

Penningby

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Summary

The 2004 edition of this yearbook included an article by Olov Lönnqvist on the text 'Flemingiana Familia', which forms part of an 18th-century manuscript by Olof Celsius the Younger in Uppsala University Library (X 201). There it is claimed that, before 1396, the Penningby estate in Roslagen was known as *Ofrestrom*, but that its name was changed at that time to refer to the coins (*penningar*) in the coat of arms of the Fleming family, after the estate had been granted to Claus Fleming by King Eric of Pomerania.

However, as Lönnqvist himself points out, as early as 1339 (and in other sources prior to 1396) the name of the estate was written as *Pitingæby*, and Celsius's claim therefore seems implausible. Indeed, it must be regarded as definitely incorrect, as the Fleming concerned cannot be shown to have owned land in Roslagen, having been fully occupied with his duties as law-man in Finland. Penningby, meanwhile, was owned by members of the Vasa and Bonde families who were the ancestors and relatives of King Gustav I. The estate only came into the possession of the Fleming family by marriage in the 16th century.

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