

*Tisslegården* in Kinne härad

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Summary

Within a very limited area of the district of Kinne härad in Västergötland we find the farm names *Tisslegården* in Forshem parish and *Lilla Tisslegården* and *Tisslatorp* in the parish of Lugnås. It has been suggested that these names could contain the plant name *tistel* 'thistle'.

The author has found evidence of a form *Tistel* used as a surname (i.e. a byname or family name) for different individuals in precisely the area where these place-names in *Tissla-/Tissle-* occur. Records of this personal name begin to appear before the oldest now known occurrences of the place-names. While not wishing to rule out the possibility of a place-name in *Tistel-* or *Tistla-* having given rise to the surname *Tistel*, the author comes to the conclusion that the evidence primarily points to *Tisslatorp* and *Tisslegården* having an anthroponymic first element.

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