

## Summary

### The field-names of Söderby in Almunge in 1710 and 1962–1963

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The oldest map of Söderby in Almunge parish, Uppland, is from 1710, while the most recent field records of place-names from the area are from 1962–3. This article describes how the name stock has changed over the intervening two and a half centuries. In 1710 the map showed 31 field-names within the boundaries of Söderby. The commonest generic in these names was *-kärret* ‘fen’, followed by *-ängen* ‘meadow’. The specifics usually included a reference to the situation or ownership of the land. Over the following 250 years, only eight of these names survived, none of them containing a specific denoting situation or ownership. By 1962–3, however, 46 other names had appeared, i.e. a total of 54 field-names were recorded at that time. The commonest specifics were still those indicating situation or ownership, but overall the stock of names recorded in 1962–3 seems more diverse, in terms of both specifics and generics. It includes a noticeably larger number of simplex names, with metaphorical names emerging as a ‘new’ phenomenon. The question remains, though, what this change is due to: is it a matter of a real change in the name stock, or are the differences simply a result of the differing roles of the land surveyor and the field collector?