

ON THE NAME AND ORIGIN OF JAN HUS

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In this article, the author investigates the meaning and the derivation of the name "Hus". The name comes from the place-name Hussenec, one of a widespread group of German patronymic place-names having the stem "Hus", which derives from the founders of the villages concerned. The author assumes the founders of Hus's birth-place, the southern Bohemian village Hussenec near Prachatice, were thirteenth-century colonists from the Attergau. Alois Milz is not, however, suggesting that the religious reformer was of German background, he is merely pointing out another common Czech-German cultural element.