

ANALYSIS OF SURNAMES IN CHRÁST (NEAR PLZEŇ): GEOGRAPHICAL ASPECTS

Abstract

This thesis analyses surnames as geographical data. It focuses on a case study of Chrást municipality (near Plzeň). In addition to a descriptive analysis of the set of local surnames, it uses surname data to analyse relatedness between local population and populations of other Czech municipalities and examines the isolation by distance hypothesis. Some parallels between biological relatedness and surname surname relatedness are also exemplified. The results confirm a significant impact of distance on surname differentiation.

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