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**THRACIAN PERSONAL NAMES IN BULGARIAN ONYMY**

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**Abstract**: The question of what traces the Thracian language has left in Bulgarian remains unresolved, in spite of all the material evidence of Thracian cultural presence in our lands. The illustrious linguist Academician Vladimir Georgiev contributed greatly toward the clarification of this complex problem. Taking his still relevant ideas and hypotheses as a departure point, as well as considering new research in the field of onomastics, this article presents a different perspective on the collected onomastic data. It is presumed that remains of Thracian, mainly given names - part of the Thracian onomastic system - can be found today in hydronyms, toponyms, and anthroponyms. The principal method used in this research is onomastic (anthroponomic) reconstruction. The conclusions that follow are part of the anthroponomic continuum; the discovery of common traits in name formation and name content in two different anthroponomic systems.

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