

The Chud people in Saami (Lapp) texts

The ethnonyme "Chud(e)" is well known in historical traditions in North Europe. It refers to an unspecified people, robbers and enemies of several people (Saami, Finn. even Russians) From 18th century Russian historians used the term in very wide sense. Hungarian scholars did not pay much attention to Chudes. In 1960s linguists and ethnographers understood the Vepse texts and folklore with references to the Chuds. Eliel Lagercrantz and Hans-Hermann Bartens classified the Chud stories according to narrative motifs. Still the comparative study of Chuds and other enemies needs further study.

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