

Summary

Betlehem, Skövde and Pommern

Transfer names in Västermo parish

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In the Södermanland parish of Västermo there are a significant number of small and fairly recent settlements with transfer names, i.e. names borrowed from another location. With respect to their background, these names form different categories. They include biblical names such as *Betlehem* and *Jeriko*. Also of foreign origin are *Pommern*, *Sibirien* and *Vittensten*. A particularly conspicuous group consists of names borrowed from Swedish towns, such as *Eskilstuna*, *Skövde*, *Torshälla*, *Vadstena* and *Örebro*. Certain places have been named after Swedish palaces or country houses. The large noble estate of Stora Sundby may have played an important role in the adoption of transfer names in Västermo parish.