

Summary

From *Gilstring* to *Göstring*

The phonological development of an Östergötland district name

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The Östergötland district name *Göstrings härad* shows an interesting phonological development. With reference to an earlier work by the author (Andersson 1965), this article examines the development of the name in Old Swedish from *Gilstring*, via *Gylstring*, *Gølstring* and *Gørstring*, to *Gøstring*. Of particular interest here are the variant forms *Gølstring* and *Gørstring*, which occur side by side at the beginning of the 15th century. They suggest that the *rs* in *Gørstring* represents a single, assimilated supradental, as in contemporary Swedish *fors*. This observation is of importance in dating when that sound arose, a question on which different views have been advanced in the literature.