

Summary

Studies of southern Småland place-names

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In five short studies, the author interprets six different hamlet names in southern Småland: (1) *Borsna*, in Ryssby parish in the *härad* (district) of Sunnerbo (*j Börssnom* 1396), was he suggests originally a lake name **Borsne*, formed from the root *bur-* of OSw. *bora* ‘small hole’. (2) *En*, Hamneda parish, Sunnerbo *härad* (*på edenne* 1547), is the dative singular definite form of *ed* ‘passage between or by water’. (3) *Horn*, Hamneda parish, Sunnerbo *härad* (*horn* 1514), was probably originally a lake name, derived from *horn* ‘horn’ and referring to the triangular shape of the lake. (4) *Stenhöga*, Lidhult parish, Sunnerbo *härad* (*Stönia* 1543), is a late, euphemistic refashioning of an older form *Stönja* < **Stynia*, probably related to the verb OSw. *stynia* ‘groan, moan’ (though with unclear reference, possibly arising from a lake name). (5) *Välje* (*wædelega* 1498) and *Valid* (*Widelycke* 1545), Virestad parish, Allbo *härad*, are two names that were confused by scribes. The original forms appear to be OSw. **Vædhlaeke* ‘the oak forest by the ford’ and *Vidhelykkia* ‘the enclosed land around which willows grow’, respectively, but the present-day forms can both be traced to variants of the first name: *Väleke* and *Valeke*, respectively.