

4276. Breatnach (R. A.): *Varia*: 3. *connsaich*, v. n. *connsachadh*.

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Argues that OIr. *conas* ‘quarrel, fight’ (whence ScG *connsaich*) is an abstract noun derived from *cú* by means of the suffix *-as*, originally meaning ‘characteristic qualities of a hound’ and therefore an example of semantic shift. Cf. D. GREENE, *in* *Ériu* 28 (1977), pp. 155-167.

*Classifications:*

- D 1.3: Etymology (Individual)
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- *connsaich* (ScG)
- *cú*