

Two place-names in Varend

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Summary

Torne is currently the name both of a small community in Västra Torsås parish in Småland and of a country house just to the north of it. The author argues that the name originates in a lake name OSw. **Tordhe* or **Tordhsior* ‘muddy lake’, referring to a lake with marshy shores. From the lake name, a river name **Tordha* > **Tora* was formed. The river in turn gave its name to a mill: *Toro qværn* or – with the genitive definite form – **Torona qværn* > *Torne kvarn*. The name *Torne* was subsequently transferred from the mill to an ironworks, from the ironworks to the house, from the house to the railway station, and from the station to the community that grew up around it. Today, the mill, the ironworks, the railway and the station are all gone, but *Torne* lives on as the name of the country house and the community.

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