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.