

## Summary

### *Hubbestad*

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The village of Hubbestad in Svenarum parish, Västra *härad*, Småland, was probably part of the original land endowment of Nydala Abbey. In 1279, its name was recorded as *Habystad*. The author interprets the name as a compound of OSw. *\*har* m. ‘widening of a lake or river; cut-off inlet’ with the final element OSw. *\*byastadher* ‘site of a lost village’. The name has since undergone a number of changes: *\*Habyastadh > Habystadh > Håbestadh > Håbbestadh*. The late change of spelling to *Hubbestad*, at the beginning of the 18th century, is primarily a normalisation to standard Swedish phonotactics.