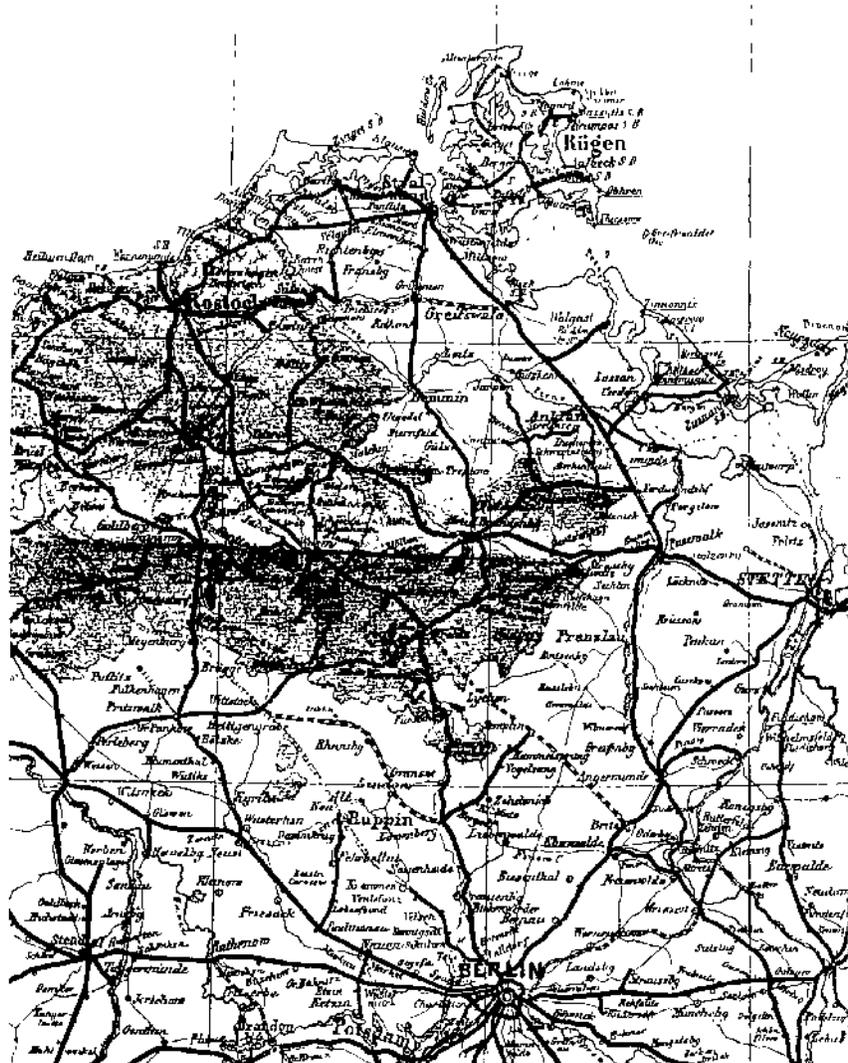


"Among mythological objects," remarks a writer on the derivation of surnames, "the kettle or cauldron can hardly be omitted. In the North, the vessel is *ketil*; in old German, *chesil*; in English *cytel*; but the names from it seem to be almost entirely northern, though the cauldron is almost certainly the *olla*, so common a bearing [or emblem] in Spanish heraldry," significant of a large and well-fed body of retainers.



MAP OF POMMERN, PRUSSIA.

Demmin, one of the oldest Slavonian built cities, anciently a capital city in the jurisdiction of Stettin, lies about twenty-eight miles southerly from the city of Stralsund, on the high ground overlooking the valley of the Peene River, in the province of Pommern. It is mentioned as flourishing as early as the year 540, and two and a half centuries later it was an important commercial town.