

Note on Form

Place names are given in the form most commonly used in English-language writing. For east Central European locations, this tends to be the German version. The current name is given in parenthesis at the first mention. Individuals are identified in the text using their first name and the title by which they are best known. Full names and titles, along with dates of birth and death (where known) are given for each person in the index. Emperor Ferdinand II's general has become known as Wallenstein since Schiller's drama trilogy at the end of the eighteenth century. This version has entrenched itself in English writing and will be used here rather than the Czech original, Waldstein. In contemporary documents, he generally appears as 'the Friedländer' after his duchy of Friedland. Though anachronistic, the term 'Britain' will be used for the lands of the Stuart monarchy in preference to the still more misleading 'England', unless it is intended to refer to the individual kingdoms or principalities. All dates are given in the New Style according to the Gregorian calendar introduced into the Catholic parts of Europe and the Holy Roman Empire around 1582. This was ten days ahead of the Julian calendar retained by Protestant Germans generally until 1700.