

***Amisī** Runic: 𐌱𐌿𐌰𐌺𐌹𐌿𐌳𐌰 Pronunciation: /'a.mi.si:/

proper noun · feminine · ī/jō-stem

Meanings

the river Ems

Etymology

Probably ultimately from an old Indo-European hydronym, though it is uncertain whether the name was inherited directly within Germanic or transmitted from an earlier Indo-European hydronymic stratum. Late Proto-Germanic **Amisī* ~ **Amiz(i)jōz* is reconstructed from early Proto-Germanic **Amísī* ~ **Amis(i)jós* < Proto-Indo-European **h₂emH-é/ís-ih₂* ~ **h₂emH-é/ís-ǵéh₂-s*, ultimately based on PIE root **h₂emH-* (Bichlmeier 2014: 26–28; Blažek 2024: 60–62; Rix et al. 2001: s.v. **h₂emH-*). Probable cognates or related formations include Albanian *amë*, Ancient Greek ἀμάρη (*amárē*), Hittite 𐎠𐎵𐎶𐎶𐎶𐎶𐎶𐎶 (*a-mi-ya-ra* /*amiyara*/), and Old Irish *ind-aim/adh-aim*, with possible further relatives Vedic Sanskrit अमत्र (*ámatra-*), Armenian աման (*aman*), and Ancient Greek ἄμη (*ámē*) (Watkins 1959: 18–20). The ancient forms Amasias, Amissis, Amisia, and Amisios, together with medieval Emisa and Old Saxon Emese, support the reconstruction, while several other related hydronyms in Germany and France point to a wider ancient European hydronymic family (Blažek 2024: 60–62).

Declension

Case	Singular	Plural
Nom.	Amisī	—
Acc.	Amisjō	—
Gen.	Amiz(i)jōz	—
Dat.	Amiz(i)jōi	—
Inst.	Amiz(i)jō	—
Voc.	Amisī	—

Descendants

***Amisi** (Proto-West Germanic)

Emisa (Old Saxon)

Amisia (Latin)

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