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Summary of the doctoral thesis entitled:

*The linguistic and cultural picture of village and its inhabitants written down in the microtoponyms (geographical names of the area of Wręczyca Wielka next to Kłobuck)*

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The dissertation is between ethnolinguistica, dialectology and onomastica. The main purpose is the attempt of reconstruction of the linguistic and cultural picture of village and its inhabitants written down in the microtoponyms. The inquiring sight contains 1013 physiographic objects' names which were collected during the geographical researches from 2011 to 2017 in the area of Wręczyca Wielka near Kłobuck in the north of Silesian Province. The ethnolinguistic analysis of the microtoponyms was based not only on the objects' description but also on information from the researchers during the geographical researches.

The first paragraph of the dissertation is an introduction and it is devoted to the ethnolinguistica as a linguistic field.

In the second paragraph the author describes basic methodological solutions, e. g. the way of the geographical researches and definitions of a linguistic world picture and a microtoponym.

The next part of the dissertation is a description of Wręczyca Wielka – the area of researches. The author describes its location and history. The characteristic of inhabitants and natural environment's features are also presented here.

The fourth paragraph is devoted to the linguistic and cultural changes of rural areas and to the phonological and phonetic system of the slang in the area of Wręczyca Wielka.

The next part describes differences between a common and a proper name.

The sixth paragraph presents the main topic of the dissertation – the geographical names. The author presents different definitions of the geographical name, differences and

similarities between microtoponyms and geographical names, and researches connected with the geographical names with the suggestions of the classification. The last part of this paragraph is connected with the workings of the microtoponyms at oral Polish of inhabitants of the village.

The seventh paragraph is devoted to definitions of the linguistic world picture, researches which are focused on this issue and linguistic and cultural picture of rural society.

The eighth paragraph begins with the principles of the categorisation with using the methodology of the semantic fields. It consists also the classification proposed by the author of this dissertation. The classification is based on four meaning fields: *natural environment, cultural factors, possessiveness, location of the geographical object towards other objects.*

In the ninth paragraph the author focuses on ethnolinguistic analysis of semantic fields. This paragraph is divided to four parts which are summarized with conclusions.

The tenth paragraph contains 26 general conclusions.

The last part of the dissertation is the bibliography; *Dictionary of the geographical names of the area of Wręczyca Wielka*, two slang texts and the selection of photographs.

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