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**REMNANTS FROM THE THRACIAN LANGUAGE IN THE CONTEMPORARY TOPONYMY OF GORNA STRUMA**

**Abstract:** The paper studies the microtoponyms, derived from anthroponyms, in the upstream area of the Struma River, and particularly those from the former region of Radomir. Based on the typical onomastic method of names and their forms reconstruction, it can be assumed that the roots of the researched microtoponyms are in fact Thracian personal names. The number of the examples is 80. A new approach for the analysis of remnants from the Thracian onomastics is presented, with a focus on the preserved microtoponymy in the region. Its implementation is possible thanks to the new scientific research on the Thracian anthroponymy, published in the recent years. It should be underlined that the offered approach represents only one of the possible options for an etymological analysis..As a result, important suggestions about the Thracian names continuity and their place in the Bulgarian anthroponymic system can be made.

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