In the November 1968 Word Ways there appeared a small article on street designations that are current in the United States. Some thirty in all were listed. To an English eye many of these were strange and certainly could not be found in England. For example, freeway and expressway are alien.

I felt that the American reader may be interested to learn of some of the many street designations that exist in England. A good many of the following examples will probably appear very un-American. At least one example of each of the following designations can be found within fifteen miles of the center of London. In many cases a street may possess a plural form of designation, e.g. Prince's Gardens, Bevis Marks. So as to accord full recognition to this fact I have listed the exact designation that I have found, rather than pluralizing all the designations.

ACRE
APPROACH
ARCADE
BUILDINGS
BUTTS
BY-PASS
CAUSEWAY
CIRCUS
CLOSE
COTTAGES
CROFT
DENE
EMBANKMENT
FIELDS
FOOTPATH
GARDENS
GATE
GLADE
GREEN
GROUND
GROVE
HATCH
HILL
INN
MANSIONS
MARKS
MEAD
MEWS
MOTORWAY
ORCHARD
OVAL
PARADE
PARKSIDE
PASSAGE
PIKLE
PLEASAUNCE
PRIORY
PROMENADE
QUAY
RIDE
RISE
ROW
SCARP
SPRING
TREES
VALE
VIADUCT
VILLAS
WALK
WAYE
WHARF
YARD

Strange as it may seem, the appendages BUILDINGS, COTTAGES, MANSIONS and VILLAS do in fact designate streets. Other streets (e.g. Cheapside, Piccadilly, Strand) have no designation at all.

My fifty-four names bring the total to eighty-four. Are there others?