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**EVIDENCE ABOUT BULGARIAN TRADITIONAL GAMES AND
CUSTOMS IN BYZANTINE DOCUMENTS FROM THE EARLY
THIRTEENTH CENTURY**

(Summary)

Recently evidence about everyday life of the medieval Bulgarians has been increasingly drawing the attention of the historians who deal with Middle Ages. And it also is more and more often the subject of interdisciplinary research. The literary heritage created within the territory of the Archbishopric of Ohrid is especially rich in material on that issue. And it is worth noticing that the archbishop of this church called himself church pastor of “the whole Bulgaria” from the very beginning of the creation of the See in the 11th century to its end in the 18th century. Part of the evidence on the Bulgarian traditional games and customs discussed here, belongs to the renowned collection of documents of the Archbishopric from the first decades of the 13th century, compiled when Demetrius Chomatianus possessed the See of Ohrid (1216–1236?). The article analyses only three interesting cases outlining the popular customs of that remote epoch. The systematic study of the literary heritage of the Archbishopric of Ohrid, and of the other sources of information about the history of our people would result in more complete knowledge of the less known but not in the least less important side of the Bulgarian history – the everyday life of ordinary people.