

The History of HRÁDOK



1246 - the first written reference Harranuk

1452 - Haradnak

1524 - Randok - Radek - Hrádek

1900 - 1918 - Temetvény

1918 - 2013 - Hrádok

The name Hrádok /small castle/ is a rather commonly used name for a town or willage in Slovakia. However, there is only one Hrádok positioned near a willage called Hôrka /small mountains/ and next to another one called Lúka /meadow/ which seems to be rather poetic. The names are likely to have been given due to their apparent geographical positions.

A medieval fortress called Hrádok stood at the west part of the village called Hradište.

This fortress originated in the 13th century on the foundations of a much older fortress.

The name Mese is mentioned in 1348. He was apparently the castellan of Hrádok and vice castellan of Tematín. Later on, the fortress was rebuilt into a manor house but sadly served it's purpose only until the 17th century. The first ever record of the property was made while dividing the estate in 1639. On account of this, one of the co-owners František Šándor gained an abandoned manor house called Hradištia. But the ravages of time did it's deed and by the middle of the 20th century even the last standing stone wall had disappeared.

The first record of the willage's name dates back to 1246. The registrar muddled up the name and had noted it down as Harranuk.

In 1452 it was noted as Haradnak and later in 1524 as Randok. In The Land Registry documents from the 16th century it was noted as Radek, then Hrádek. But the Slavs and local people has always called it Hrádek. This name had been used until the beginning of the 20 th century. But due to hungarian pressure, the pure slovak name was not accepted by The County Authorities, consequently the name Tematín was assigned to the hillfort and the village was renamed to Temetvény. Luckily only until 1918. Since then, the village uses it's original name in the gramatically correct form Hrádok.

Hrádok is well known for the largest discovery of hryvnia in the whole of Czech-slovakia during the Great-Moravian Era.

Hryvnia was an axe - shaped metal unit of measure of a unit of exchange, and as such used as money commonly used throughout medieval central Europe.

Remains of a Slavic fortified settlement from 9th century has also been discovered there.

Hrádok and it's name's first time record was being mentioned in 1246, it belonged to The Tematín hillfort estates.

The Tematín Castle is located deep in the beautiful mountains of Hrádok.