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Summary

This paper deals with Christian names of Hungarian origin from Maramures county, namely Seini area with its adherent villages: Sabisa, Viile Apei, Cicarlau, Ilba, Bargau and Ilba Handal and Tautii Magheraus made up of the following villages: Bozanta Mare, Busag, Merisor, Baita, Ulmoasa and Nistru. There is no unity in the field of anthroponymy in any of these villages this fact could very well be the result of multiculturalism and bilingualism that is typical for this Central European area,where several languages are used simultaneously. This fact is reflected at the level of proper names, too.

Sharing the inhabited area with the Hungarians, especially here in Transylvania left a strong imprint in the area of the Romanian anthroponymy.