The hārad (district) name Kåkind, OSw. Kākind, was originally the name of a settlement area (bygd), and only at a late stage was it incorporated in the hārad system. The second element of the compound, kind, is no doubt identical to OWScand. kind f. ‘family; people, tribe’, which here, as in other place-names in -kind in the provinces of Västergötland, Östergötland and Småland, first denoted the inhabitants of a particular area and was later transferred as a name to the area itself. A good parallel is the Norwegian Folk. An earlier suggestion that Kå- is to be understood as a reduction (ellipsis) of a place-name compounded with OSw. *kā ‘jackdaw’ (Danish and Norwegian kā) is considered a possibility by the author. His own main suggestion assumes that Kåkind was originally an uncompounded *Kind, and later, as a compound form, became the name of part of the settlement area to which *Kind referred, and finally a hārad name. The first element Kā- he regards as the genitive of a nickname, PrScand. *kākōr, OSw. *kākar, plural of a PrScand. *kākar, OSw. *kāker ‘yokel, lout’ or ‘wretch, bungler’, for the people of the area in question.