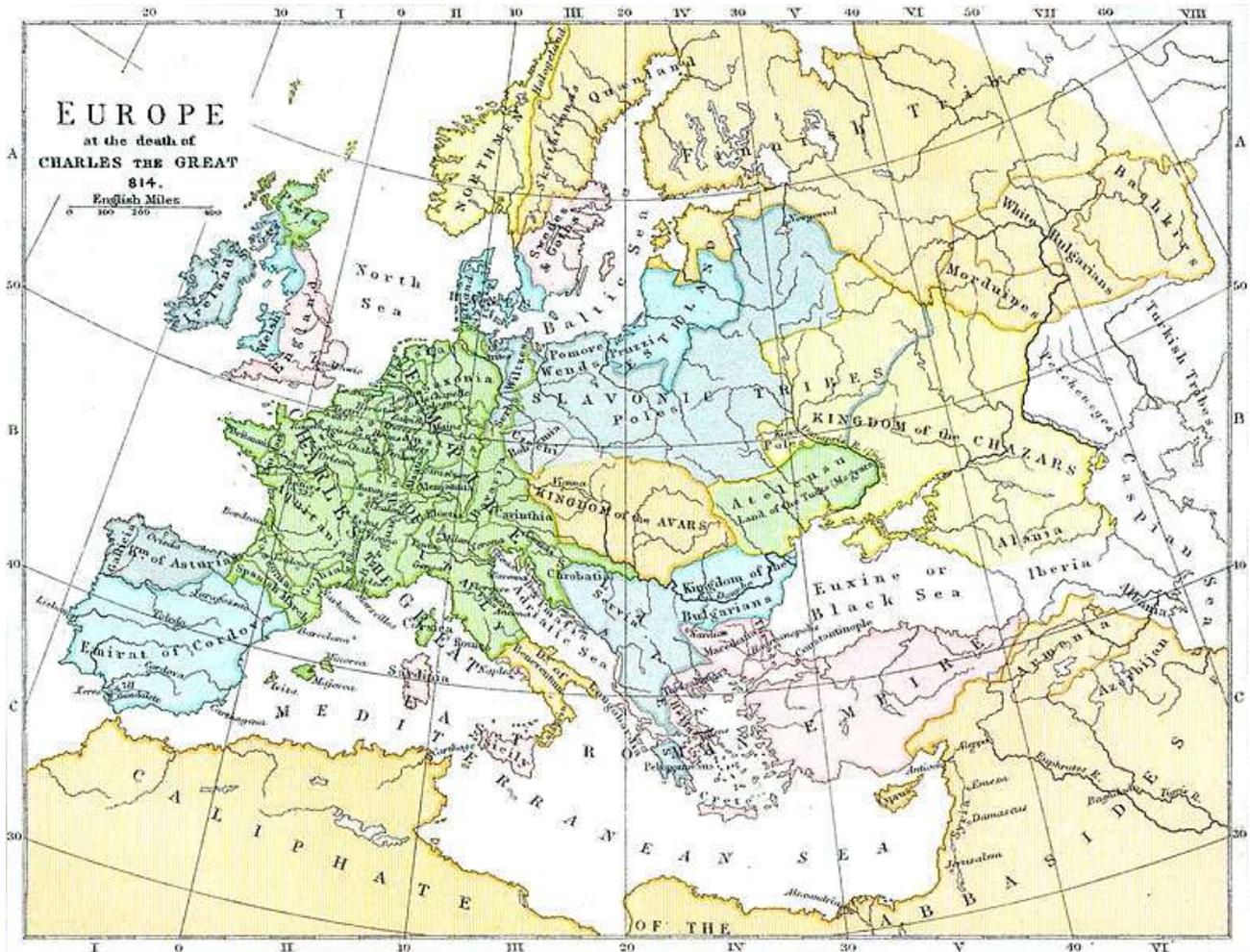


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Finnic peoples, From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia 14.7.2012The **Finnic** or **Fennic peoples** (also referred to as **Finnic tribes**^[nb 1], and **Russian**: **Chuds**^[3]) were historic ethnic groups who spoke various languages traditionally classified as **Finno-Permic**^[nb 2]. The number and identity of these groups varies according to the linguistic classification of the day, but generally number four or five: the **Baltic Finns** at the shores of Baltic sea, the **Volga Finns** (alternately the **Mordvins** and **Mari**), who lived near the **Volga River**, the **Lapps** at the Northern **Fennoscandia**, and the **Permians**, who live in north-central **Russia**.^{[nb 3][nb 4]}^[nb 5] The Permians including **Komis**^[nb 6] and **Udmurts**^[nb 7] are sometimes thought to belong with the Volga Finns because according to some theories their ancient homeland lies in the northern part of the **Volga River** basin.^[13] The major modern representatives of the Baltic Finns who have maintained their languages are the **Finns** and **Estonians**.^{[nb 8] [15]} The modern representatives of the **Volga Finns** are the **Mari**^[nb 9] or Cheremis who live in **Mari El Republic** and the **Mordvins** (including the **Moksha** and the **Erzya**) from the **Republic of Mordovia** in the **Russian Federation**. Other Volga Finnic groups of which there are records, such as the **Muromians**, **Merya** and **Meshchera**, have long since disappeared.^[15] Other groups include the **Karelians**^[nb 10], mainly living in **Karelia**, in **Finland** and northwestern **Russia**, the **Ingrian Finns**^[nb 11], **Votes**, and **Veps**^[nb 12] living around the **Gulf of Finland** and Lakes **Onega** and **Ladoga**,^[15] and the **Setos** and **Võros**, who live in southeastern **Estonia**. In parts of northern **Sweden**, a Finnic language or a dialect (**Meänkieli**) has a considerable presence and a Finnic-speaking minority, **Kvens**, live in Norway. Native speakers in the smaller groups are disappearing. In the 20th century both **Livonian** and **Votic** had fewer than 100 speakers left.