

***awō** Runic: 𐌰 𐌶 𐌿 Pronunciation: /'a.wõ:/

noun · feminine · ōn-stem

Meanings

grandmother

Etymology

The feminine counterpart of **awô*. The pair represents secondary *n*-stem remodeling of the Indo-European kinship term ultimately from the Proto-Indo-European root noun **h₂éwh₂-s ~ *h₂uh₂-ós* (Kloekhorst 2008: 352–53; Kroonen 2013: 44–45). Proto-Germanic feminine *ōn*-stems were innovative, with **-ōn-* generalized as the feminine counterpart of masculine **-an-* (Fulk 2018: 171–72). Continued by Gothic **awō*. Compare Latin *avia*, probably a related feminine formation, though its precise derivation is uncertain (de Vaan 2008: 66, s.v. *avus*).

Declension

Case	Singular	Plural
Nom.	awō	awōniz
Acc.	awōnu	awōnunz
Gen.	awōniz	awōnô
Dat.	awōni	awōmaz
Inst.	awōnē	awōmiz
Voc.	awō	awōniz

Descendants

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