

Summary

Solbaset and Solbaddet

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In and around Stockholm there are, or used to be, at least six small settlements by the name of *Solbaset*. *Solbaset* in Bromma parish, a croft belonging to Stora Ängby, was first recorded in 1689, the others somewhat later. For various reasons, several of the crofts have long since disappeared, and their names with them. If the written sources are to be believed, three of the six *Solbaset* settlements could also be called *Solbaddet*. These names contain the nouns *solbas* neut. or *solbadd* neut., two words that are well attested from different parts of Sweden and which both mean ‘blazing sunshine, heat of the sun’. That crofters’ homes were given ‘warming’ names like *Solbaset* and *Solbaddet*, contrasting with the often harsh living conditions there, is not surprising. At the end of the article, an authentic crofter’s contract from 1858 is reproduced, relating to the croft *Solbaset* in Västra Ryd parish in Uppland.