

Summary

Nödesta (Nedersta) in Västerhaninge

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Early records of the farm name *Nödesta* include (*Jn*) *Nydiaestum* (?1331, medieval transcript), (*j*) *nytistom* (1384) and (*i*) *nydiastom* (1432). The settlement in question, which has a prehistoric ancestry, was once a village. In more recent times, the farm has been called *Nedersta*. The author discusses different possible interpretations of the first element of *Nödesta*. It could contain an old male byname meaning ‘club’ or ‘lump’, but from a topographical point of view it is appealing to interpret *Nöd-* with reference either to OSw. *nydhia* f. ‘club’, used to describe an elevation, or to a word containing an older **hnyð-*, meaning ‘lump’, ‘hump’, ‘rocky knoll’ or the like.