

A personal name and a place-name

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Summary

The personal name *Rörik* appears – in the expression ‘Rörik from Värnamo’ – in two 13th-century documents. The author links the names of these individuals to the hamlet *Rörestorp*, close to Värnamo village in the county of Jönköping. The first element in *Rörestorp* (OSw. *rørikstorp*, 3 September 1404, SDns 484) is the forename *Rörik*. The hamlet is situated on the outskirts of Värnamo, and *Rörikstorp* is probably a minor name, coined by its neighbours, while in official documents the two men known as *Rörik* perhaps preferred to regard themselves as coming from the more widely known Värnamo.

This combination of a rare personal name and a medieval toponym in *-torp* is so striking that there is probably a connection between the two. Further examples of this kind are to be found, and it would be interesting to analyse a compilation of them.

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