

Várda and others

This study examines the history of the origins and changes in the names of settlements containing the element *Várda*. The name was created as a place name derivative of the noun *vár* 'castle' with the suffix *-d* and had originally the form *Várad*. There are many similar place names in Hungarian speaking areas, some of which have been extended with the prefix designating the owner of the settlement, as well as the 3rd person possessive suffix *-a*. These names acquired their present form through a phonetic change. The above process is examined in the study together with other place name derivatives (*-i*, *-sd*, *-ka*) of the noun *vár*.

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