

***awahaimaz**

Runic: ᚠ ᚢ ᚦ ᚨ ᚱ ᚷ ᚹ

Pronunciation: /'a.wa.xaj.maz/

noun · masculine · a-stem

Meanings

maternal uncle; mother's brother

Etymology

From earlier **awun-haima-*, a compound of the *n*-stem **awun-/awan-* (belonging to **awô*) + **haimaz*, originally probably ‘one living in or belonging to the maternal grandfather’s household’ (Boutkan & Siebinga 2005: 86–87, s.v. *em*; Lehmann 1986a: 53, s.v. **awo*). The interpretation of the second constituent as **haimaz* is generally preferred, though comparison with Welsh *tad cu* has prompted an alternative interpretation ‘dear’ (Boutkan & Siebinga 2005: 87). The first constituent ultimately continues Proto-Indo-European **h₂éwh₂os*; compare Latin *avunculus*, Lithuanian *avýnas*, Old Church Slavonic *ujbъ*, and Welsh *ewythr* (Mallory & Adams 1997: 238).

Declension

Case	Singular	Plural
Nom.	awahaimaz	awahaimōz, awahaimōs
Acc.	awahaimaꞤ	awahaimanz
Gen.	awahaimas, awahaimis	awahaimô
Dat.	awahaimai	awahaimamaz
Inst.	awahaimō	awahaimamiz
Voc.	awahaim	awahaimōz, awahaimōs

Descendants

***auhaim** (Proto-West Germanic)

 ***ōm** (Old Dutch)

ōom (Middle Dutch)

ome (Limburgish)

***auhaim** (Proto-West Germanic)

 ***ōm** (Old Dutch)

ōom (Middle Dutch)

oom, ome, noom (Dutch)

oom (Afrikaans)

oom (English)

***auhaim** (Proto-West Germanic)

ēam (Old English)

em, eam, eem, eeme, eme, heme, nem, æem, æm, eom, heam, yem, eame, eyme
(Middle English)

eam, eme (English)

eme (Scots)

***auhaim** (Proto-West Germanic)

ām, āme, ēm (Old Frisian)

ohm (North Frisian)

Oom (Saterland Frisian)

iem, yem, yeme (West Frisian)

***auhaim** (Proto-West Germanic)

ōheim (Old High German)

ōheim, ōhem, ōem (Middle High German)

Oheim, Ohm, Oehm (German)

***auhaim** (Proto-West Germanic)

 ***ōhēm** (Old Saxon)

ōhem, ōm (Middle Low German)

Ohm (Low German)

Oom (Plautdietsch)

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