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**THE FORMATION OF THE MEANING OF THE NAME “MAZOVIA”
THROUGH THE AGES, MAINLY FROM 12TH TO 19TH CENTURY**

SUMMARY

Understanding the core character of the Mazovians as a tribe, and Mazovia as a region, does not consist only in showing the movements of Slavic tribes, but also in indicating connections with other cultures of that times. Those factors cannot be considered separately because it would result in the lack of continuity in perceiving the history. Simultaneously, the contemporary Mazovia would not exist without those pioneer and primary ages, when those Slavic masses were moving through the Europe around 5th century. The erroneous identification of the Mazovians and the Mazurians is a subplot, because their geographical regions are often wrongly identified with each other. This mistake, however, is rather a result of written history, than tradition or culture.

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