



EBRĀHĪM B. 'OṬMĀN

EBRĀHĪM B. 'OṬMĀN B. 'ANKAWAYH ḤADDĀD, Persian metalworker named in the inscription in Kufic script on the copper door knockers removed from a city gate in medieval Ganja (Soviet Kirovabad, Republic of Azarbaijan) and taken to the convent of Gelat'i in Imeretiya, just east of Kutaisi in Georgia. According to the inscription, the gate was erected in 455/1063 during the reign of the Shaddadid Šāvūr b. Fażl under the supervision of a local judge named Abu'l-Faraj Moḥammad b. 'Abd-Allāh. The position of ironsmith (*ḥaddād*) was apparently so important in early Islamic times that Ebrāhīm b. 'Oṭmān and Moḥammad b. Abū Eshāq Eşfahānī, the smith named on the Ḥaẓīra gate erected in Yazd in 432/1040-41, are two of the first craftsmen recorded in Persian epigraphs.

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