

Järö (Margretelund) vid Åkersberga s. 111–120

Summary

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Järö farm in Österåker parish, Uppland, was transformed in the 17th century into a manor, which came to be known as *Margretelund*. Early records of the name *Järö* include: *in iararø* (1344?), *iærø* (1325), *Jerre* (1539) and *Järröö* (1579). The name first referred to a prehistoric island in this location. The author considers it likely that the island name refers to sandy soil, and that etymologically it is related to OWScand. *jorfi* m. ‘gravel, sand; sandbank’ and to the village name *Järva* in Solna parish, Uppland. He discusses various possible reconstructions of the prehistoric form of the island name.