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This book deals with the medieval Diocese of Vironia (or Virumaa or Viru). Why focus on an institution that existed for only about half a century? It is impossible to predict how things might have turned out differently had even the smallest detail been otherwise. What would have become of Vironia if Ostrad had lived longer? Or if a successor had been appointed for him as early as 1237? Or if a new bishop, rather than an administrator, had been appointed in 1240?

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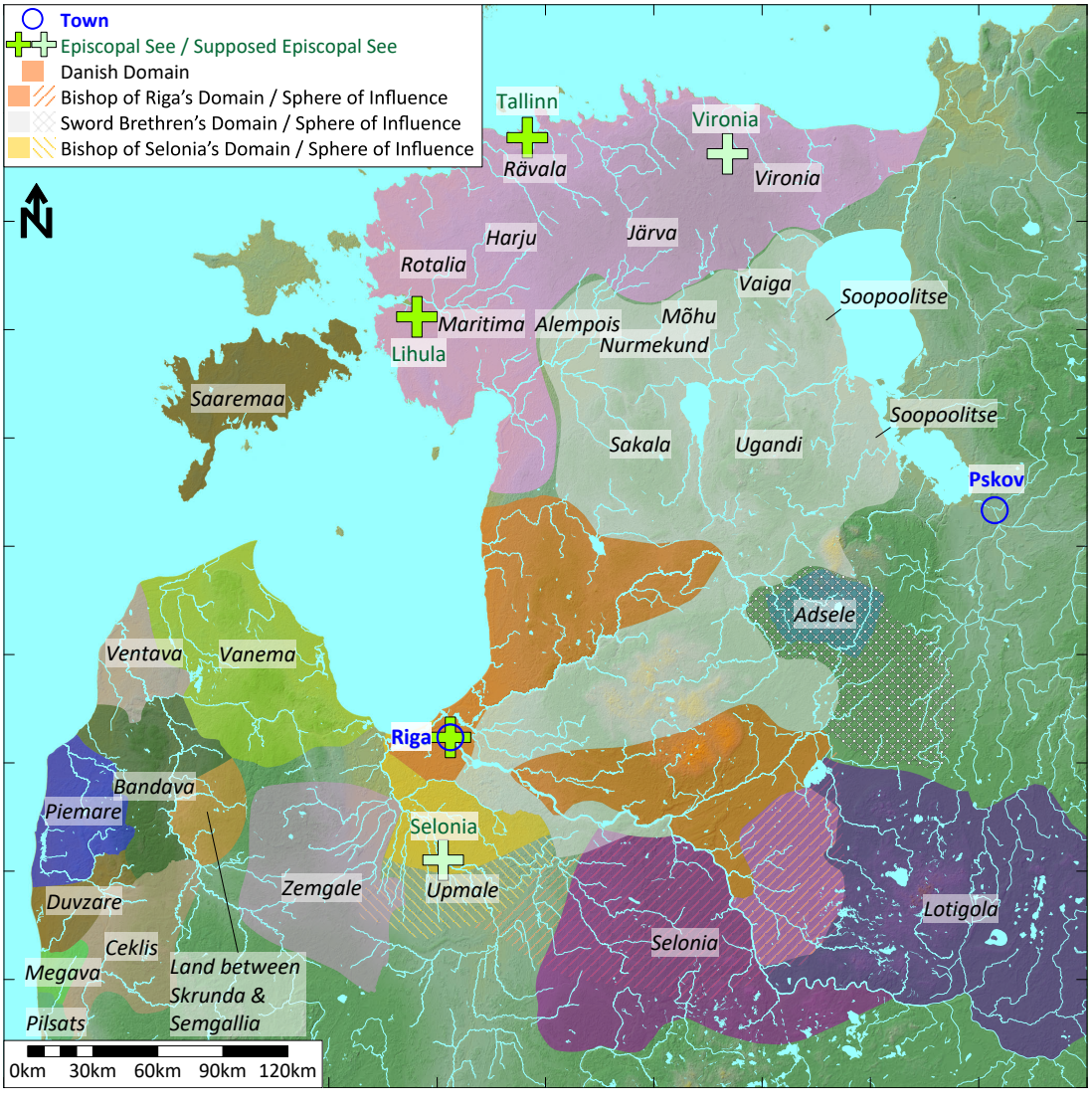
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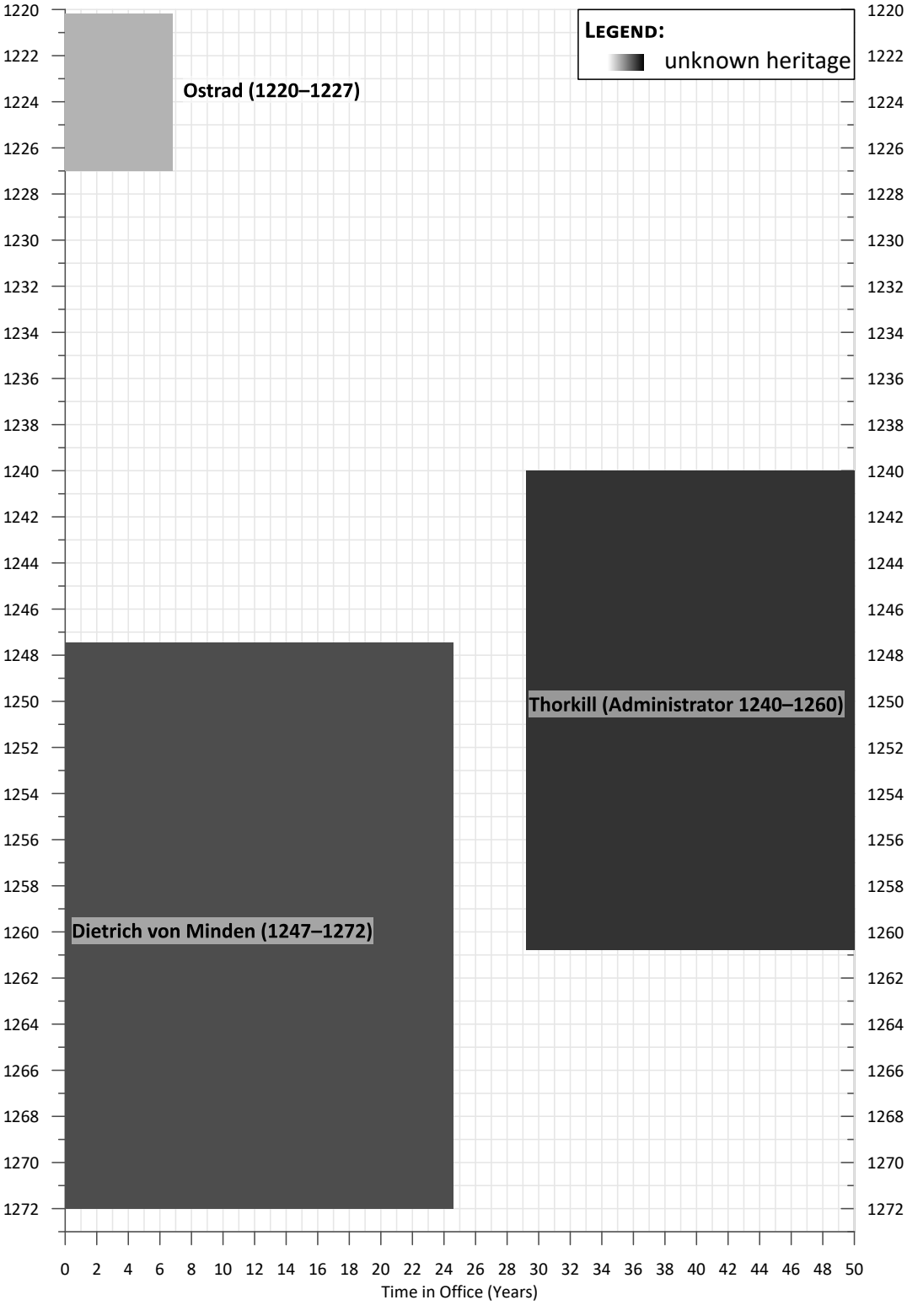
Name of the Bishopric

The name of the Diocese of Viru (*ecclesia Wironensis*) came into use in the 1220s, after the Danish king appointed the bishops of Viru and Revala.

The English version of this title generally uses the Estonian term "Viru" (shorthand for Virumaa or the County of Viru) to signify the name of the bishopric. However, a more traditional version could be "Vironia", i.e., the Bishopric of Vironia, following the Latin name of the bishopric.



Livonia in 1222. How far Danish power reached to the east of the River Narva is unclear. Those regions were populated very sparsely in that time.



List of the bishops of Viru (Vironia).