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**ON THE ORIGIN OF THE FAMILY NAME *KORSACHKI***

**Abstract:** The article analyses the origin of a very rare for the Bulgarian antroponymic system family name.

The three-component-personal name system appeared for the first time in Bulgaria after the Liberation, and it follows the Russian pattern. The research shows that family name *Korsachki* is a Russian family name from Turkish origin. The name has entered the Bulgarian anthroponymic system and the article’s findings support the thesis of the ethnogenesis of the Bulgarians.

The research is based on the traditional onomastic etymological and structural analyses and proves that family names preserve the generic memory and therefore are a lot more conservative than given names, which are influenced by fashionable trends in any given period of time.

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