Hulteglänn and Rungeln: Two lake names in the parish of Döderhult

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Hulteglänn (Hultagläden 1652, Hulteglädien 1723) and Rungeln (rundleda, rundlede 1541, Rungledn 1634, Runglen 1652) are two lakes in the parish of Döderhult in Småland. From Hulteglänn, a river flows into Rungeln and from there on into the Baltic Sea. Close to the river between Rungeln and the sea is a farm called Glabo (in gladhubodhum 1351–78, gladebode 1515). The author is inclined to assume that the farm name Glabo contains an Old Swedish river name *Gladha f., and that Hulteglänn and Rungeln both incorporate a lake name in OSw. *Glædh-, formed from this *Gladha. The river name most probably contains the adjectival stem glad- ‘bright, shining’ or the like, but could also conceivably be formed from the word glad neut. ‘glade, open space in a wood’.