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Armenian ethno-toponym spreading in Romania

ABSTRACT

Historical and geographical considerations on Armenian/ ***Armean*** ethno-toponym spreading in our country is connected with Armenian diaspora in Romanian principalities started 1100 years ago. The *Armean* appelative found as street names in our towns and in the neighbour countries reflects also direction of this diaspora. This toponym has regional varieties as: ***arman*** especially in Moldavia. In Transylvania, during Hungarian suzerainity, Hungarian appelatives corresponding are ***Ermen*** and ***Örmeny.*** Romanian appelatives derived from these are ***Ormeniş, Ormindea, Urmeniş.***. In the same time there are German– ***Irmisch*** and slave – ***Arminean, Armeleasa*** appelatives rarely found. A great part of apellatives have suffix – ***iş***. All these ethno-toponyms are spreading on: *hills/* deal, Rom., *mound*/ movilă, *peak*/ pisc, *plateau*/ platou, *breach of slope*/ ruptură, *landslide track*/ jgheab, *dale*/ vâlcea, *gorge*/ chei; *valleys*/ vale, *river*/ râu, *creek*/ pârâu, *flood plain*/ lunca, *ford*/ renea, *pond*/ iaz, *well*/ fântână; *village*/ sat, *farm*/ odaia, moşia; *young forest*/ rediu. All toponyms are classified in*: oronimes, hydronims* and *oiconims*, many times disposed in *toponymic areas*. There are many *lost toponyms*, mentioned only on old documents, ex. ***Armenopolis*** town recovered the old village name before ***Gherla***. Because countyes were subdivided in districts - raions (**r**.) before 1968, used in old bibliography, we conserved this notation for a better specification of areas.