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Summary

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The author discusses the village and parish name *Loshult*, in the *härad* (district) of Västra Götaland in Skåne, and suggests that the simplest and most likely interpretation of the name is an original ODa. *Losryth*, which developed by phonological change into **Lošet*, after which it came to be associated by analogy with names in *-hult*. Each of the stages in this development is well attested, with many parallels over an extended area of south-western Götaland, on the edge of which we find Loshult parish. The first element is probably the genitive singular *los* of *lo* m. ‘lynx’, used in a collective sense. The meaning of the name is thus likely to be ‘clearing where lynx have been seen’.