

## Summary

### The Västergötland *härad* name *Kåkind*

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The *härad* (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 *härad* 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 *kå*) 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 *härad* name. The first element *Kå-* 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.