

***erþahūsa** Runic:  Pronunciation: /'er.θa.ˌxuː.sã/

noun · neuter · a-stem

Meanings

underground dwelling, cave

Etymology

Compound of *erþō ('earth') + *hūsa ('house'). According to Tacitus in his Germania, the Proto-Germanic peoples made use of underground caves for shelter and storage.

Declension

Case	Singular	Plural
Nom.	erþahūsa	erþahūsō
Acc.	erþahūsa	erþahūsō
Gen.	erþahūsas, erþahūsis	erþahūsō
Dat.	erþahūsai	erþahūsamaz
Inst.	erþahūsō	erþahūsamiz
Voc.	erþahūsa	erþahūsō

Descendants

*erþahūs (Proto-West Germanic)

eorþhūs, eorðhūs (Old English)

erthe hous, erthe-hous, erþe hous, eorð-hus (Middle English)

earthhouse, earth-house (English)

erd hous (Middle Scots)

***erþahūs** (Proto-West Germanic)

erdhūs (Old High German)

Erdhaus (German)

jarðhús (Old Norse)

jarðhús (Faroese)

jarðhús (Icelandic)

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