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ETHNICAL PROCESSES IN RUS DURING THE TIMES OF THE EARLY-FEUDAL MONARCHY

Evidences of written sources and archeological data enable the reconstruction of the interethnic relations which took place in the South of Rus during the times of the early-feudal Monarchy (the end of the IXth - the beginning of the XIIth centuries), when Kyiv was the center of the state, and the territory of the Middle-Dnieper area was considered to be the "Inner Rus". In the autochthonic midst the migrants from the other Slavonic territories as well as the representatives of the other peoples such as the nomads of the Black Sea steppes, North-European inhabitants (Scandinavians first of all) were also present. Such contacts were especially intensive in the upper social layers of that time society, and the very feudal elite was its main integral body.