

Summary

Rangelrumpan, an outlying parcel of land in Ödeshög parish in Östergötland

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A farm in Ödeshög, a village with a church in Östergötland, has a name, *Jeanneberg*, that differs from the type commonly used for farms within a village. The farm traces its roots to an *utjord* – an outlying parcel of land owned by a farm in another parish – called *Rangelrumpan*. Associated with that land was an unbuilt plot in the village, recorded on the earliest map of Ödeshög from 1639, on which the farm was later built. The name *Jeanneberg* was given in the late 19th century by the then owner, Johanna Peterson, after her daughter Jeanna. To begin with, the two names were used in parallel, but eventually *Jeanneberg* completely displaced its rival.

To begin with, the name *Rangelrumpan* referred to a parcel of forest in the woodlands of Ödeshög village in Hålaveden, the forest area on the boundary between Östergötland and Småland. *Rangel*, originally denoting something tall and slender, would appear in this context to be a reference to poor-quality forest, i.e. forest with tall, scrawny trees. The final element *rumpan* refers to the fact that the patch of forest in question is the remotest of a series of *Rangel* parcels, belonging to different farms. Rangelrumpan, in other words, forms the *rumpa* ‘rump, tail’ of the *Rangel* area.