

Living with a trespasser: riparian names and medieval settlement on the River Trent floodplain

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The Trent is England's third longest river. Its propensity to flood has long been recognised. Indeed it is this distinguishing trait that appears to have given the river its name. In this paper, we examine how this mercurial and potentially dangerous river was understood and how its floodplain was settled in the Middle Ages. Drawing on toponymic and palaeoecological evidence we examine the relationship between archaeologically attested medieval riparian settlements and the river. These themes are examined against the twin backgrounds of climate and anthropogenic landscape change which ensured that England's floodplains were some of the most dynamic, and thus complex, spaces in which medieval people chose to live.

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Il Trent è il terzo fiume per lunghezza in Inghilterra e la sua facilità di esondazione è largamente conosciuta, tanto che proprio questo carattere sembra aver dato al fiume il suo nome. Questo articolo esamina come questo fiume mutevole e potenzialmente pericoloso sia stato percepito e come la sua piana alluvionale fu abitata nel medioevo, analizzando attraverso le evidenze toponomastiche e paleoecologiche la relazione tra insediamenti medievali e il fiume. Queste tematiche sono indagate nel duplice sfondo dei cambiamenti climatici e paesaggistici indotti dall'uomo, che hanno fatto sì che le piane alluvionali inglesi siano state tra gli spazi più dinamici e complessi in cui l'uomo medievale scelse di vivere.
Parole chiave: medioevo, toponimi, pianura alluvionale, paleoambiente, insediamento

1. The 'trespasser'

The first secure reference to the Trent, *Trenta/Treanta*, is found in the Bede's *Historia ecclesiastica gentis Anglorum* completed c. 731 AD (Colgrave 1993). It is proposed, however, that the *Trisanton* mentioned in Tacitus' *Annales* must refer to the river and point to its earlier British name-form (Damon 2012). While a firm etymology remains beyond

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