

BECOMING OF THE HAJRETIAN PALLADIUM: MARGUSHEI ("MARGUSHEVSKY AUL") IN 1804-1819

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The work focuses on the preconditions and circumstances of the appearance in the early 19th century of the Kabardin village of Margushei ("Margushevskaya village") on the left bank of the Kuban. This event is viewed in the context of the Hajret movement in Kabarda that unfolded in this period. From the very beginning of its localization in the west of the principality, this settlement took a special place in the region. In contrast to the estates of other aristocratic clans, the population of Margushei did not demonstrate migration instability associated with a return to the area of exodus. Moreover, for several years of its presence in the Eastern Trans-Kuban region, the village began to play the role of a stable link between the West and East of Circassia. During the second decade, it became the focus of the activity of a part of the Kabardin elite, which vividly reacted to the growing pressure from the Russian military command.

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