Summary

Gärskagården, Hissingsgården and Kvädaregården

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The Västergötland farm name Gärskagården is found in the village and parish of Ryda and the village and parish of Friel. The first element has been assumed to contain a male byname *Gärdske. The present author cites archival records supporting the assumption that Gärskagården is compounded with a byname, which may have become a hereditary surname.

Earlier interpretations of the Västergötland farm names Hissingsgården in the village and parish of Medelplana and Hissingegården in the village and parish of Skeby have suggested that the first element contains either the island name Hisingen or a personal name *Hising. Here, various evidence is adduced for a byname Hising that came to be used as a hereditary surname, and it is assumed that the first element of Hissingsgården and Hissingegården derives from a personal name Hising.

The farm name Kvädaregården in Tarsled parish, Västergötland, has been assumed to contain the appellative OSw. qvædhare ‘singer’. The present author prefers to link the name to a byname or surname Kvādhare. From the neighbouring parish of Bråttensby, there is a reference from 1494 to a squire by the name of Ulf Kvādare.