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Note on orthography

For any scholar working on central Europe, the spelling of proper names can be a delicate and complicated issue. The manner in which a specific place or family name is spelled (or misspelled depending on perspective) can stir nationalist passions very quickly. Is the busy Silesian metropolis along the banks of the Oder (or is it the Odra?) Breslau, Wrocław or Vratislavia? Should we refer to the family of the great generalissimo of the Thirty Years War as Wallenstein, Waldstein or Valdštejn? I have approached this issue pragmatically. For English readers the standard source on the Habsburg lands of central Europe during this period remains R. J. W. Evans, *The Making of the Habsburg Monarchy 1550–1700*. In nearly all cases I have followed the variants used by Professor Evans. No political or cultural judgments are intended by choice of names.

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<i>AnPr</i>	<i>Analecta Praemonstratensia</i>
<i>AÖG</i>	Archiv für österreichische Geschichte
<i>AUC,</i>	Acta Universitatis Carolinae,
<i>HUCP</i>	Historia Universitatis Carolinae Pragensis
<i>ČČH</i>	Český časopis historický
<i>ČKD</i>	Časopis katolického duchovenstva
<i>ČL</i>	Český Lid
<i>ČMKČ</i>	Časopis Musea království českého
<i>FHB</i>	Folia Historica Bohemica
<i>HJ</i>	Historisches Jahrbuch
<i>HZ</i>	Historische Zeitschrift
<i>Knihopis</i>	Knihopis československých tisků od doby nejstarší až do konce XIII. století
<i>LF</i>	Listy filologické
<i>MVGDB</i>	Mitteilungen des Vereins für Geschichte der Deutschen in Böhmen
<i>OSN</i>	Ottův Slovník Naučný
<i>SbAPr</i>	Sborník archivních prací
<i>SbH</i>	Sborník historický
<i>SbH</i> (Rezek)	Sborník historický (ed. A. Rezek), 1883–5
<i>SbHKr</i>	Sborník historického kroužku
<i>SbNMP</i>	Sborník Národního muzea v Praze (Řada C–Literární historie)
<i>VKČSN</i>	Věstník královské české společnosti nauk (třída filosoficko-historicko-filologická)
<i>WSJ</i>	Wiener slavistisches Jahrbuch