

***aldō** Runic: 𐌱𐌿𐌽𐌰 Pronunciation: /'al.dõ:/

noun · feminine · ōn-stem

Meanings

a trough or similar hollowed-out wooden vessel; a hollow in a tree or log

Etymology

From pre-Germanic **Hold^h-éh₂-(n)-*, an inherited feminine formation from Proto-Indo-European root **H_xold^h-*, beside a *u*-stem **H_xold^hu-* (Kroonen 2013: 21; Mallory & Adams 2006: 249; Orel 2003: 14). Cognate with Lithuanian *eldijà*, *aldijà* and Proto-Slavic **oldi*, which continue a closely related Balto-Slavic formation conventionally reconstructed as **h₂old^heh₂ ~ *h₂eld^heh₂* (Derksen 2008: 367; Derksen 2015: 152). The semantic development reflects the close association between a hollowed log or wooden trough and a dugout boat. Tocharian A/B *olyi* has also been compared, but its inclusion is uncertain because its consonantism appears to require PIE **d* rather than the **d^h* indicated by Balto-Slavic (Adams 2013: s.v. *olyi**; Witczak 2018: 53–55).

Declension

Case	Singular	Plural
Nom.	aldō	aldōniz
Acc.	aldōnų	aldōnunz
Gen.	aldōniz	aldōnġ
Dat.	aldōni	aldōmaz
Inst.	aldōnē	aldōmiz
Voc.	aldō	aldōniz

Descendants

***aldā** (Proto-West Germanic)

Alden (Bavarian)

ealdop, aldaht, aldot (Old English)

Proto-Norse

***alto** (Proto-Finnic)

alda (Old Norse)

alda (Faroese)

alda (Icelandic)

aalde, olde (Old Danish)

olda (Old Norse)

ålle, ålla (Swedish)

***aldas** (Proto-Finnic)

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