Summary

Nödesta (Nedersta) in Västerhaninge

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Early records of the farm name Nödesta include (Jn) Nydiæstum (?1331, medieval transcript), (j) nytistom (1384) and (i) nydiastom (1432). The settlement in question, which has a prehistoric ancestry, was once a village. In more recent times, the farm has been called Nedersta. The author discusses different possible interpretations of the first element of Nödesta. It could contain an old male byname meaning ‘club’ or ‘lump’, but from a topographical point of view it is appealing to interpret Nöd- with reference either to OSw. nyhia f. ‘club’, used to describe an elevation, or to a word containing an older *hnyð-, meaning ‘lump’, ‘hump’, ‘rocky knoll’ or the like.