

## Summary

The village name *Sockendal* and a lost Östergötland river name

*By Thorsten Andersson*

*Sockendal*, the name of a village in the parish of Väderstad in Östergötland, contains a river name, OSw. \**Sokn* f., with counterparts in Norway, ONorw. \**Sókn* ‘the river that rushes along’. The river providing the name was channelised at an early date, as evidenced by an enclosure map of Sockendal from as early as 1862 (Fig. 2), and drainage works affecting it were still being carried out at the beginning of the 20th century. In Sockendal the watercourse is now called *Floddiket*, from *floddike* ‘large drainage ditch’. During spring spates, the Floddiket, which has broadly the same course as the old river, is fast-flowing. Objectively, this would not have been particularly impressive, but, as the author has previously shown (Andersson 1965, pp. 267 ff.), in the plains landscape in which Sockendal is situated the criteria for a ‘rushing’ watercourse cannot be set very high.