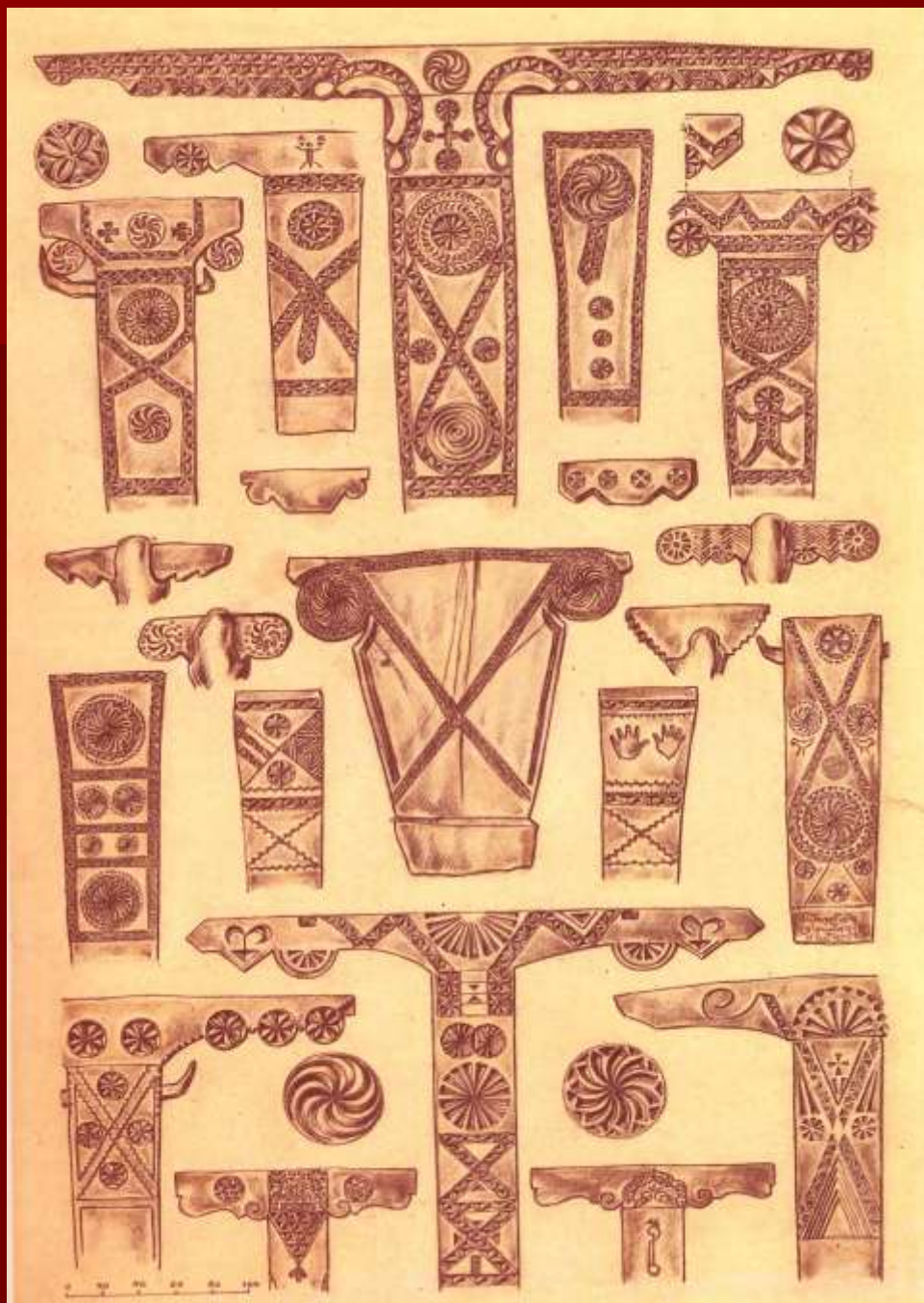


# Khevsur Woman with a churn





Furniture and Household Utensils

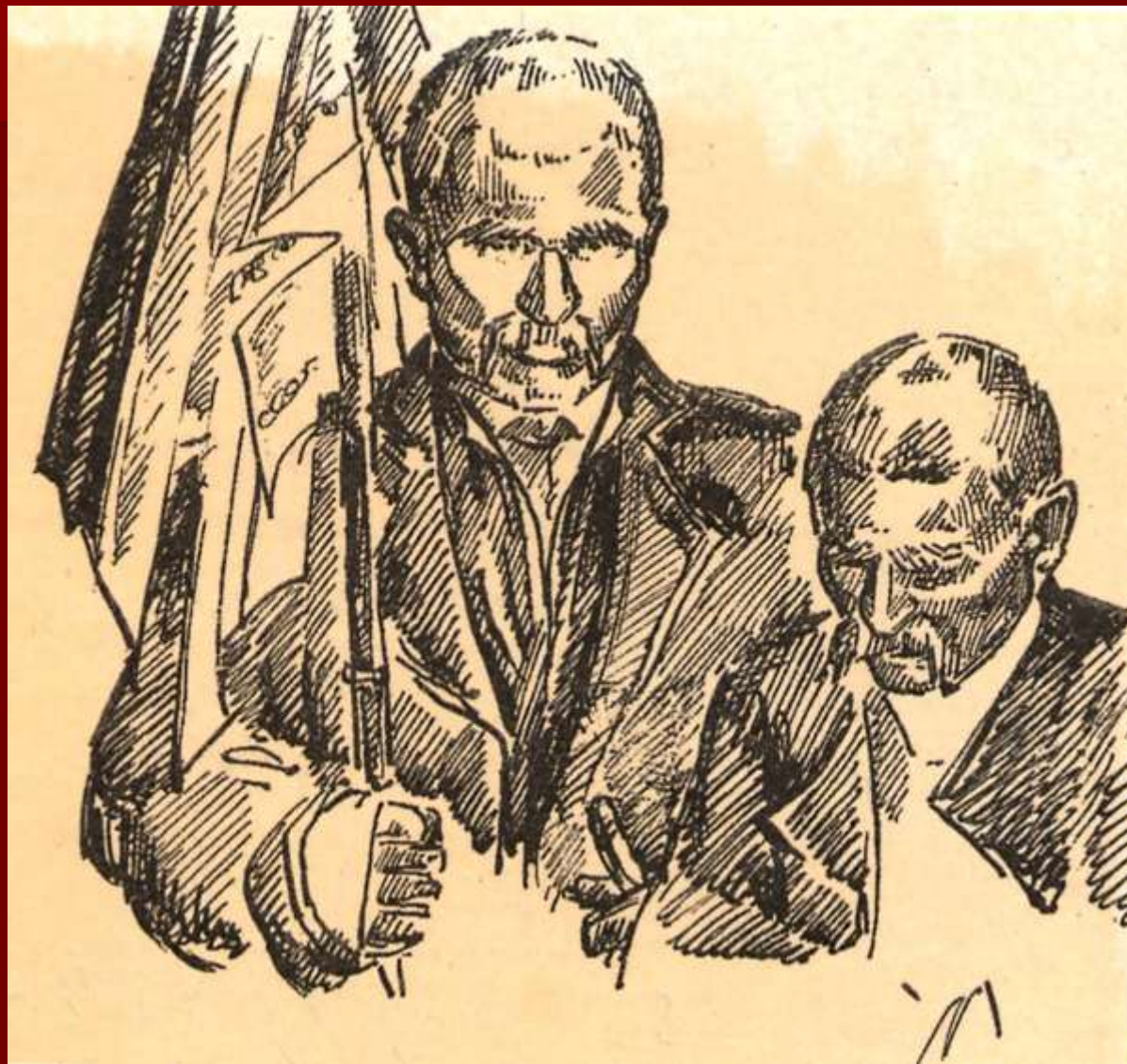


Different Types of  
"Mother-Columns"



Sacred Flag-Cross,  
Iori Gorge  
Kakheti, 1939-40

Self-appointed Chief-priest and a Sacred Flag-bearer,  
Iori Gorge, Kakheti, 1939-40







Stand for the  
Votive Phials,  
Akhieli Village,  
Arkhoti Community,  
Khevsureti, 1947

Possessed Woman in the Khatkhevi Village,  
Iori Gorge, 1939-40





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Small Silver Icons



Alehouse of Copala's Shrine,  
(interior, section, plan and a bowl  
for brewing beer)  
Devtnasoplari,  
Kushkhevi Village,  
Iori Gorge, Kakheti, 1939-40

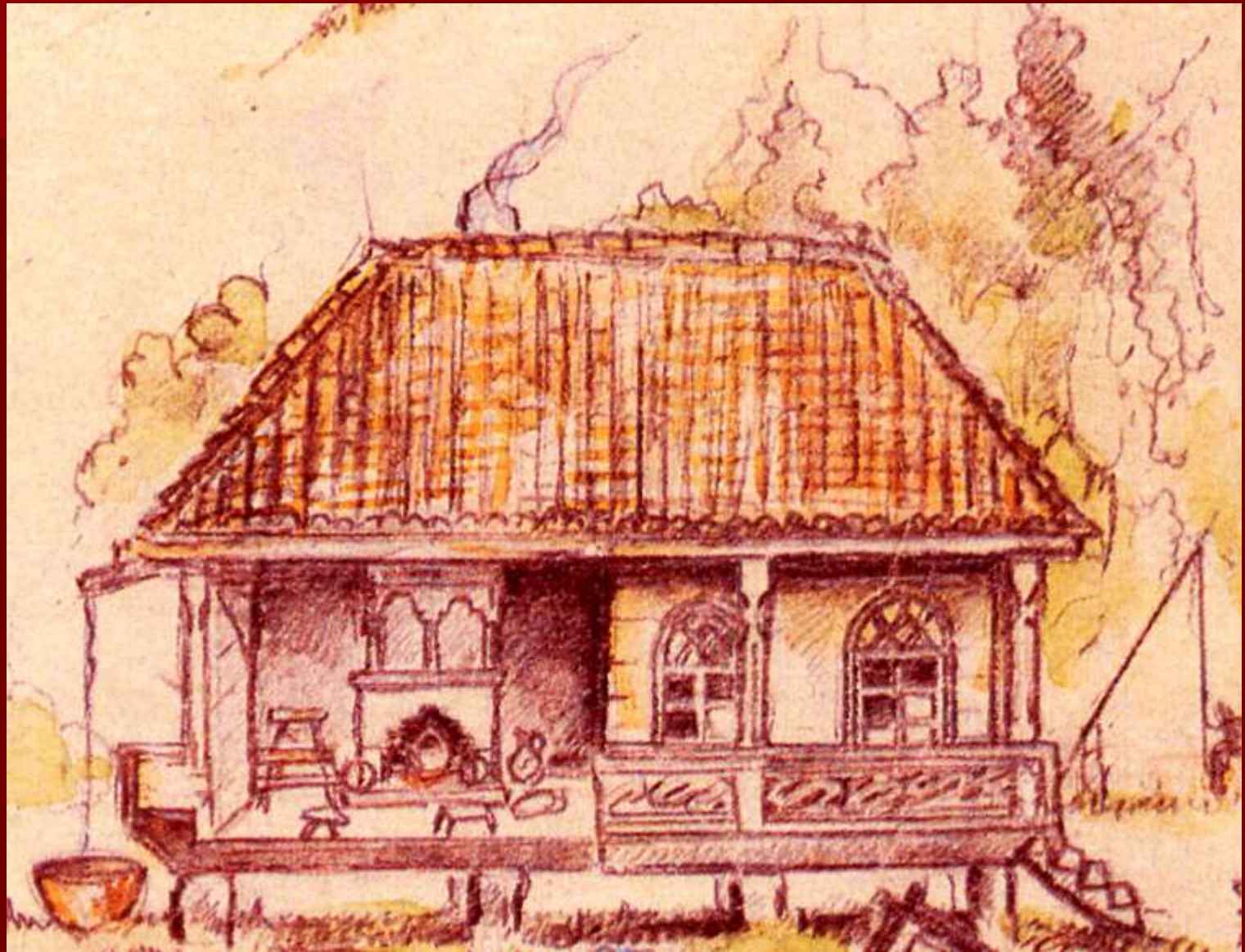
House in the Gremiskhevi Village, Kartli, 1947

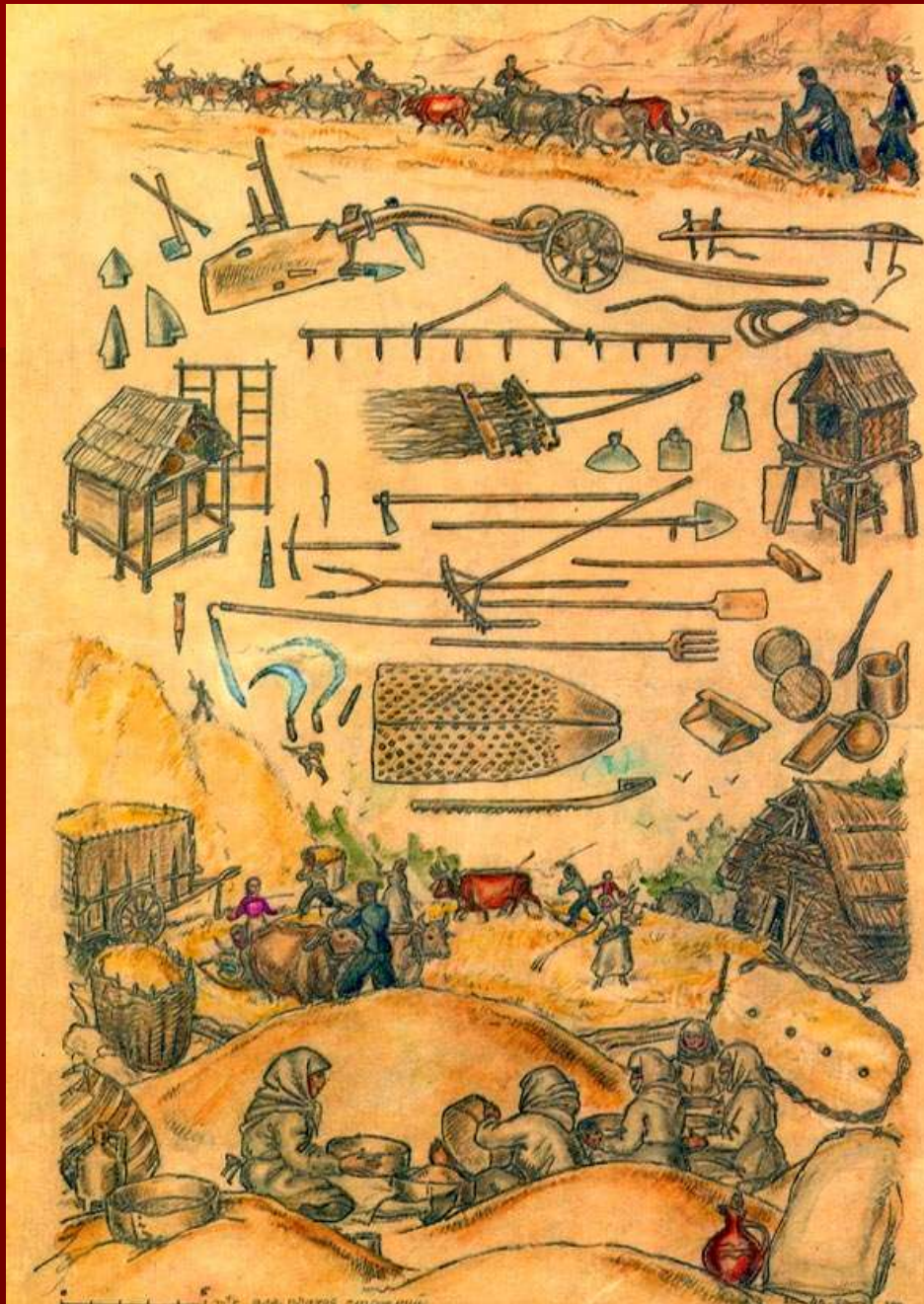


Interior of the House with a "Mother-Column," Shida Kartli, 1947



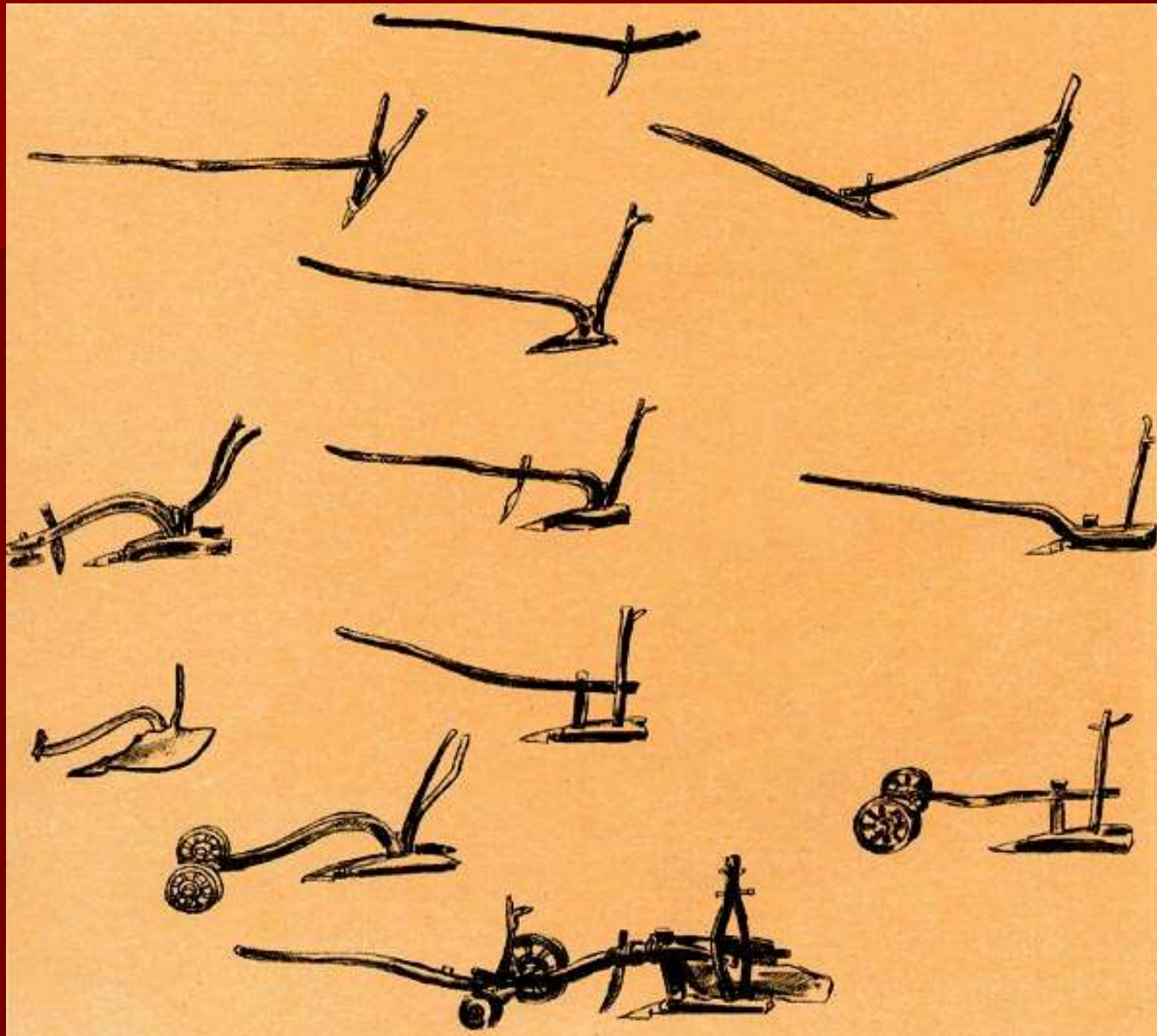
Western Georgian House "Oda," 1949





Farming



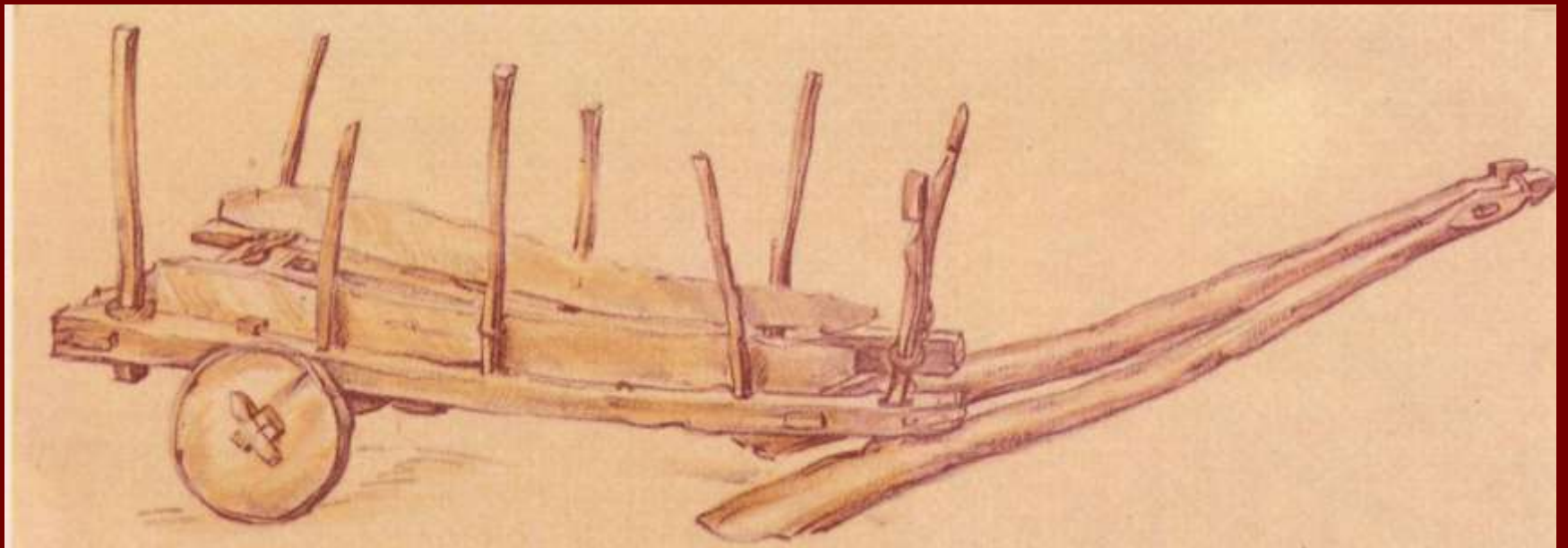


Types of Ploughs  
in Georgia



## Means of Transportation and Communication

## Bullock Cart – “Uremi”



Georgians, Ethnic Groups and Their Costumes,  
Georgian Highlanders: Tush, Khevsurs, Svans and Rachians



Georgians, Ethnic Groups and Their Costumes,  
East Georgians: Kartlian Peasant, Townsman-craftsman,  
Townsman-merchant, Upper class Kartl-Kakhetians and Ingilos



Georgians, Ethnic Groups and Their Costumes,  
West Georgians: Megrel-Gurians, Imeretians and Acharians





Details of Khevsur Woman's Dress,  
Early 1960ies



Elements of Georgian National  
Costume

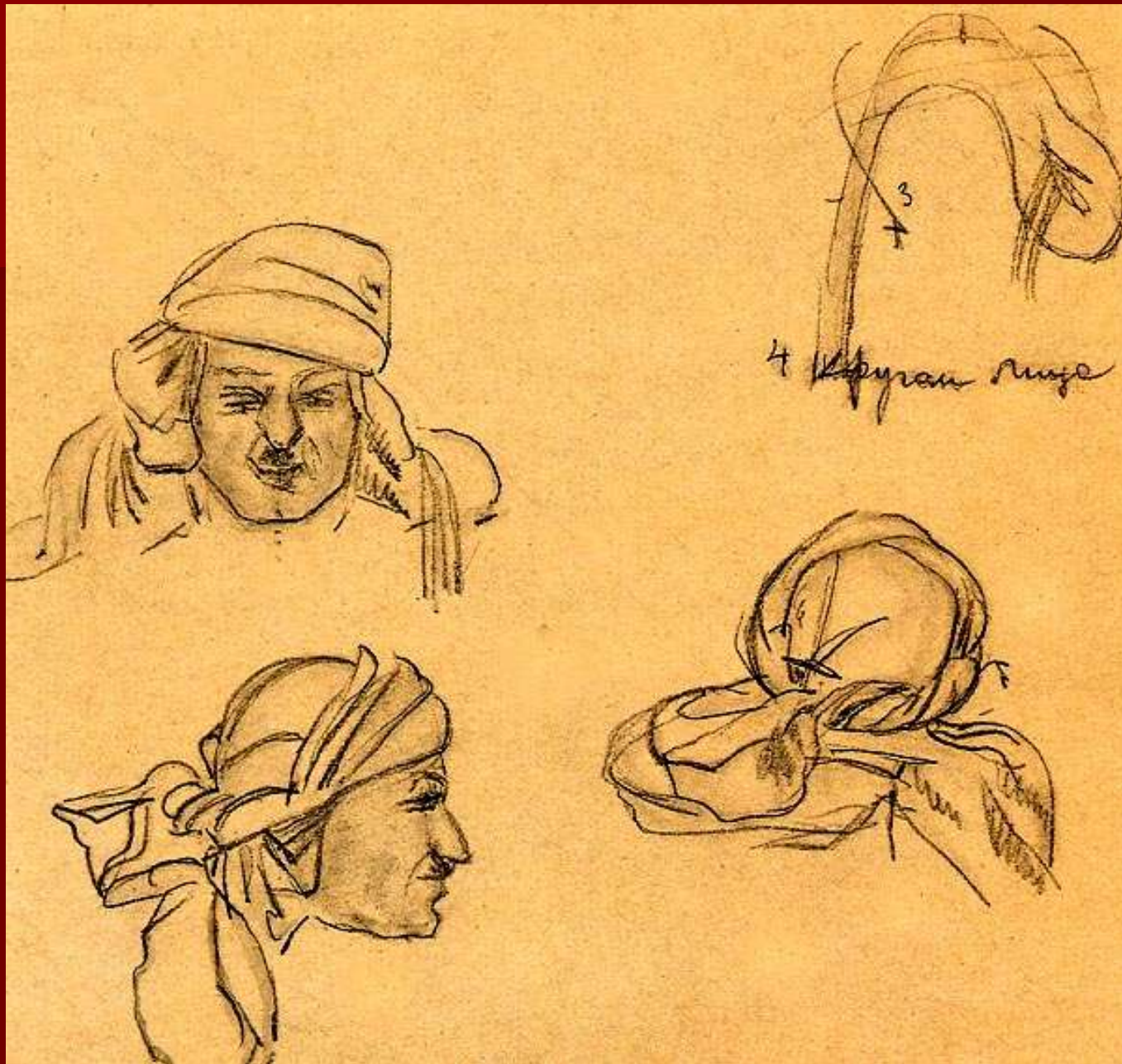


## Headgear of a Married Woman in Khevsureti



# Headgear of a Woman in Mourning





Man's Headgear  
"Qabalakhi," or  
"Bashilaku,"  
Different Ways of  
wearing it in  
Samegrelo



Old Man Wearing "Qabalakhi,"  
Imereti, 1937-39



74-Year Old Man Parmen Giorgidze  
From the Khani Village,  
Imereti, 1937



Greek Woman from Tsalka,  
Trialeti Province, 1937



Kist Woman from the Zebota Village,  
Iori Gorge, Kakheti Province, 1939



Tbilisi Merchant of the 19<sup>th</sup> Century





Doll from Khevsureti Province,  
Late 1930ies



Doll from Khevi Province,  
Late 1930ies



Doll from Kartli Province,  
Late 1930ies



Doll from Svaneti Province,  
Late 1930ies



Doll from Kartli Province,  
Late 1930ies



Doll Dressed European Costume  
with Georgian National Headwear  
(Lechaki, Chikhtikopi and Kavebi),  
Kartli Province, 1930ies



Doll from Tusheti Province,  
Late 1930ies



Man Doll,  
Tusheti Province,  
Late 1930ies





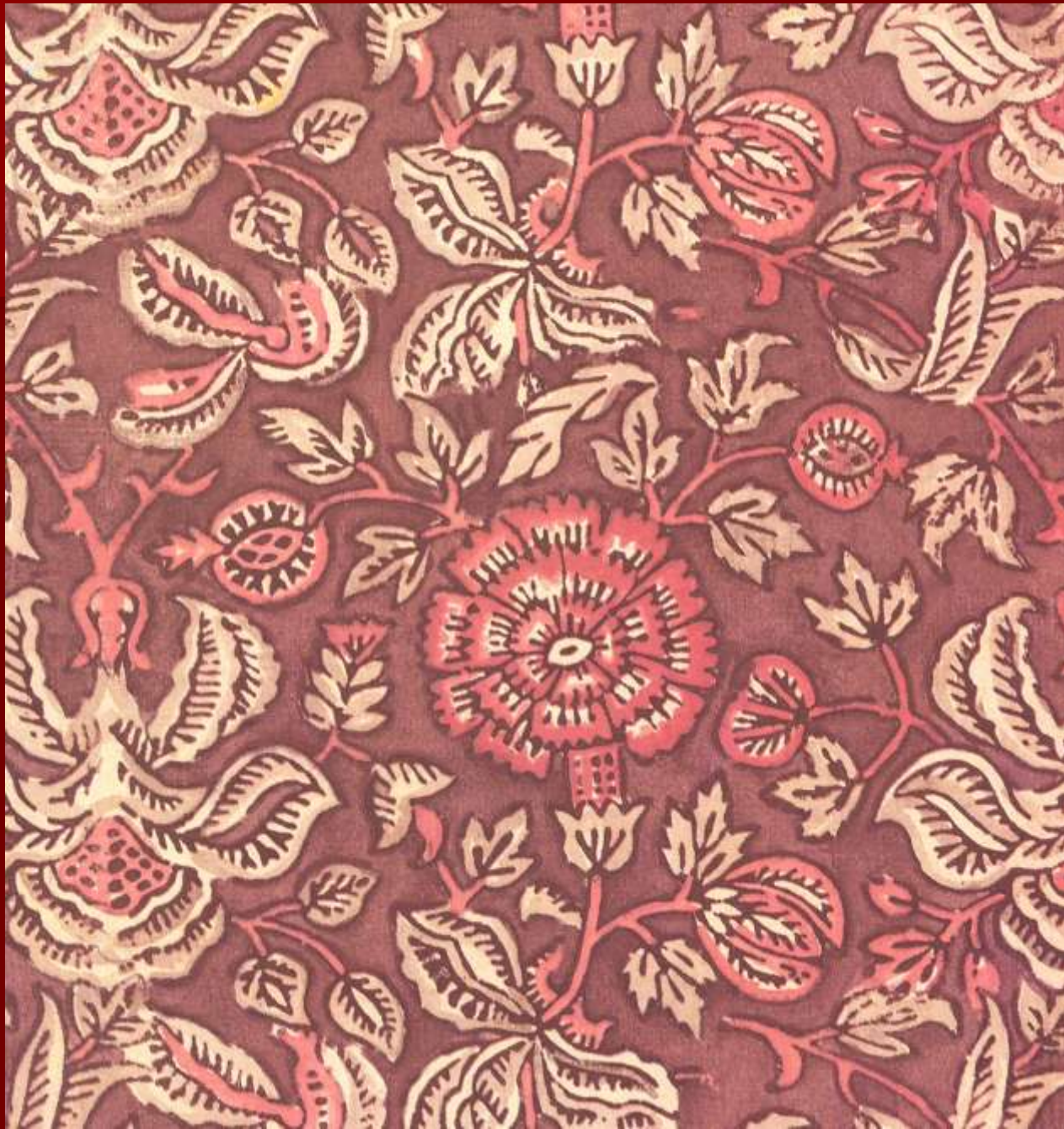
Doll from Khevi Province,  
Late 1930ies



Doll from Saingilo, Azerbaijan,  
Late 1930ies



Doll from Svaneti Province  
Late 1930ies,



Example  
Of Georgian  
Printed Cloth



Example of  
Georgian Printed  
Cloth



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Examples of  
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Printed Cloth



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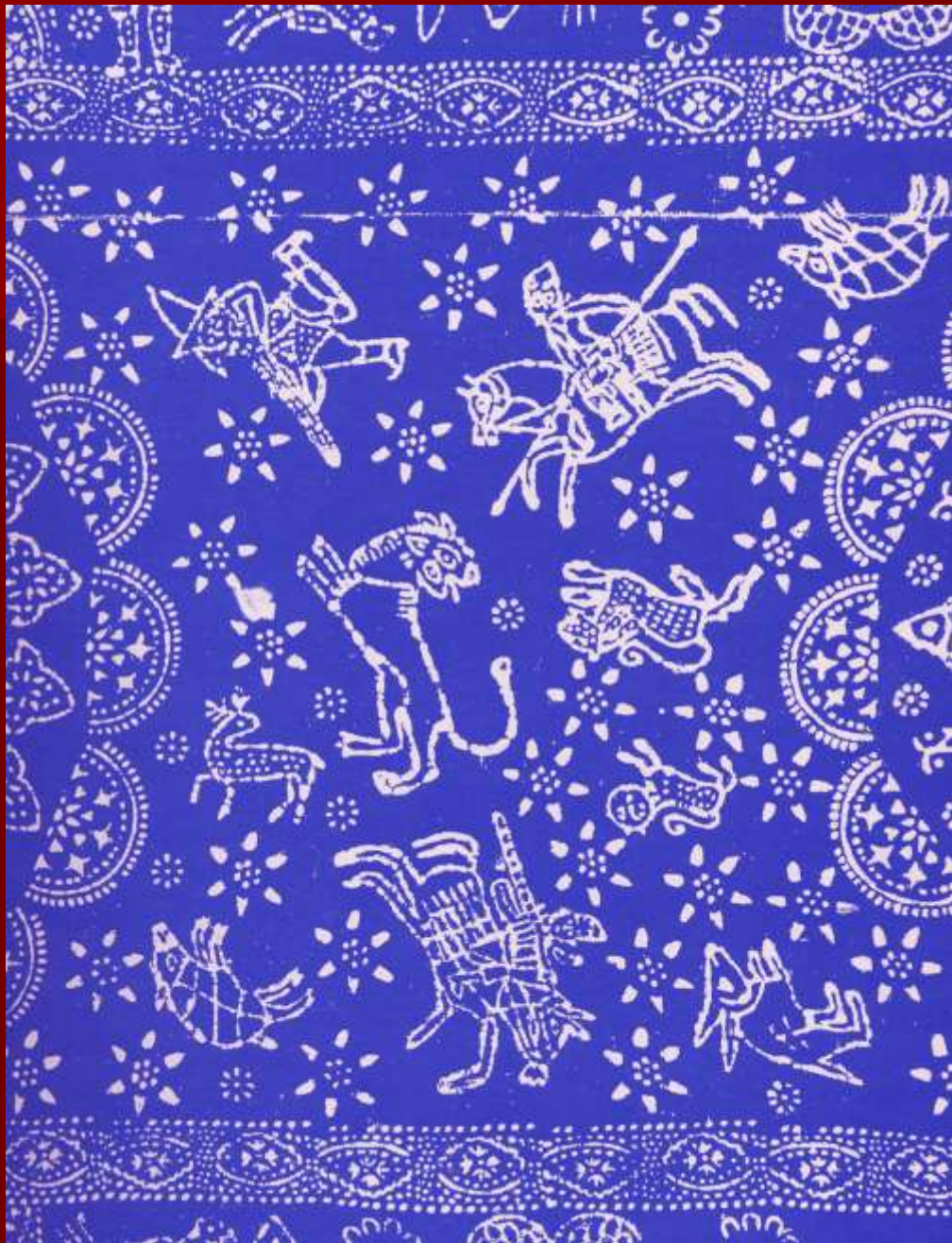




Small Tablecloth



Detail of Blue  
Tablecloth



Fragment of Tablecloth

Blue Tablecloth from the  
Amiri Village,  
Mtiuleti

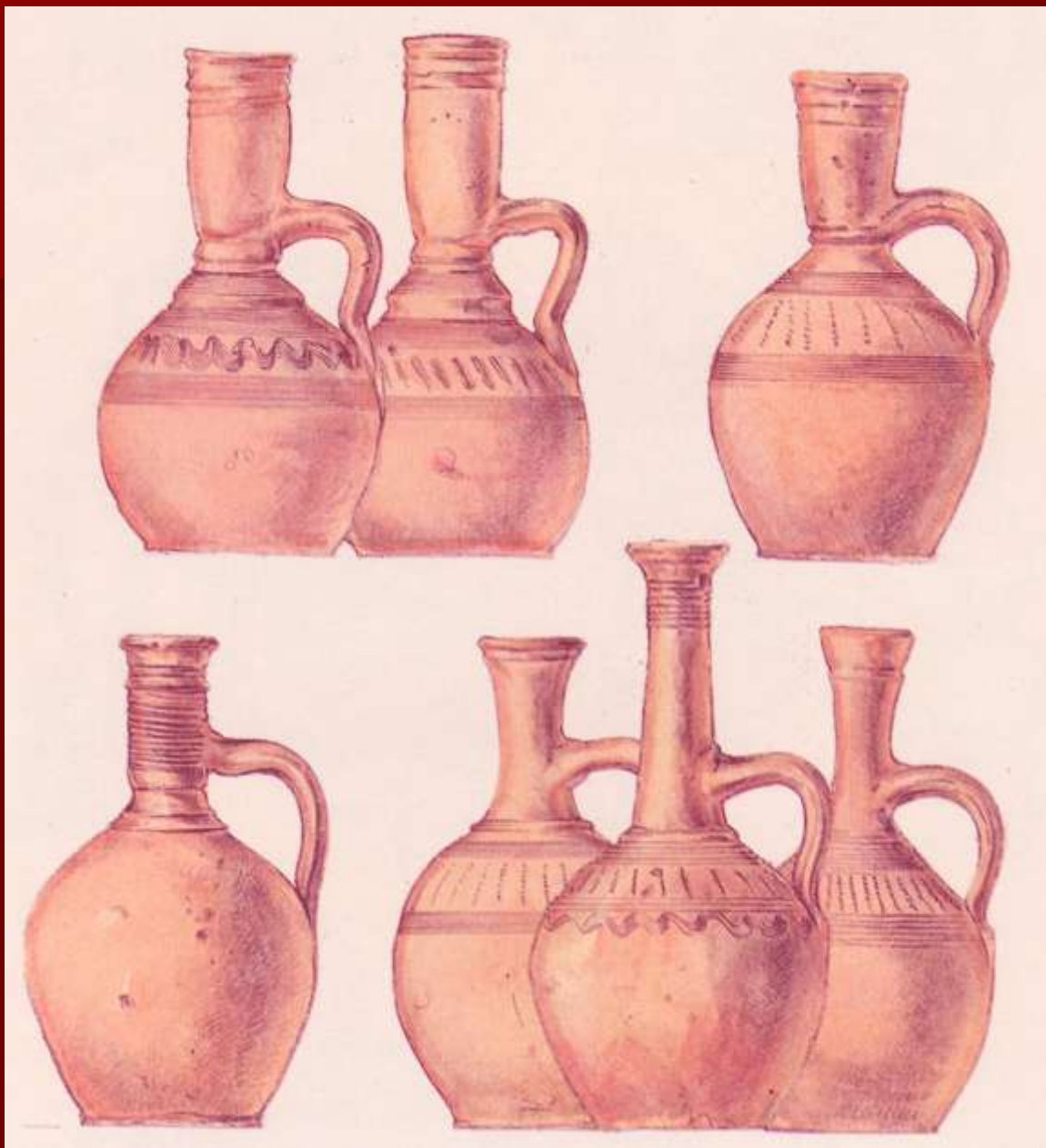




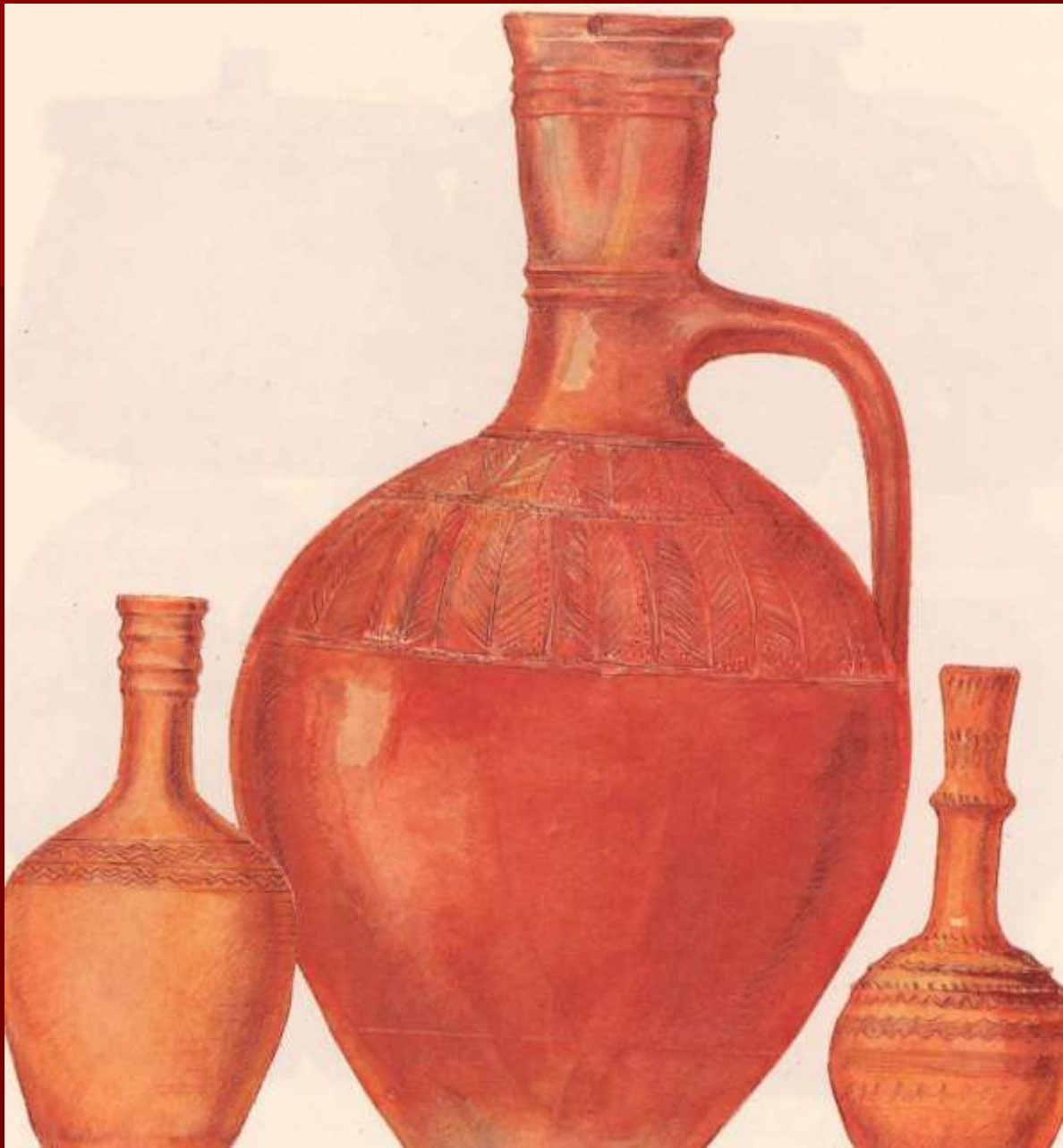
Wooden Earthenware and  
Metal Utensils



Glazed  
Pottery

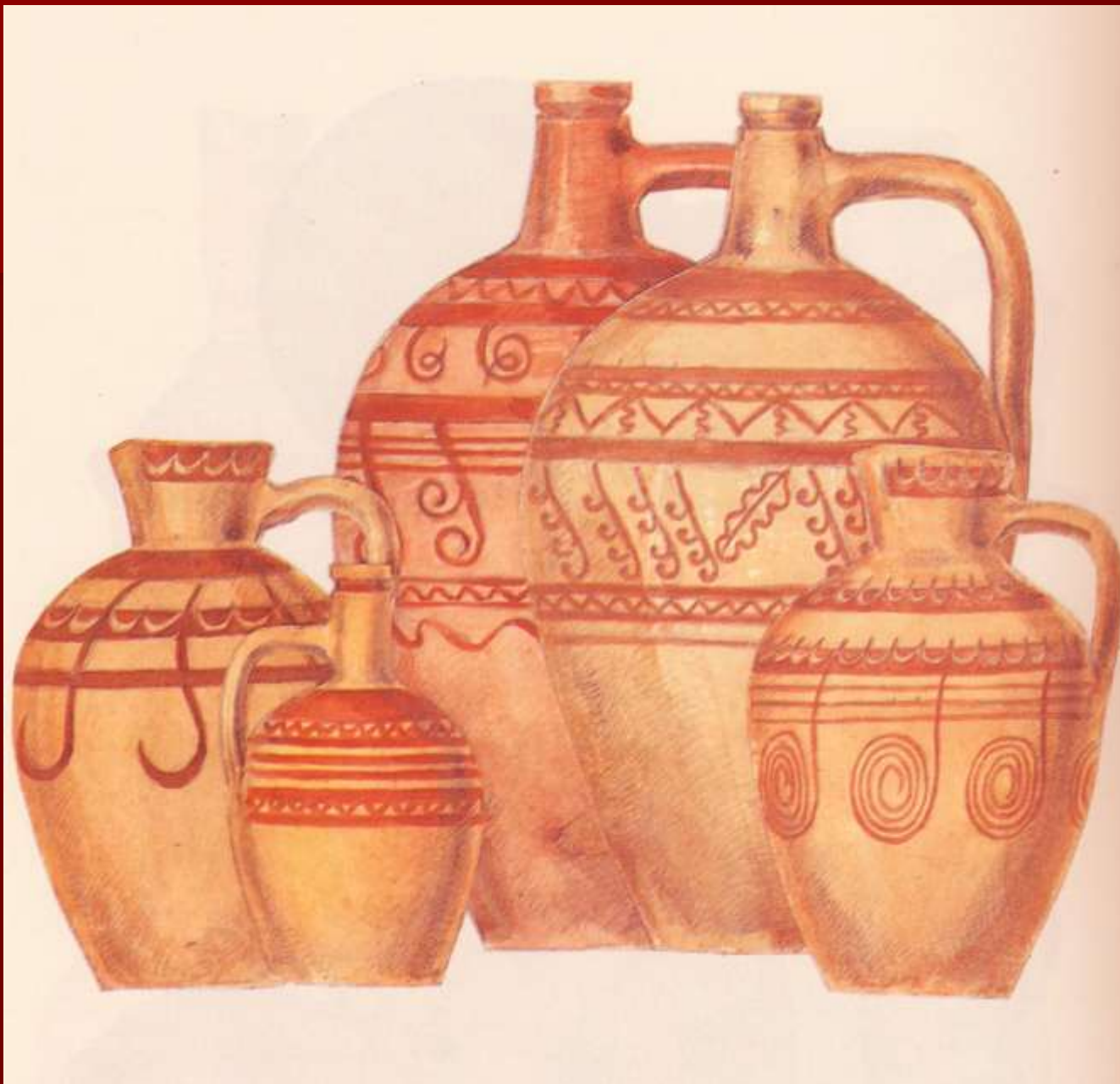


Read Earthenware,  
"Khelada" Jugs,  
Mtskheta, Kartli

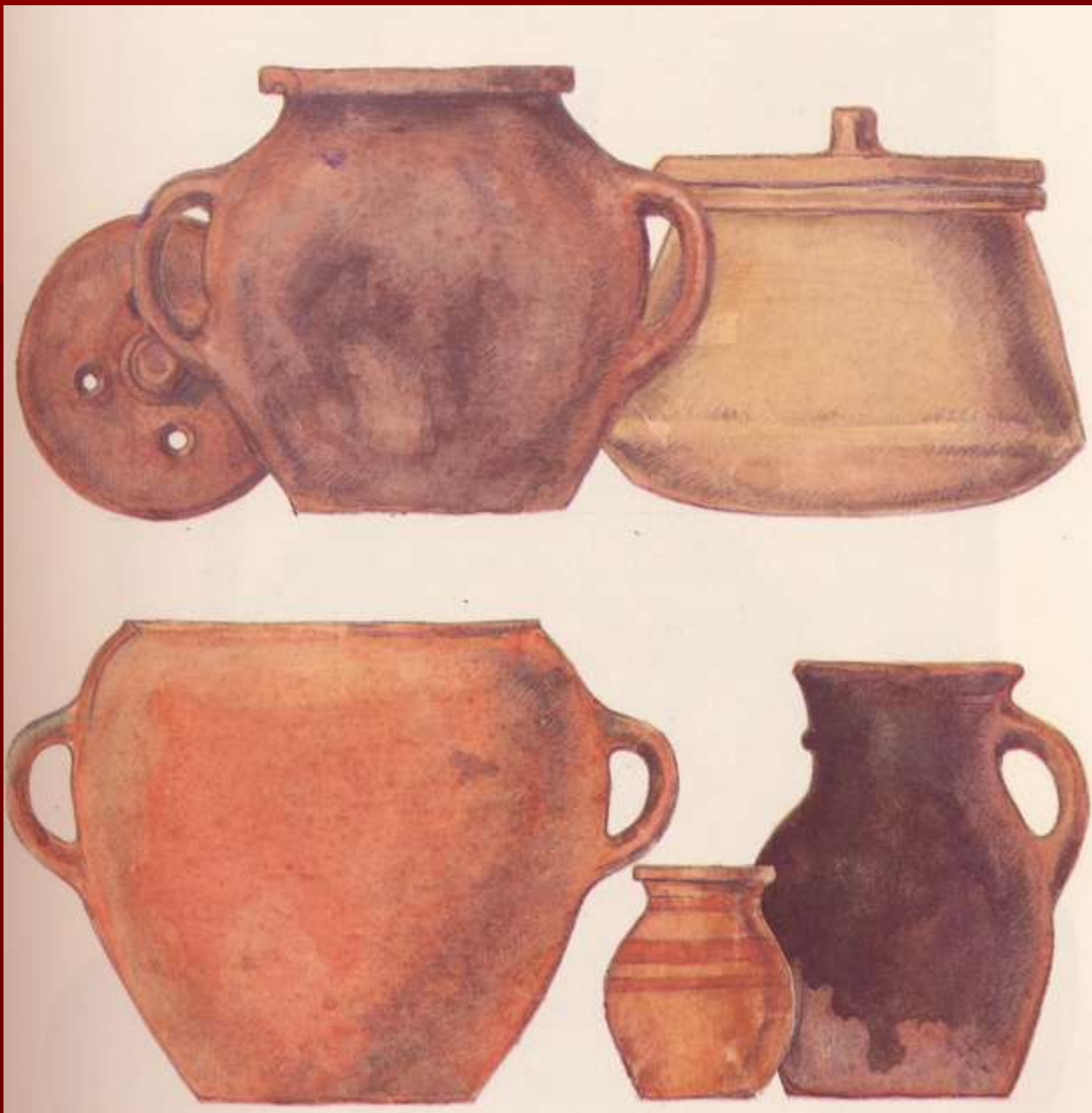


Red Earthenware,  
"Sura" and "Kocka"  
from Saingilo,  
Azerbaijan, 1963





Red Earthenware,  
Painted Vessels  
for Water,  
Tianeti Village,  
Pshavi



## Red Earthenware

1. Vessel for  
"Satsivi", Imereti

2. Cauldron –  
"kvabkotana" for  
Cooking,

Vanati Village,  
Kartli

3. Vessel for  
Storing Cheese –  
"Dergi"

4. "Kotchobi,"

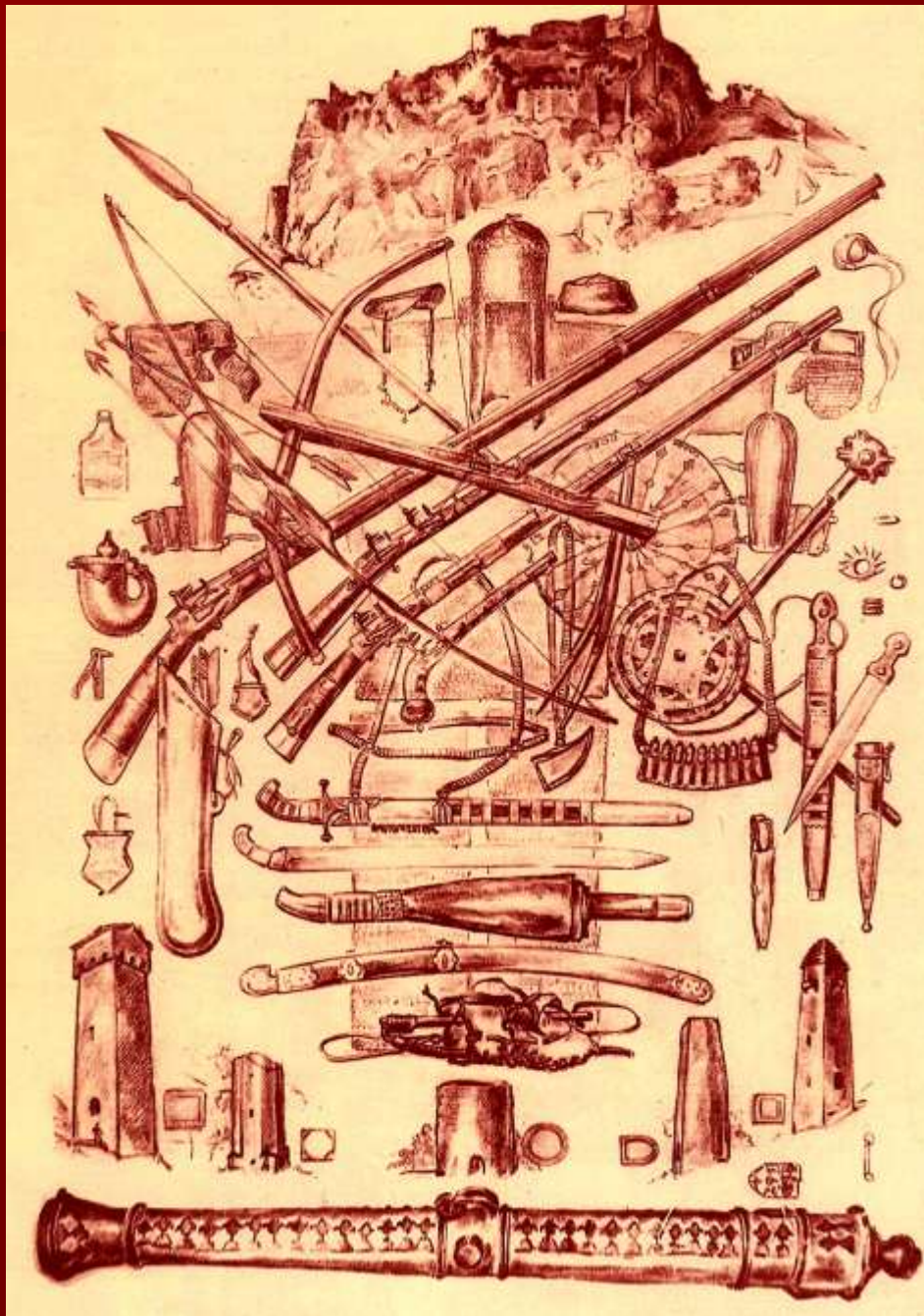
5. "Sadughari,"

Vanati Village,  
Kartli

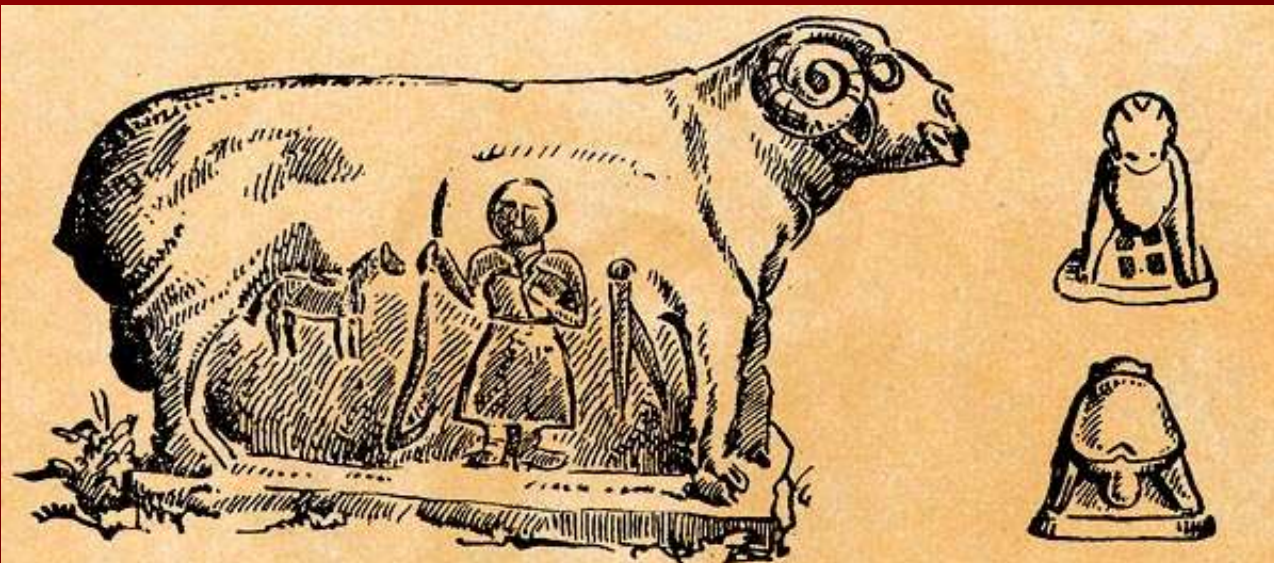


- Red Earthenware
1. Ritual Stamp for Bread, Tbilisi
  2. "Ketsi" for Baking Cornflower Bread
  3. Stand for Spits, Samegrelo
  4. Stand for Roasting Chickens, Lechkhumi
  5. Bowl for Meat Dish - "Chanakhi," Bodbiskhevi, Kiziqi

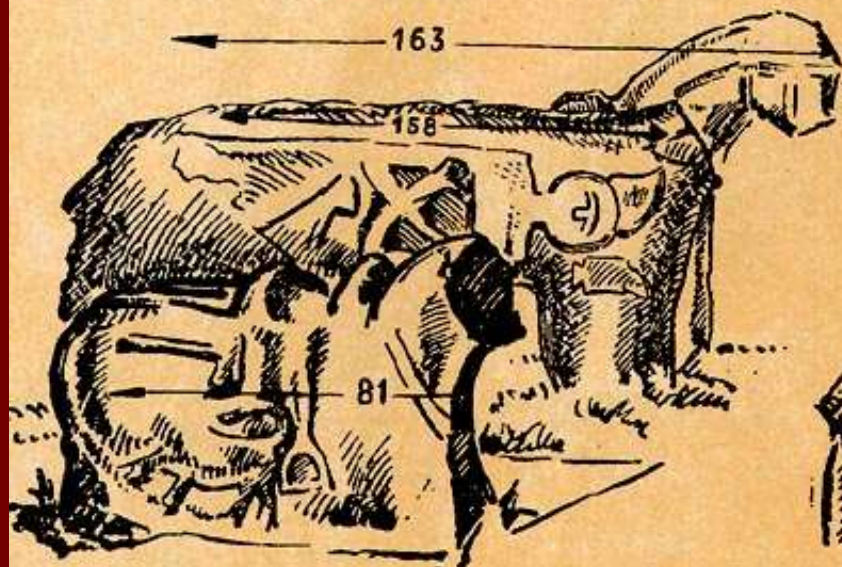


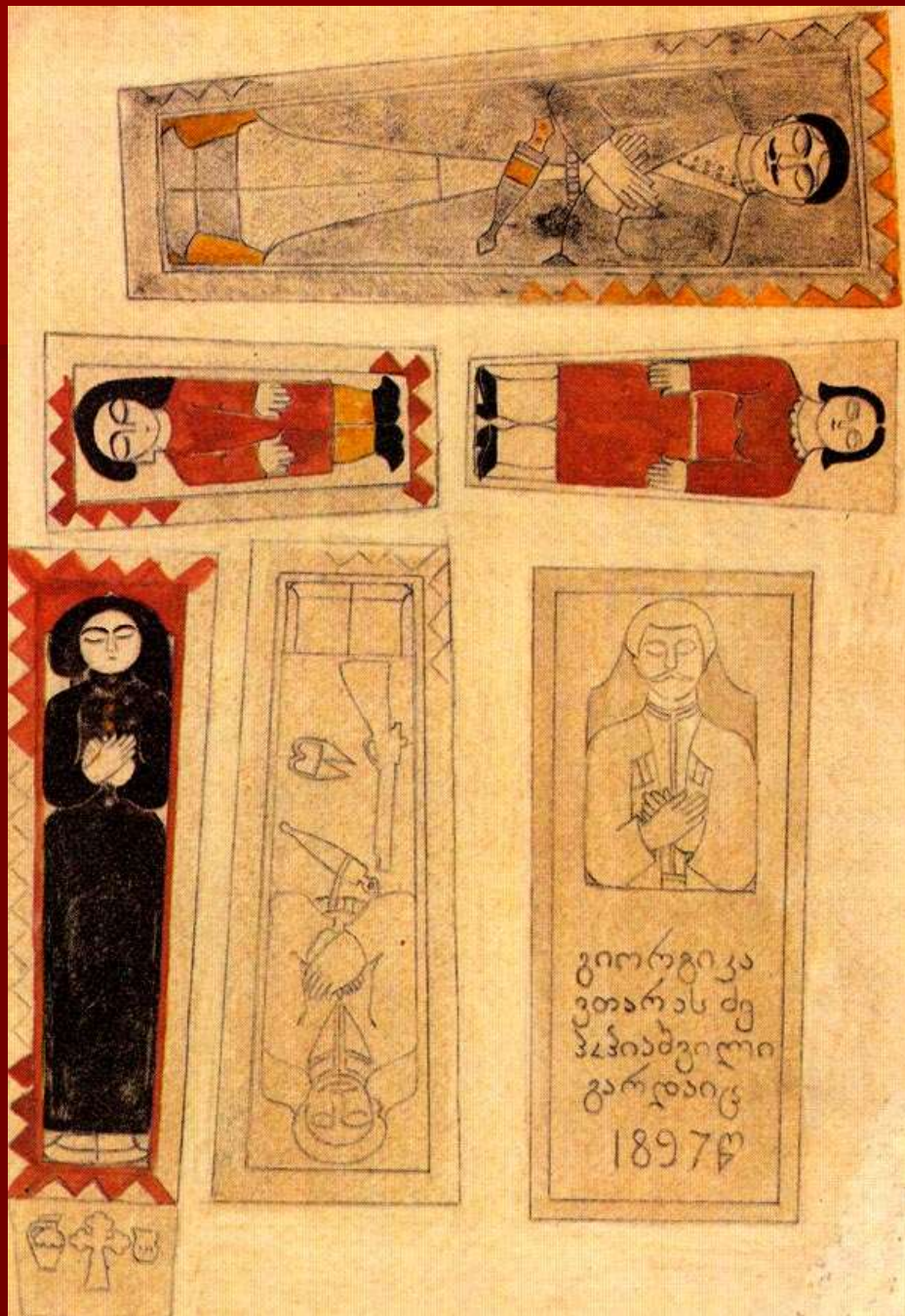


Weapons and Armor



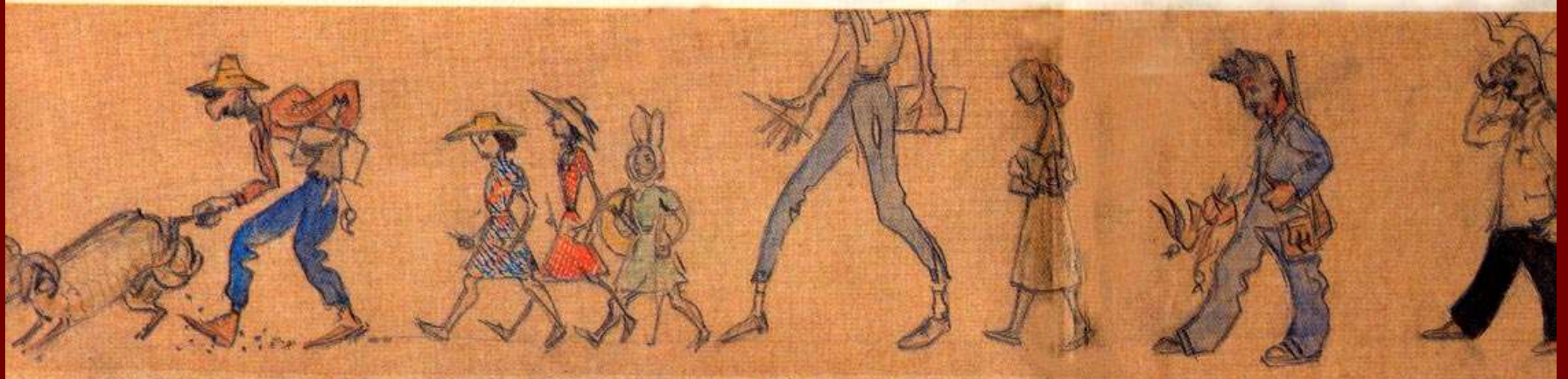
Gravestones from  
Kvemo Kartli





Gravestones from Tianeti,  
Kakheti Province

# Georgian Ethnographers in Expedition





Artist and Ethnographer  
Nino Brailashvili