

***awô**

Runic: 𐒻 𐒼 𐒾

Pronunciation: /'ɑ.wɔː/

noun · masculine · an-stem

Meanings

grandfather

Etymology

From a late Proto-Indo-European *n*-stem **h₂ewh₂-on-*, built to the older kinship noun represented by **h₂éwh₂os*. Kloekhorst (Kloekhorst 2008: 352–53, s.v. *ḫuḫḫa-*) reconstructs the latter more originally as the root noun **h₂éwh₂-s*, acc. **h₂éwh₂-m*, gen. **h₂uh₂-ós*, an analysis supported by the Anatolian alternation and followed for Germanic by Kroonen (2013: 44–45). The *n*-stem was probably already late Indo-European rather than a Germanic innovation: compare Latin *avunculus* (de Vaan 2008: 66), derived from **awon-* (Lühr 2017: s.v. *ôheim*), and Proto-Celtic **awon-tīr* ~ **awon-tro-* (Matasović 2009a: 45). Cognate at the underlying stem level with Latin *avus* and Hittite *ḫu-uh-ḫa-aš* /*ḫuḫḫaš*/ (Mallory & Adams 2006: 209).

Declension

Case	Singular	Plural
Nom.	awô	awaniz
Acc.	awanu	awanunz
Gen.	awiniz	awanô
Dat.	awini	awammaz
Inst.	awinē	awammiz
Voc.	awô	awaniz

Descendants

- afi, ái (Old Norse)
 - afi, ái (Icelandic)
- afi, ái (Old Norse)
 - avi (Faroese)
 - abbi (Faroese)

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