

Summary

Gärskagården, Hissingsgården and Kvädaregården

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The Västergötland farm name *Gärskagården* is found in the village and parish of Ryda and the village and parish of Friel. The first element has been assumed to contain a male byname **Gärdske*. The present author cites archival records supporting the assumption that *Gärskagården* is compounded with a byname, which may have become a hereditary surname.

Earlier interpretations of the Västergötland farm names *Hissingsgården* in the village and parish of Medelplana and *Hissingegården* in the village and parish of Skeby have suggested that the first element contains either the island name *Hisingen* or a personal name **Hising*. Here, various evidence is adduced for a byname *Hising* that came to be used as a hereditary surname, and it is assumed that the first element of *Hissingsgården* and *Hissingegården* derives from a personal name *Hising*.

The farm name *Kvädaregården* in Tarsled parish, Västergötland, has been assumed to contain the appellative OSw. *qvædhare* ‘singer’. The present author prefers to link the name to a byname or surname *Kvædhare*. From the neighbouring parish of Bråttensby, there is a reference from 1494 to a squire by the name of *Ulf Kvädare*.