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mar·grave  (mär grāv')

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n.

1. The lord or military governor of a medieval German border province.
2. Used as a hereditary title for certain princes in the Holy Roman Empire.

[Probably Middle Dutch *marcgrāve* : *marc*, march, border; see **merg-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#) + *grāve*, count (perhaps ultimately from Greek *grapheus*, scribe; see **gerbh-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#)).]

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