

Summary

Trössla – a prehistoric island name?

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Trössla is the name of a village in the eastern part of the province of Södermanland, not far from the coast. On the basis of medieval spellings of the name, the oldest from the mid-14th century, the author concludes that its phonological development over the period covered by these records was *Trȳsla* > *Tryssla* > *Trössla*. The form *Trȳsla* he assumes to have been preceded by **Trȳnsla*, which he regards as containing an appellative OSw. **trȳnsl(a)*, cognate and synonymous with Swedish *tryne* ‘pig’s snout’ (OSw. *tryne*, OWScand. *trȳni*, PrGmc **treunia-*) and with OWScand. *trjóna* with the same meaning (PrGmc **treunōn*). The author suggests, at least as the most likely alternative, that *Trössla* is an old island name, referring to one or more topographical formations resembling the snout of a pig.