The surnames of the Osie from the record books from the years 1742-1922

Summary

The subject of the study is a surname's linguistic analysis of the Osie village inhabitants dating from the 1742-1922. The collected naming material comes from the seven manuscripts registers. The parish registers is now located in the Archives in Pelplin. It has been written in Polish, Latin and German composing of not always comprehensible records.

The chronology of the analyzed material is determined by two dates: 1742 – which appears at the earliest founded surname, and 1922 – that's the date of the latest surname. Both dates are fact because they were written by the parish editor, probably a Catholic priest. The source contains names of the persons, father's names, mother's names, year of birth and place of birth.

Kociewie is an area where elements of Pomeranian's, Kashubian's, but also German's folk culture were coexisting. The German colonization policy and the migration of the population – which had a different range and character – was a strong impact for the local naming system.

The linguistic analysis of the surnames contains their: genesis; types; all kinds of linguistic interferences that affects the final shape of the surname and all kinds of the Polish dialectical features influenced on the local anthroponic system. The study indicates: linguistic genesis of anthroponyms, semantics phenomena as well as morphological constructions. In Kociewie, the Polish and German elements of the language, culture and habits were very intensely intertwined consequently a large part of my disertation concerns German or Germanized names. The disertation consists of an analytical part, contains surnames that are classified according to their motivational types and the surname's dictionary arranged alphabetically, containing their etymological analysis.

The collected surnames have been grouped into: the surnames originating from the nicknames, place names, first names and ethnic names. The other one groups are: female surnames. The analysis of the surnames which comes from the nicknames in a visible way shows the effect of coexisted between 18th and 20th century in Kociewie elements of Pomeranian's, Kashubian's, and German's language elements.

The whole work contains 2457 surnames.