

SUMMARY

Large shawls in local tradition

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The tradition of wearing big shawls existed in Tauragnai countryside till the 50–60s of the 20th century, sometimes longer. The shawls were worn longer there than in Suvalkija (South–West Lithuania) and Žemaitija (Samogitia, West Lithuania) but shorter than in Dzūkija (South Lithuania). This tradition wasn't continued by the women who were born since the 30s of the 20th century and later. Some causes influenced the need of big shawls and later their decrease. These causes were the common tendencies of European fashion and mass production of clothes. In the 1st half of the 20th century shawls were divided by their producing methods: 1) home-made, 2) handmade by craftsmen, 3) factory production from other countries. The most popular shawls were factory produced during the last wearing period. The most similar and attractive ornaments of the Lithuanian shawls depended on it. Big shawls were changed into light, smaller, knit shawls and scarfs.