

***awistrą** Runic: ᚱᚦᚱᚱᚱᚱᚱ Pronunciation: /'a.wis.trã/

noun · neuter · a-stem

Meanings

sheepfold, sheep pen; an enclosure or stall for sheep

Etymology

From **awiz* + **-st(r)ą*, a denominal place-forming element (Krahe & Meid 1969: 170; Kroonen 2013: 45). Probably ultimately from Proto-Indo-European **steh₂-*: Kroonen (2013: 45) analyzes the corresponding **-st(r)ą-* formation in this way, and Scheungraber (2023) reconstructs pre-Germanic **h₂eui-sth₂(r)ą-* as a possible univerbation or root compound with **steh₂-*. Compare Sanskrit गोष्ठ (goṣṭhā-), a closely parallel formation from **g^wow-* + **sth₂-ą-* (Lloyd et al. 1998: s.v. ewist). The Germanic alternation *-st-* ~ *-str-* remains problematic (Lehmann 1986a: 53, s.v. **awistr*); the latter may contain an additional **-tro-* element (Lloyd et al. 1998: s.v. ewist).

Declension

Case	Singular	Plural
Nom.	awistrą	awistrō
Acc.	awistrą	awistrō
Gen.	awistras, awistris	awistrô
Dat.	awistrai	awistramaz
Inst.	awistrō	awistramiz
Voc.	awistrą	awistrō

Descendants

- *awist(r) (Proto-West Germanic)
 - ēowestre, ēwestre (Old English)
- *awist(r) (Proto-West Germanic)
 - ēstra, ēster (Old Frisian)
 - jister, juster (West Frisian)
- *awist(r) (Proto-West Germanic)
 - ewist, ouwist (Old High German)
 - *owist, oist (Middle High German)
 - Äugst, Äust (Alemannic German)
- 𐌰𐌶𐌹𐌸𐌰 (awistr) (Gothic)

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