

The origin of the hydronym *Kadarcs*

Several factors open up new possibilities for re-examining the origin of the hydronym *Kadarcs*. On the one hand, recently published toponym dictionaries – partly developed within the framework of the Hungarian National Toponym Registry Programme – offer a significantly larger dataset for name analysis. On the other hand, following the publication of the Etymological Dictionary of Geographical Names (FNESz.), a fundamental work in place-name etymological research, additional volumes of the New Hungarian Dialect Dictionary (ÚMTsz.) have also been released. These provide a solid basis for clarifying the etymology of the common noun, closely related to the origin of the hydronym.

Regarding the origin of *Kadarcs*, Lajos Kiss considers the possibility that it is derived from the personal name *Kádár* with the suffix *-cs*. However, this explanation raises several issues. Consequently, Kiss deems it more likely that the name of the *Kadarcs* watercourse originates from the common noun *kadarcs*. Similarly, Lajos Mizser also assumes that *Kadarcs* is derived from a common noun, a view supported by recent research and the explanations found in newly published place-name dictionaries. A primary question concerning the development of the place name *Kadarcs* from a geographical common noun is whether we can really verify the occurrences of the common noun *kadarcs*. However, for *Kadarcs*, in order to be considered a common noun, its etymology must be sufficiently clarified. In my study, I aim to examine and refine these details.

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