

About the “Lietuvos Valsčiai” series

Established in 1994 the Versmė Publishing House, a serial book publisher, is dealing with preparation and publishing of monograph series under the title of “Lietuvos Valsčiai” devoted for Lithuania’s Millennium celebrated in 2009, the 750th anniversary of the creation of the Lithuanian State (1253–2003) and starting from the 15th monograph of “Gelvonai” also for the Centenary of the Restoration of the Lithuanian State (1918–2018). The books published are also dedicated to other anniversaries of historical events important to the state, its towns and settlements.

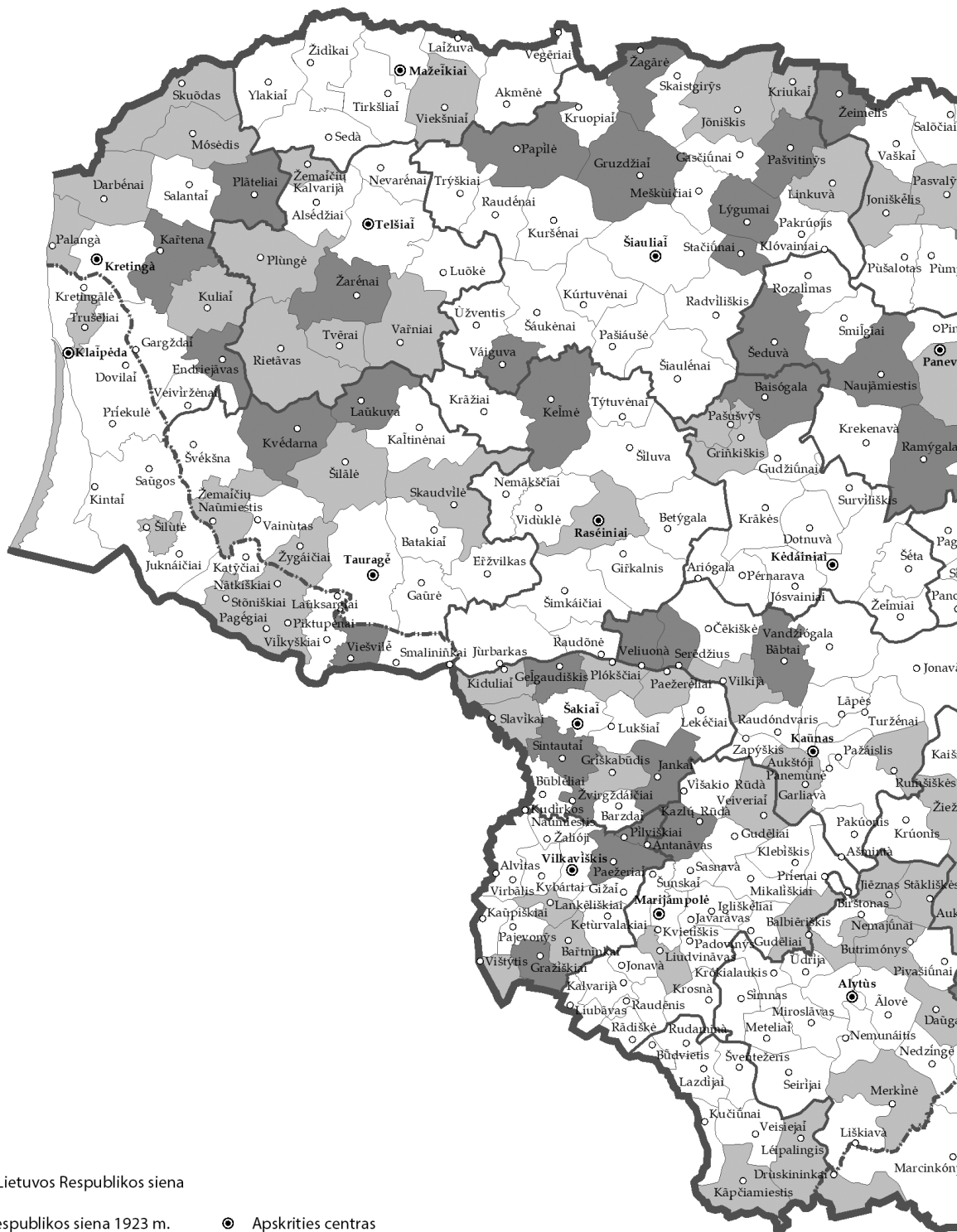
The “Lietuvos Valsčiai” series is a multi-volume edition about Lithuania’s towns, townships, villages, homesteads, landscapes and their history from the olden times to the present days, about independence fights, traditional culture, trades, calendar and family traditions, custom laws, folk wisdom, churches, celebrities, features of dialects and local sub-dialects, folklore, ethnical minorities and their traditions etc.

Based on reminiscences of people, archive data, scientific studies, written sources and material, each serial book is being written by large teams consisting of up to 160 author teams: prominent Lithuanian historians, archaeologists, ethnologists, folklorists, linguists, sociologists, geologists, geographers, biologists, local lore investigators et al. Total number of authors is about 3 000 with more than 380 persons holding scientific degrees (see www.versme.lt/autoriai.htm).

Total number of volumes of these monograph books published together with the maiden soft-cover book issued under the title “Sintautai. Žvirgždaičiai” (editor compiler Venantas Mačiekus, 432 p., 1996), “Salako kraštas” (editors Vida Girininkienė, Robertas Jurgaitis, 420 p., 2012) and “Pabradė” (editor compiler Kęstutis Marcinkevičius, 480 p., 2017) is 59 and total number of pages – 67 124, articles – 5 446, authors – 2 647.

“Panemunis. Čedasai. Suvainiškis” – the 44th monograph in the “Lietuvos Valsčiai” series (1 572 p., 2024).

The following series have appeared before: “Žagarė” (dedicated to the 800th jubilee of Žagarė, editor compiler Venantas Mačiekus, 912 p. in 1998) that was the first book issued with the official logo of the Lithuanian Millennium Celebration; “Obeliai. Kriaunos” (2nd; editor compiler Venantas Mačiekus, 480th anniversary of Obeliai, 864 p., 1998, 2nd edition – 500th jubilee of Obeliai and Kriaunos, 1 224 p., 2009), “Plateliai” (3rd; editor compiler Venantas Mačiekus, 550th jubilee of Plateliai, 800 p., 1999), “Žiobiškis” (4th; editor compiler Venantas Mačiekus, 200th jubilee of Žiobiškis parish, 1 024 p., 2000), “Širvintos” (5th; editor compiler Venantas Mačiekus, 525th anniversary of Širvintos, 776 p., 2000), “Lygumai. Stačiūnai” (6th; editor compiler Robertas Jurgaitis, 90th anniversary of Stačiūnai parish, 896 p., 2001), “Veliuona” (7th; editor compiler Vida Girininkienė, 500th jubilee of the Magdeburg Law granting to Veliuona, 1 176 p., 2001), “Raguva” (8th; editor compiler Romaldas Samavičius, 500th jubilee of Raguva, 1 128 p., 2001), “Seredžius” (9th; editor compiler Vida Girininkienė, 710th anniversary



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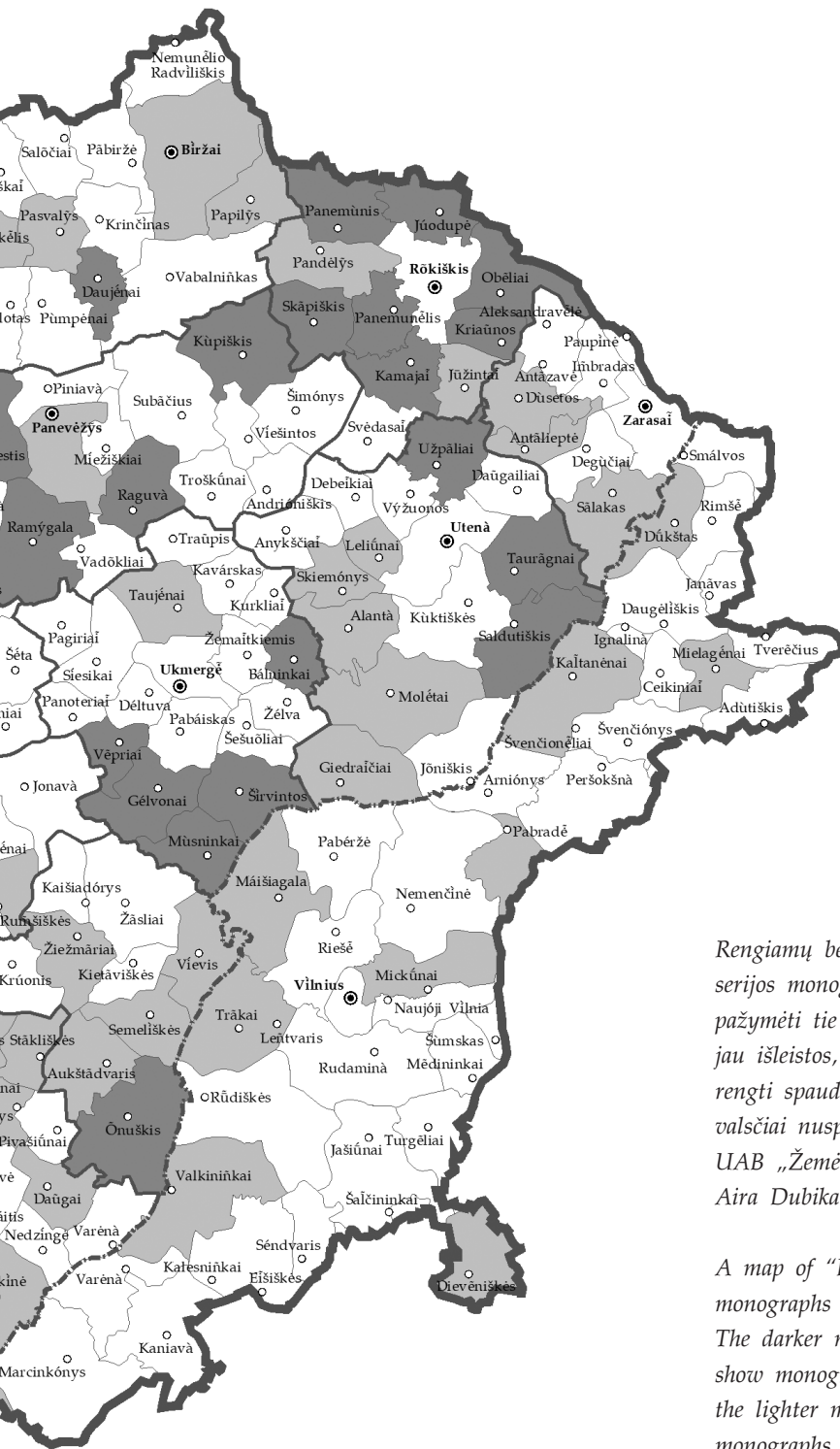
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Rengiamų bei išleistų „Lietuvos valsčių“ serijos monografių žemėlapis. Tamsiau pažymėti tie valsčiai, kurių monografijos jau išleistos, o dar nebaigtų rašyti ir rengti spaudai serijos monografių valsčiai nuspalvinti šviesiau. Sudarė UAB „Žemėlapių artelė“ kartografe Aira Dubikaltienė

A map of “Lietuvos Valsčiai” series monographs being prepared and issued. The darker marked Valsčiai (rural districts) show monographs already published; while the lighter marked districts indicate the monographs being in preparation and those to be composed

of Seredžius, 1 238 p., 2003), “Kvėdarna” (10th; editor compiler Kazys Misius, 675th anniversary of Kvėdarna, 1 160 p., 2004), “Papilė” (11th; editor compiler Vida Girininkienė, 665th anniversary of Papilė, Part I, 1 082 p., 2004; Part II, 752 p., 2006), “Tauragnai” (12th; editor compiler Venantas Mačiekus, 750th jubilee of Tauragnai, 1 364 p., 2005), “Musninkai. Kernavė. Čiobiškis” (13th; editor compiler Stanislovas Buchaveckas, 445 anniversary of Musninkai, 725 anniversary of Kernavė, 475 anniversary of Čiobiškis, 1 304 p., 2005), “Laukuva” (14th; editor compiler Virginijus Jocys, 750th jubilee of Laukuva, 1 874 p., Part I, 924 p., 2005; Part II, 950 p., 2008), “Gelvonai” (15th; editor compiler Vida Girininkienė, 625th anniversary of Gelvonai, 1 384 p., 2009), “Baisogala” (16th; editor compiler Jonas Linkevičius, 470th anniversary of Baisogala, 1 056 p., 2009), “Gruzdžiai” (17th; editor compiler Damijonas Šniukas, 375th anniversary of Gruzdžiai, 2 304 p., Part I, 1 000 p., 2009; Part II, 1 302 p., 2010), “Endriejavas” (18th; editor compiler Virginijus Jocys, 230th anniversary of Endriejavas, 1 412 p., 2010), “Vepriai” (19th; editor compiler Venantas Mačiekus, 625th anniversary of Vepriai, 1 320 p., 2010), “Žeimelis” (20 th; editor compiler Aloyzas Bėčius, 510 anniversary of Žeimelis, 1 796 p., Part I, 888 p., Part I, 908 p., 2010), “Lithuanian Local Researches” (21th; 1 082 p., Part I: 2000–2002 scientific works), “Panemunėlis” (22nd; editor compiler Venantas Mačiekus, 240th anniversary of Panemunėlis, 1 684 p., Part I, 858 p., Part II, 826 p., 2012), “Gelgaudiškis” (23rd; editor compiler Antanas Andrijonas, 500th jubilee of Gelgaudiškis, 1 808 p., Part I, 900 p., Part II, 908 p., 2012), “Juodupė. Onuškis” (24th; editor compiler Jonas Šedys, 510th anniversary of Onuškis and 100th jubilee of Juodupė, 1 832 p., Part I, 912 p., Part II, 920 p., 2012), “Sintautai” (26th; editor compiler Vida Girininkienė, 2 912 p., Part I, 1 448 p., Part II, 1 464 p., 2013), “Užpaliai” (27th; editor compiler Stanislovas Balčiūnas, 375th anniversary of Užpaliai, 2 372 p., Part I, 1 160 p., Part II, 1 212 p., 2013), “Pašvitinys” (28th, editor compiler Aloyzas Bėčius, 375th anniversary of Pašvitinys, 1 540 p., 2014), “Daujėnai” (29th, editor compiler Antanas Šimkūnas, 460th anniversary of Daujėnai, 1 396 p., 2015), “Šeduva” (30th, editor compiler Jonas Linkevičius, 640th anniversary of Šeduva, 1 388 p., 2016), “Kamajai” (31th, editor compiler Venantas Mačiekus, 475th anniversary of Kamajai, 1 580 p., 2016), “Kupiškis” (32th, editor compiler Aušra Jonušytė, 535th anniversary of Kupiškis, 1 256 p., 2016), “Ramygala” (33th, editor compiler Gražina Navalinskienė, 650th jubilee of Ramygala, 1 560 p., 2016), “Onuškis” (34th, editor compiler Živilė Driskiuvienė, 500th jubilee of Onuškis, 1 572 p., 2017), “Babtai” (35th, editor compiler Damijonas Šniukas, 625th anniversary of Babtai, 1 572 p., 2017), “Vaiguva” (36th, editor compiler Ieva Švarcaitė, 625th anniversary of Vaiguva, 1 484 p., 2018), “Skapiškis” (37th, editor compiler Aušra Jonušytė, 500th jubilee of Skapiškis (Mituva), 1 088 p., 2019), “Saldutiškis” (38th; editor compiler Jūratė Baltrukaitienė, 225th anniversary of Saldutiškis, 1 412 p., 2019), “Balninkai” (39th; editor compiler Julius Aukštaitis, 680th anniversary of Balninkai, 1 1336 p., 2020), “Viešvilė” (40th; editor compiler Algirdas Sinkevičius, 500th jubilee of Viešvilė, Part I, 1 420 p., Part II, 1 412 p., 2020), “Pilviškiai” (41th; editor compiler Venantas Mačiekus, 485th anniversary of Pilviškiai, 1 192 p., 2020), “Žarėnai” (42th; editor compiler Juozas Girdvainis, 775th anniversary of Žarėnai, 1 420 p., 2021),

“Kazlų Rūda” (43th; editor compiler Venantas Mačiekus, 280th anniversary of Kazlų Rūda, 1 572 p., 2022).

The celebration of the Millennium of the first reference to Lithuania in written historical sources is reasonable to relate with more modest jubilees of its towns and townships and give an implication to these anniversaries of their first written reference by a written word – a book.

In pre-war Lithuania there were more than 400 rural districts (*valsčiai*), which were later replaced by neighbourhoods (*seniūnijos*) numbering now about 300. With a hope that our capacities will enable us to publish books about the majority of them, we kindly invite culture institutions, district governments, neighbourhoods, local activists, local lore investigators, state men, culture activists, sponsors and all writers to join, without hesitation, the team preparing and publishing the hundred volumes of the “Lietuvos Valsčiai” series about Lithuanian history and traditional culture. A great work to last several decades is waiting for you.