

AMERICAN NAME SOCIETY

THIRTY-SECOND ANNUAL EHRENSPERGER REPORT ON WORK IN PROGRESS

1986

A major concern of any scholarly group is the publication of research. Among the members of the American Name Society we have several who have finished book-length studies--book being defined here by length, anywhere from 75 pages to any number. I know that members have completed studies on the names of airports, names in their historical contexts in Rhode Island, placenames in Maine, German surnames in Tennessee, names and dreams, parcels of proceedings, bibliographies, and several county studies, among others. Usually, publication outlets are found for such carefully researched work, but it takes time, plus frustration on the part of the authors. With dwindling membership in the American Name Society, the projected monograph series has been stuck on TWO. If we can begin to put value standards on a bit of cash of our own, than perhaps we could see our way to contribute either a membership or a donation to bring the membership to the equivalent of 1,000 members, still a treasury less than half as much as a rookie major league baseball player earns and just about on par with an associate professor after ten years of faithful service and no bucket heaving in public. To publish, the Society needs help.

Each year, we hear more about the teaching of names. It is an area that we would like to see developed into more than something segmental to another course, but then we do manage to face colleagues and administrators who do not understand. Still, temerarious classroom workers do manage sometimes to promote a class in the study of names, usually of placenames, which seem to be somewhat acceptable in academic circles, whereas the study of personal names is not. I would like to collect experiences that you have had in teaching onomastics, with descriptions of materials, methods, situations, and public relations (that is, how the class was permitted to be taught).

A sad duty is to report the deaths of members: Gehard Rohlf, Wilbur Gaffney, and John Leighly. Dr. Rohlf, Professor der Romanischen Philologie an den Universitäten Tübingen and München, was one of the world's foremost authority on names, many publications attesting to his authority in scholarship. Professor Gaffney earned many honors as a teacher of writing. Although he celebrated his fame as the author of Gaffney's Law of Nomenclature (Names, 19 (1971: 35), he was also known as an excellent poet. Professor Leighly contributed articles and reviews to Names throughout the span of publication. His first appearance was in Vol. 1 (1953): 50, "Linnea borealis." His last published contribution was "German Family Names in Kentucky Place Names," American Name Society Monograph 2 (1983). A companion manuscript on German family names in Tennessee placenames has not been published, since Professor Leighly finished it only days before he died. These losses will be strongly felt, both in friendship and in scholarship.

Other kinds of losses, not as drastic but somewhat discomfiting, include the lack of reports from some of the more active members of the Society. As mentioned before, since I do not actively solicit a response or pursue a bashful onomatologist, other than sending the one notice, I suggest that we remember the importance of furnishing research information to others. If you see a name missing from the report, please let me know so that I can again (probably) woo the recalcitrant to produce a report next year. Indeed, some of those missing you will notice, but others exist who do not know about the report of the American Name Society. Another loss is hardly worth the mention except that it is so annoying when it comes time to make out the report: So many of our members leave off addresses and zips. Recognizing that the latter are bureaucratic burdens that we carry, sometimes in our heads, sometimes in files, I must say that custom does not seem to have staled the postal officials on the "efficiency" of the code, now extended beyond human memory, except for the freakish who can memorize nine numbers in a flick. I still have to search out the number if it is not there. Leaving off the address is even worse, for then the search goes into former reports, specialized directories, and wastebaskets (for a missing envelope).

I should also like to make public my appreciation for the work of some of the members of the Society, especially in their evaluating manuscripts. William Loy and Wilbur Zelinsky have read all manuscripts involving geographical names, plus some others bordering on placenames. Celia Millward has read all kinds of manuscripts, but generally anything that does not pertain to placenames. Ed Lawson, Leonard Ashley, Richard Woods, Thomas Gasque, John Algeo, and Sarah Jackson have also served as evaluators. Without their help, Names would not be as successful as it is. And, of course, Wayne Finke keeps it all working together. For word processing, we thank Ann Watson, long-time sufferer for ANS.

The first volume of the projected series of books on names has appeared: NAMES AND THEIR VARIETIES, a collection of articles taken from the magazine. It sells for \$29.74, hard cover, and \$16.50, paperback, from Wayne H. Finke, Secretary, ANS, 7 East 14th St., Apt. 17U, New York, NY 10003. Make checks payable to AMERICAN NAME SOCIETY. We need to sell 85 copies to break even. Profits, if any, go to ANS.

Please send me items on names, your own publications, and any other materials pertaining to names. I will welcome suggestions, too.

Kelsie B. Harder
December 1, 1986

REMEMBER ICOS, 1987, Quebec City.

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IRVING ALLEN, (Sociology, The University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT 06268), will present a paper at the ANS meeting, New York City, and is still working on his large project on metropolitan life in popular speech, 1850-1950, which is about generic names in American slang.

JAY AMES (Box 5, Station G, Toronto, Ont. 4M4 3E8, Canada), continues his work in all aspects of names, although lately he has been concentrating on the origins of personal names, especially surnames, and the classification of them. He has an item appearing in Word Ways, another in Canoma, and notes in newspapers. Jay's enthusiasm leads him into some of the more interesting aspects of the study of names.

L. R. N. ASHLEY, (English, CUNY Brooklyn, Bedford Ave. & Ave. H, Brooklyn, NY 11210), kept his busy pace. Besides reading and evaluating articles for Names, he has read papers at the Connecticut Onomastics Symposium, the annual meeting of ANS in Chicago (new lexical items and current direction of language change), participated in a panel discussion at the Newberry Library on how name study ought to be incorporated into elementary, secondary, and college curricula. At the NEMLA Rutgers Meeting (1986) he chaired a section and focused the Twentieth-Century Fiction session on onomastics. Literary onomastics will be a part of the program when NEMLA meets in Boston in 1987. In May he attended the celebration of the 25th anniversary of the Names Institute in Madison, NJ; and in May attended the first meeting of the Blue Ridge Onomastic Symposium. At the Literary Onomastics Conference in Rochester, 1986, he read a paper on names in the scathing satire of Martin Amis' Money, A Suicide Note. Stein & Day will publish The Dictionary of Sex Slang in 1987, which will include many onomastic items. His sponsorship of the "International Library of Names" is now paying off, with A. Ross Eckler's Names and Games already published. His The Wonderful World of Magic and Witchcraft has been published. His book on names in general is far beyond the planning stage. Two other books are under contract: one on Scandinavian folk customs (with some names material), and one on Elizabethan popular culture (with no names material at all).

HERBERT BARRY, III (552 North Neville St., Apt. 83, Pittsburgh, PA 15213) on 24 August 1986 gave an invited address "Social Power of Personal Names" for the Division of Personality and Social Psychology at the annual meeting of the American Psychological Association, in Washington, DC. He included new information on unisex names identified by Barry and Harper, Names, 30 (1982): 15-22. Choice of these names for babies born in Ohio and Pennsylvania in 1981 and 1982 was predominantly for one sex (more often girls), rarely for the opposite sex. Casey was the only name with substantial and similar frequency for both sexes. Unisex names usually signify use for different sexes in different generations rather than concurrent use for both sexes.

With AYLENE S. HARPER, he gave a paper "Linguistic Origins of Recently Popular Names" at the 25th annual Names Institute at Fairleigh Dickinson University at Madison, NJ, on 2 May 1986. They reported increased use of names with Irish Gaelic origins for both sexes, with Hebrew origins for boys, and decreased use of names with Old German origins for both sexes. With AYLENE S. HARPER, he is extending the study of contemporary naming practices by questionnaires to her students at Community College of Allegeny County on their knowledge and sentiments about their first names, middle names, and nicknames.

C. RICHARD BEAM, (406 Spring Dr., Millersville, PA), continues work on the Brendle Collection of Pennsylvania German folklore, a collection that contains lists of placenames recorded by the collector. He also continues work on the PG Dictionary.

ARTHUR & GINA BERLINER, (448 Riverland Road, Roanoke, VA 24014), held a success first Blue Ridge Onomastic Symposium (see MANARIN). BROS II will be held on May 16, 1987, and everyone is invited to participate, read papers, or just be there. This is the second symposium that Berliners have initiated, the last one the Connecticut Onomastic Symposium now into its second decade. Let's make sure that this one has an unending run, too. Phone: 703-344-6327.

LALIA BOONE, (3507 Hutch Place, Chevy Chase, MD 20815), has completed Idaho Place Names, scheduled for publication in January 1987, University of Idaho Press. She also recommended that the IPA system be used for the projected Pronunciation Gazetteer: "This is an educational book and there is no need to take backward steps to satisfy a popular demand." Her collection of folk tales and folklore continues to grow from the placename study.

WALTER P. BOWMAN, (107 West Avenue, Brockport, NY 14420), read "Musical Names: The Titles of Symphonies" at the 25th and last of Wallace McMullen's Annual Name Institutes. The titles reveal the source of the composer's inspiration, indicate patterns (placenames, political events, literary allusions, personal names, religious connotations, and others).

WALTER BRASCH, (English, Bloomsburg University, Bloomsburg, PA 17815), is still looking at ways to publish his monograph on placename promotion. In the meantime, however, he has published The Press and the State: Sociohistorical and Contemporary Interpretations, and 800-page book (University Press of America, Inc., 4720 Boston Way, Lanham, MD 20706), \$24.95.

W. H. BUELL, (608 Cherokee Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90004), world traveller, with latest visits to Turkey, England, and Greece, and picked up names and clippings about names. Local ones, however, predominate: "L. A.--A City Divided and Proud of It: Community Signes," LA Times, Dec. 9, 1985, comments on the 433 signs in the city; "Finding the Right Name for Brand X," Insight, Jan. 27, 1986, account of the choosing of Taurus (sign of two of its makers' wives), Ivory (45th Psalm), and many others; review of Joseph J. Fucini & Suzy Fucini, Entrepreneurs: The Men and Women Behind Famous Brand Names and How They Made It (G. K. Hall, Boston), NYT, Jan. 12, 1986; and Jube Shiver, Jr., "Moniker Makers Rake in Big Bucks," LA Times, July 14, 1986.

MEREDITH F. BURRILL, (5204 Westwood Drive, Westmoreland Hills, Bethesda, MD 20816), had some physical difficulties last year (strokes and eyesight) but has recovered quite well, thank you. He read papers at the Onomastics Congress in Leipzig and the International Geographical Congress in Paris, participated in a seminar on the geography of food systems in Normandy and Brittany, and took part in a week-long study of the effect of tourism on the Alps region. During the past year he has been lecturing on subjects pertaining to geographical names before the Society of Women Geographers, the Explorers Club, and before the Cosmos Club in Washington. He has donated a large quantity of material on geography and names to the Memorial Library at Nicholls State University. His "Differing Perceptions of Landscape Elements" was published in Topothesia, RTCOG, Galway, Ireland, 1982, 20-24.

CARRIE CARNES, 2823 Arrowwood Trail, Ann Arbor, MI 48105), has completed a dissertation, Personal Names for Bristol and Gloucestershire from the 1327 Subsidy Rols. The study expands on existing material in supplying earlier forms, more varied spellings, and more complex syntax in some constructions. It offers new examples of surnames not documented elsewhere, either in the printed reference literature or in printed editions of original documents. Small private documents such as wills, deeds of land sales and their accompanying quitclaims, and manor rolls have been used for the corroborative value in giving different and more varied spellings and more complex syntax for the 'same' surname of a known person compared with the rather standardized material in the Subsidy Rolls and Jurors' Lists. They also confirm forms that may be ambiguous or difficult to read in the rolls and suggest a more thorough and accurate geographic distribution.

FREDERIC G. CASSIDY, English, 6123 Helen White Hall, University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI 53706), is completely absorbed in Dare II, but he does note that Vol. I covers "items involving place names, for example Alaska cotton, -pine, -robin, -time, -turkey, and similarly Albany beef, etc., and likewise for many entries under Albany, Allegheny, America, and sundry B- and C- items. There are also a few involving personal names, such as Allen plow, Beelzebub, Calamity Jane. In fact, it might be interesting for someone to do a short article sorting these out and seeing how they pattern, if they do." He also completed his Place Names of Brown County, Wisconsin, but it will have to wait.

ROBERTA C. CHENEY (Box 554, Cameron, MT 59720), writes that 7,000 copies of Names on the Face of Montana have been sold. She continues to speak before groups around the state about placenames.

DONALD T. CLARK (500 Sand Hill Road, Santa Cruz, CA 95066), published Santa Cruz County Place Names (Santa Cruz: Santa Cruz Historical Society, 1986), \$33.95 cloth, \$23.95 paper. It is a major contribution to onomastics.

THOMAS L. CLARK (English, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, NV 89154), mentioned that Grant Smith, Eastern Washington University was teaching a class, Place-Names in Spokane County. Since the Society officers would like to know more about classes in onomastics, we would like to have you send us course outlines, handouts, and other material concerning such courses.

GERALD COHEN, (Humanities, University of Missouri, Rolla, MO 65401-0249), has finished Interesting Missouri Place Names, vol. 2, dedication to ARTHUR PAUL MOSER for his extensive work on Missouri placenames, the work to appear in the spring of 1987, published by Professor Cohen. Some of the items to be treated: Enough, Whoop-up, Turnback Creek, Bourbon, Fairdealing, Fee Fee, Licking, Devil's Elbow, Pulltight, Novelty, and Hangdog School. His Comments on Etymology continues to contain articles by members of ANS.

LURLINE H. COLTHARP (4263 Ridgecrest, El Paso, TX 79902), chaired the American Dialect Society meeting for NCTE in San Antonio, November 1986. Her continuing work--"almost an obsession"--is building up the library holdings in onomastics at The University of Texas at El Paso. In addition, she is a member of the Heritage Commission and of the Provisional Review Board, as well as the Corporate Representative for AAUW.

PEARL-JOAN COSGRAVE (1201 Lincoln Mall #411, Lincoln, NE 68508), continues to collect clippings on names. An important one that the account of the Nebraska Health Department's list of birth names: Lise Olsen, "Names for the Baby: A names a name, unless it's your baby's," Lincoln Journal, Oct. 11, 1986, which lists the most popular names for 1986. Girls: Ashley, Katie, Christina, Sarah, Jessica, Jennifer, Amanda, Elizabeth, Kelly, and Megan. Boys: John, Michael, Matthew, Andrew, Christopher, Joshua, Daniel, Nicholas, Tyler, and Ryan. Some curiosities: 40 were named Whitney; in 1984, 523 were named Crystal, but the name disappeared nearly in 1986; 1,108 were named Ashley; Zachary has become important, 12th in the names for boys, etc. .

JACK A. DABBS (2806 Cherry Lane, Austin, TX 78703), has been working in genealogy. At the annual meeting of the Texas State Genealogical Society (Oct. 1985), he discussed the effect of names and naming. Before the Hispanic Genealogical Society of Houston, he spoke about the names of Apache Indians in the Spanish times of the Southwest. His study of the records of the Ebenezer Lutheran Church in Brenham, TX, won first place as the best genealogical work of the year (Texas Genealogical Society). His Vicente Riva Palacio Project now contains the names of all persons mentioned in the archives of this Mexican general and diplomat. Jack writes, surely in a smiling manner, "If you want to know the names of all the Belgian soldiers who found in Mexico in Maximilian's Empire, 1862-67, where else can you go but to this work?" The indexing will take another year.

HENRI DIAMENT, French, University of Haifa, Mount Carmel, Haifa 31999, Israel), is doing research on an article tentatively entitled "The Import of Proper Names in Cryptanalysis."

PAUL DICKSON, (Box 80, Garrett Park, MD 20896), is the author of A Collector's Compendium of Rare and Unusual, Bold and Beautiful, Odd and Whimsical Names (New York: Delacorte Press, 1986), \$15.95: "This big, rich book contains . . . thousands of names . . . categories from cars to trade names to apples, . . . aptronyms, the names and nicknames of people, places, and of such things as trains, apes, boats, houses, extraterrestrials, actors, teams, games, food, . . .," and much more. The author of many books, another recent one is The Library in America (New York: Facts on File, Inc., 1986). His book on names has been and is being reviewed in major publications.

ROLAND DICKISON (California State University, 6000 J St., Sacramento, CA 95879-2694), continues to use onomastics in his folklore classes and has an archive of onomastic information, mostly on California. He also has a collection of Herb Caen's columns on "finny" names. He claims that this is not worth putting in this report, but he was using it as a prologue to ask to be Local Arrangements Chair for the 1987 meeting in San Francisco. The last time we were in San Francisco, we honored Professor George Stewart.

SISTER CHARLOTTE DOWNEY, (English, Brown University, Box 1852, Providence, RI 02912), has finished "Walt Whitman's Ways of Naming Places and People," now being considered for publication in the Whitman journal, The West Hills Review. Her monograph, The history of Place Names on Providence's College Hill and Waterfront: Three and a Half Centuries of Naming, is finished but is awaiting a publisher. In October she presented "Place Names in Historic Quincy, Massachusetts" before the Connecticut Onomastic Symposium.

RENÉ COULET DU GARD (P. O. Box 251, Elkton, MD 21921), has continued to publish books and articles: Dictionary of French Place Names in the USA is on sale for \$39., with a 20% discount for ANS members; Volume Five of The Dictionary of Spanish Place Names in the USA is now completed, the set, \$144.00, with 20% discount to ANS; La Course et la Piraterie en Méditerranée (Privateering and Piracy in the Mediterranean), awarded Le Prix d'Histoire Theirs de l'Académie Française; a collection of short stories, Les frutis verts; and is finishing a book on the tragic destiny of the American Indians.

LESLIE DUNKLING, (32 Speer Rd., Thames Ditton, Surrey KT7 0PW, England), has scheduled Pub Names: A to Z, Longmans, October 1987. You Name It will be published by Faber and Faber, June 1987, a book containing 101 ideas for naming the baby, plus a 'dictionary' section of 4,000 first names with meanings. A Dictionary of Days will be published by Routledge & Kegan Paul in October, 1987, containing 750 named days and annotations. With his Guinness Book of Names now in its 3rd edition (May 1986), Leslie keeps publishers busy. He has several books "in the pipe-line."

JAMES L. EVANS, English, Pan American University, Edinburg, TX 78539, reports that this year "Texas is celebrating its sesquicentennial all year long. I have done quite a bit of work on names in Texas history. Also, this year I have done considerable work with names (of characters, of racial groups, of places both fictional and real) in dime novels of the 1870s and 1880s."

STEVEN FARROW, (Northern Cartographic, PO Box 133, Burlington, VT 05402), has completed his thesis at the University of Vermont: "Vermont Place-Name Changes: Counties, Towns, Gores and the Evolving Map of the State." His work at Northern Cartographic involves him in studies of placenames and providing placename information.

WAYNE H. FINKE, (7 East 14th St., Apt. 17U, New York, NY 20003), read papers at the Names Institute, Blue Ridge Symposium, Connecticut Onomastics Symposium, Literary Onomastics Conference, published a book on Latin American poetry, and still served as Executive Secretary and Treasurer of the Society, a full-time position itself.

VIRGINIA FOSCUE, English, University of Alabama, University, AL 35486, reports that "Sandra Sockwell finished her dissertation, The Place Names of Colbert and Lauderdale Counties, December 1985. Jim Jolly will probably finish his dissertation, The Place Names of Calhoun and Etowah Counties in 1987. My book about the most significant place names in Alabama has been approved for publication and should appear in print by the end of 1987 or early 1988."

ROBERT A. FOWKES, 632 Van Cortlandt Park Avenue, Yonkers, NY 10705, kept up his fast pace of reading papers and publishing: "They Were Seven: Names that Ring a Bell--or Don't" (The practices perceived in naming the several offspring of "Ma Bell"), Onomastic Symposium XI, Oct. 5, 1985, Willimantic, CT: "Tom o'r Nant: The Amazing Tom of the Dingle" (a self-taught genius), Women's Welsh Club, New York City, Feb. 1, 1986; "Abenteuer im deutschen Wortschatz," lecture to Literarischer Verein, New York City, Apr. 11, 1986; wrote monthly Welsh lessons for Ninnau, a Welsh-American paper, also reviews articles from Y Drych (including an article, "British--A Surrendered Appellation?" (Sept. 1986); now writing a review of Welsh Surnames by T. J. Morgan and Prys Morgan; were foreworded to Welsh Fever: Welsh Activities in the United States and Canada Today, by David Greenslade (Cowbridge, Wales: D. Brown & Sons, 1986). Perhaps it would be too much to note that Dr. Fowkes also teaches a course in Hittite in the New York University Graduate School Department of Linguistics.

THOMAS J. GASQUE, (English, The University of South Dakota, Vermillion, SD 57069), used his sabbatical leave last year to continue work on his South Dakota placename survey. While the work is still far from done, related projects have grown out of it, including a paper on Sioux Indian culture as seen in placenames presented at a symposium on Indian culture and the Great Plains in Lincoln, NE; a talk in Spearfish, SD, on the contributions of the Federal Writers' Project to placename study (especially in South Dakota) and a presentation with Janet Gritzner, on the progress of Phase II of the Geographic Names Information System, at the Dakota History Conference in Madison, SD, where it was announced that Gasque's paper on Indian placenames, presented at the 1985 conference, had won first place in the "professional" category. In March, in LA for a conference, he visited Randall Detrow and his fine library facilities, future home of a National Placename Center. Meanwhile, Gasque and John Van Balen are working on an index and atlas of Dakota territory, using maps in the University's collection. At the MLA meeting in December, Gasque will read a paper on the process of naming in North and South Dakota. He also serves as Associate Editor of Names and will help evaluate all articles published in the future.

MARTIN GLASSNER, (Geography, Southern Connecticut State University, 501 Crescent St., New Haven, CT 06515), continues his interest in placenames, but he sent along a series of articles and comments on Jewish names written by Benzion C. Kaganoff, A Dictionary of Jewish Names and Their History (New York: Schocken Books, 1977), reviewed by Elsdon C. Smith, Names, 26 (1978): 205. Kaganoff answers questions concerning house signs used by Jews, origins of family names, and feminine names, among other commentary (Kol-Bos, Jewish Monthly (Bnai Brith), Vol. 99, 1985. Other items appear in different volumes and issues.

DAVID L. GOLD, (Jewish Studies, University of Haifa, Mount Carmel, Haifa 31999, Israel), continues his extensive and intensive studies in several aspects of names: surnames, odonyms, -nyms, and unisex names. He also edits Jewish Language Review, which also has many items concerning onomastics.

DANIEL B. GOOD, (Geology and Geography, Georgian Southern College, Statesboro, GA 30460-8149), is completing a placename survey of Bulloch County, GA. He also published "Post Office Naming: A Case Study of Bulloch County, Georgia," La Posta: A Journal of American Postal History, 17 (1986), 30-36. He and Del Presley plan to do some joint placename work.

BYRD HOWELL GRANGER, (Box 843, Carefree, AZ 85377), reports that she has turned over all her files to the Arizona State Geographic Names Board (two years ago), but that her interest in ANS has not lessened.

ERIK GUNNEMARK, (Pl. 5007, S-463 000, Lilla Edet, Sweden), reports that sales of his A Geolinguistic Handbook are good in Scandinavia. He continues to be busy with his work with the International Society of Geolinguistics.

JANE DAVIES GUNTHER, (2575 Madison St., Riverside, CA 92504), writes: "My book, Riverside County, California, Place Names, Their Origins and Their Stories, was published in March 1985 (Riverside, CA: Rubidoux Printing Co., but write to author for information). [reviewed, Names, 33 (1985): 274-5]. Since then I have been working on the name of Santa Ana Wind (that scourge of southern California)--when it was given the name in preference to the factual name of 'Norther' which it had previously been known by, why, and by whom."

ERIC HAMP, (Linguistics, University of Chicago, 1010 E. 59th St., Chicago, IL 60637), continues his fervid pace of research and publishing (and attending meetings and congresses). Some of his articles are noted here: "Culhwch, the Swine," Zeitschrift für celtische Philologie 41 (1986), 257-8. "Addendum to Onomastic Nervosa," Verbatim 8, 4: 4-5 (1982). "Hispanic Complūtum, Compleutica, 2CP 39:204 (1982) [early Celtic, even with p written; the fate of *pl]. "Lloegr: The Welsh Name for England," Cambridge Medieval Celtic Studies 4:83-5 (1982). "**-og- in British Celtic and notes on bro," Études Celtiques 19: 143-0 (1982). "Varia, VII: 1." Fer Diad, Eriu 33: 178 (1982). "Jad(e)r-, Dizéros and Drinus," Ziva Antika 32:104 (1982). "I nomi dei mesi a Resia," Sot la Nape 34.4: 16-17 (1982). Mokh(e) 'Armenian', "Comments on Etymology 12, No. 13-14: 2-3 (1983). Items in Names 32:102 (1984) and 33:289 (1985). "Peryddon," Studia Celtica 18-19:132-3 (1983-84).

KELSIE B. HARDER (English, State University College, Potsdam, NY 13676), served as Editor of Names (1986).

JAY M. HAYMOND, (300 Rio Grande, Salt Lake City, UT 84101), submitted the Western States Geographic Names Council Report of which he is Council Secretary: The Western States Geographic Names Council was chaired by Andrew J. Bieber, Wyoming in 1985. Mr. Bieber, Wyoming Geographic Names Board works under Mr. George L. Christopoulos, Wyoming State Engineer. As Chairman of the Council Mr. Bieber hosted the Ninth Western States Geographic Names Conference in Cheyenne, September 16, 17, 18. The focus of the meeting was on the names associated with water rights. The Conference was enhanced by the presence of members from the U.S. Board Domestic Names Committee. The Domestic Names Committee held their monthly meeting as part of the Conference as well. Attending the Conference were guests from Nebraska and South Dakota. Also, as part of the Council's Annual meeting, Laura Baker, Alaska Geographic Names Board was named Council Chair. The next meeting was to be hosted by Alaska in Juneau, with Arizona as alternate and Richard Pinkerton, Chairman of the Arizona State Geographic Names Board was named as alternate Council Chairman.

Due to unforeseen circumstances in Alaska, the Tenth Annual Western States Geographic Names Conference was held September 18, 19 and 20, 1986 in Scottsdale, Arizona at the Scottsdale Double Tree Inn. Richard Pinkerton, Arizona Department of Transportation Photogrammetry and Mapping Service was assisted in hosting the Conference meetings by Sharon Turgeon, Arizona State Librarian and Sandra Hiatt of the Arizona State Library and Archives Department. The Conference focused on Native American and minority names on the land. The guest speaker was Edgar Perry from Fort Apache, Arizona. He is curator of the museum at Fort Apache and preserver of Apache culture. His remarks were directed to those who have responsibility for preserving Native American names. He said those names must be preserved to preserve the Native American language. He stated that if the Native American language is lost, they (Native Americans) have lost everything. Informative discussions were held on the GNIS Phase II programs for Arizona and Oregon conducted in Arizona by Tom Elder and in Oregon by Professor Bill Loy, University of Oregon. Attending the meetings for the first time was Representative from New Mexico, Robert Julyan; Representative from Washington, Bonnie Bunning and Representative from

Nevada, Susan Tingley. Susan Tingley, Nevada Geographic Names Board and Nevada Bureau of Mines and Geology, University of Nevada was asked to host the 1987 Conference meeting in Reno. Also attending were representatives from Oregon, California and Utah and members of the U.S. Board Domestic Names Committee; staff from U.S.G.S. Rocky Mountain Mapping Center, Denver; and Western Mapping Center in Menlo Park.

EDITH J. HOLS, 408 Lakeview Avenue, Duluth, MN 55812, continues to collect information on nicknames and has prepared a paper on "theory of onomastics" for the Midwest Modern Language Association-ANS, Chicago, November 1986.

DANIEL JONES HOPKINS (222 Pearl St., Apt. 5L, Springfield, MA 01105), is continuing to work on a project concerning US placenames ending in berg/burg. With DONALD ZEIGLER of Old Dominion University, he mapped the bergs and burgs and researched the name origin to gauge the influence of German settlement on naming. Professor Zeigler is analyzing the results. For Merriam-Webster, Mr. Hopkins spends time researching placenames, surnames, and given names for correspondents.

SARAH EVELYN JACKSON, (English, Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, GA 30332), served as President of ANS, 1986. "Enough said!" she wrote.

BOB JULYAN, Rural Route 5, Avenida Almendro, Albuquerque, NM 87123, reports: "I am continuing my work with New Mexico geographic names, and recently I was appointed chairman of the Geographic Names Subcommittee of the N.M. Geographic Information Advisory Committee. The subcommittee is the body that will interact with the U.S. Board on Geographic Names regarding names in New Mexico, but because this function has been dormant in the state, much of my time now goes to getting us organized and active again.

"Several small chapters by me about New Mexico geographic names will be included in the revised edition of New Mexico in Maps, scheduled for publication this year by the University of New Mexico Press. I also recently wrote a paper comparing English town-naming in New Hampshire with Spanish town-naming in New Mexico as part of my general interest in how culture influences naming behavior."

HENRY AND RENEE KAHANE, (Linguistics, University of Illinois, Urbana, IL 61801), published "On Wolfram's mahmumelin," in Archiv fur das Studium der neueren und Literaturen 222: 2 (1985), 356-358. [The name of a once famous Moroccan commander, as used in Wolfram von Eschenbach's Parzival, supports the hypothesis of a Catalan-Aragonese provenience of Wolfram's puzzling informant, Kyot.]

WILLIAM E. KOCH (1715 Leavenworth, Manhattan, KS 66502), has an article ready for publication on placename scholarship in Kansas. His Folklore from Kansas: Customs, Beliefs, and Superstitions (1980) will be published in paper by University of Kansas Press (Regents Press). Bill is known also as a yarn spinner at Kansas Folklife festivals.

PHILIP C. KOLIN, (English, University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg, MS 39406-8394), published Critical Essays on Edward Albee (G. K. Hall, 1985); "Research on Legal Writing: A Bibliograph," Law Library Journal, 1986: 493-517; first issue of Studies in American Drama, 1945-Present, July 1986; ed. 20th anniversary issue of Mississippi Folklore Register, with several articles on names; and research and contract, American Playwrights Since 1945: A Research Guide to Scholarship, Performance, and Criticism.

ANDRÉ LAPIERRE, (University of Ottawa, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada K1N 6N5): 1) Member of CSSN Executive (past president); also Editorial Board of Onomastica Canadiana and Book Review Editor for same. Representative of CSSN on the Board of Directors of the Canadian Federation for the Humanities. 2. Papers read: "French Place Names in Ontario: An Overview." ANS Meeting, Chicago; "Problématique des éponymes en français contemporain." Onomastics Section, XVIIIth International Conference on Romance Linguistics and Philology, Trier, West Germany; "Writing Systems for Canada's Native Geographical Names," Ottawa, Native Geographical Names Symposium. 3. Publications: "La Société canadienne pour l'étude des noms et les études onomastiques françaises en Amérique du Nord," and "La toponymie de la partie occidentale de la Nouvelle-France" in 450 and de noms français en Amérique du Nord. G. Gauthier Larouche (ed.), Quebec: Les publications du Quebec, 82-85, 343-349. 4. Organization Committee and Programme Chairman, XVIth International Congress of Onomastic Sciences, Laval University, (Quebec), August 16-22, 1987.

E. D. LAWSON, (Psychology, State University College, Fredonia, NY 14063), has completed his bibliography on personal names, to be published by Greenwood Press. For ICOS, he is working on stereotypes of names. In addition, he has examined a computer program which creates types of names, produced by a company called Salinon.

RICHARD M. LEDERER, (864 Scarsdale Ave., Scarsdale, NY 10583), writes that Colonial American English continues to sell well--it is full of names, too. Larry Urdang also claims that the book is selling well, but he gave Dick some advice, "Don't buy a yacht." An item on occupational surnames was published in the ANS Bulletin. The Place Names of Westchester County is still in print.

EMMA WOO LOUIE, (1648 Redcliff St., Los Angeles, CA 90026), published an outstanding article, "A New Perspective on Surnames Among Chinese Americans," Amerasia Journal, Asian American Studies Center, UCLA, 1986: 23 (1): 1-22. She continues to investigate Chinese names in the United States and has another long article being considered for publication.

WILLIAM G. LOY, (2683 Elinor St., Eugene, OR 97403): The Oregon Historical Society and the University of Oregon directed a cooperative effort to complete the Phase II edit of the GNIS Placename File for Oregon in May of 1986. Some 8,000 additional or variant names were gleaned from State Water Resources maps, State Department of Transportation maps, Federal Forest Service maps, and numerous other sources to augment the original list of 32,000 names from Phase I compilation. The USGS Professional Paper 1200-OR listing these 40,000 names will be published in early 1987. Lewis McArthur is continuing to add to the placename data bank with assistance from students at Portland State University and volunteers at the Oregon Historical Society. Professor Bill Loy will conduct a Placename Seminar winter term, 1987, where the practical work will involve GNIS-type work on State Department of Forestry maps. McArthur and Loy reported on Oregon's GNIS experience at the Tenth Western States Geographic Names meeting in September in Phoenix. McArthur and Loy are also trying to start the compilation of undersea feature names of the Pacific EEZ.

BRENDÁN S. MAC AODHA, (Geography, University College, Galway, Ireland), has written extensively on the history and nature of Irish street names, an article from the research scheduled for publication in Names in 1987.

FRED R. MACFADDEN (English, Coppin State College, 2500 West North Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21216), has his students working on naming function in grammar classes. He writes, "Adam's naming the animals in Genesis is one starting point. The search then goes on for place names and family names as regards animals and human function, as opposed to narrative or eventful origins of place and family names."

LOUIS H. MANARIN, (State Archivist, Commonwealth of Virginia, Virginia State Library, Richmond, VA 23219-3491), reported on the first Blue Ridge Onomastic Symposium, planned and coordinated through the efforts of ARTHUR and GINA BERLINER. In addition, a steering committee of volunteers agreed to try to revive the old Virginia Place Name Society. The Blue Ridge program included papers by Robert M. Rennick, "Names and Naming in Fayette County, Kentucky: A Preliminary Survey"; Modine G. Schramm, "Connecticut & South Carolina: Circling in American Place Names--Why Not?"; Wayne H. Finke, "The Spanish Language Base for Latin-American Place Names in Venezuela"; Alla Ktorova, "The Adaptation of Russian Names in the United States and Other Countries"; Mildred Willis, "Flannery O'Connor: A Southern Lady's Art of Name Calling"; Leonard R. N. Ashley, "Naming Systems in Other Cultures"; James K. Skipper, "Place Name as Nicknames: The Case of Baseball Players"; Kenneth Crouch, "The Odd Story Behind the Unique Parenthetical Roanoke (Staunton) River--Bedford County, VA"; and "The Virginia Place Name Society: What Have We Accomplished? Where Have We Been."

THOMAS L. MARKEY, (Germanic Languages and Literature, The University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI 48109), continues his accelerated pace of lecturing and publishing, with Karoma Publishers, inc., 3400 Daleview, Ann Arbor, MI 48105, being his. The company has received much publicity and also academic recognition through the publishing of such books as Roots of Language (by Derek Bickerton), noted for its theory of language spontaneity and language acquisition; and Five Fingers for Survival: The Galapagos of Signing (by William Washabaugh), a study of communicative devices used by the inhabitants of the isolated Providence Island where the deaf islanders were forced to create their own ways of communicating. Besides publishing such books as these, Markey contributes articles to scholarly journals, a recent article being "Anglo-Norse thwaite 'clearing', Engl. whittle, and German stossen," Indogermanische Forschungen, 90. Band 1985, 209-212.

LEWIS L. MCARTHUR, (4154 S. W. Tualatin Ave., Portland, OR 97201): The completion of the GNIS II project has resulted in the expansion of interest in place name research. Roger Payne of the U.S. Geological Survey states that there is room in the GNIS program to accomodate both linguistic and type classifications so Oregon has initiated the listing of our Native American names. This phase will not require the linguistic training necessary to classify the separate native language, but it will provide an overview. It would be helpful if the ANS could take the lead in prescribing both linguistic and type classifications so that work in these fields could proceed in an orderly manner.

The U.S. Geological Survey is rapidly completing the one inch to 24,000 7 1/2' quadrangle maps for Oregon. It may be of interest to our eastern neighbors to know that much of Oregon was never even mapped in the popular one inch to the mile, 15' quadrangles. This accelerated mapping program has required much place name input. While this input is primarily to insure correct names, it also generates a vast amount of good source material that must be suitably recorded. Place names are a multi-discipline interest. The ANS and the new Place Name Institute should do much to stimulate their study.

JOHN MCNAMARA, (2886 Randall Ave., Bronx, NY 10465), writes a weekly article on Bronx placenames or some aspect of naming, "The Bronx in History." The second edition of History in Asphalt: History of Bronx Street Names was expanded to 550 pages and is selling well. He has also had a square in the Bronx named after him. We wonder how many other ANS members have been so honored? Gudde, Stewart, Orth, Don Clark, McNamara, and ?

ROBERT MEYER, JR., (838 Lowerline St., New Orleans, LA 70118), has completed his book, Names Over Airports USA, but still has no publishers. This text deserves publication and surely will be in the near future. The book could be published as a monograph. Suggestions are being made as to how it can finally appear as a book.

MARY R. MILLER, (English, University of Maryland, College Park, MD 20742), is working on a paper for the Onomastic Congress next August, the topic is on how placenames are affected in the Southwest by language contact. She is also considering a further topic on "British placenames transported to the Northern Neck" for some future meeting. She has many other academic pressures which have interfered with her work on placenames.

MICHAEL I. MILLER, (English, Chicago State University, 95th St. at King Drive, Chicago, IL 60628), is working on placenames in Lakeview, a neighborhood on the north side of Chicago that was once an independent town.

CELIA MILLWARD, (English, Boston University, 236 Bay State Road, Boston, MA 02215), has an article on Chinese names scheduled for publication in Names. She also attended the Connecticut Onomastics Symposium (October). Celia has read every article submitted to Names on literary onomastics and personal names. Her evaluations are especially apt and exact.

C. W. MINKEL, (Dean of The Graduate School, The University of Tennessee, 404 Andy Holt Tower, Knoxville, TN 37996-0140), continues his interest in geographic placenames and plans a return trip to China and Tibet in 1987. His "Notes on the Naming of Pandas" appeared in the December 1985 issue of Names.

VIOLET MOORE, (427 N. Dooley St., Montezuma, GA 31963), has completed her book on names of American foods, which will include many derivations from placenames and personal names. Some of the names reflect rough frontier humor, macabre as that often was: Hangtown Scramble, Pine Bark Stew, Truckpatch, Earthquake, Revolution, or Jeff Davis Pie. For recipes, buy the book.

ARTHUR PAUL MOSER, (Veterans' Home, Mt. Vernon, MO 65712), has deposited the following materials in the collections of the State Historical Society of Missouri, 120 Lowry St., Columbia, MO 65201: "A Probable Source or Derivation of the Naming of the Village of Merriam Woods, Taney County, Missouri"; "Naming of some Springfield Streets"; "Place Names of Missouri Shared Alike by Counties and Towns"; "Moon City"; "Early Schools of Springfield"; and Duplication of Missouri Place Names."

L. MÜLLER-WILLE, (Geography, McGill University, 805 Sherbrooke West, Montreal, PQ, Canada H3A 2K6), sent a copy of the Program of the 20th Annual Meeting, of the Canadian Society for the Study of Names, May 29-31, Learned Societies Conference 1986, Manitoba. Papers and authors are listed: W. F. H. Nicolaisen, "Names in Derivative Literature"; Ora Schwarzwald, "Naming Techniques in the Writing of Oded Burla";

George Sotiroff, "Subura, a Suburb of Rome: The Meaning of the Name"; Edwin D. Lawson, "Personal Names and Naming: A New Annotated Bibliography"; Victor O. Buyniak, "Some Problems Regarding the Rendition of Latin Baptismal Names into Ukrainian"; Anna Vlasenko-Bojcun, "Ukrainian Place Names in North Dakota"; J. C. Everitt, "Toponyms as a Tool for the Culture Historian: The Case of Belize, Central America"; Sheila M. Embleton and Wolfgang P. Ahrens, "The Toponymy of the Netherlands Antilles (Aruba, Bonaire and Curaçao)"; J. B. Rudnyčkyj, "Toponymic Staliniana in Canada and the U.S.S.R."; Raouf J. Halaby, "Culture, Religion, and Politics: Their Impact on Lebanese Personal Names"; Sheila M. Embleton, Alan Rayburn, Edwin D. Lawson, panel discussion, "Whither Goest Thou? -- The Future of the Canadian Society for the Study of Names"; Jean Yves Dugas, "La 'Sanctification' du Québec par ses Noms de Municipalités"; Frank R. Hamlin, "Place Names that are 'New' or 'Old'"; Leo La Brie, "Les Systèmes Thématiques de l'Odonymie Hulloise"; Paul Voorhis, "Duplication and Novelty in Manitoban Street and Road Names"; Valerie Alia, "Names, Numbers and Northern Policy: Re-Identification and the Inuit of Southeast Baffin Island"; David H. Pentland, "Problems in the Use of Onomastic Data to Determine Linguistic Boundaries"; Elinor Barr, "The Development of Place Names Along the Coastline of Pukaskwa National Park, Lake Superior"; Henri Dorion, "Les Relations de la Toponymie et de la Géographie Politique--the Mutual Impact and Significance of Toponymy and Geopolitics"; J. B. Rudnyčkyj, "Je me souviens . . . : Recollections on Onomastic Work in Canada." Professor Müller-Wille served as President of the Canadian Society for the Study of Names, 1985-1986.

W. F. H. NICOLAISEN. (English, University Center, SUNY, Binghamton, NY 13901), did not abandon name studies in 1986 despite a growing number of commitments in all kinds of other directions. From May 28 till June 1, he attended the annual meeting of the Canadian Society for the Study of Names at which he read a paper entitled "Names in Derivative Literature", and at the Fourteenth Annual Conference on Literary Onomastics in Rochester, N.Y. (June 2-3) he gave an after dinner address on "Names in Derivative Literature and in Parodies". He also gave several lectures locally on various aspects of names and naming. He had the pleasure of seeing his Scottish Place-Names: Their Study and Significance (first published in 1976) and The Names of Towns and Cities in Britain (first published in 1970 in collaboration with Margaret Gelling and Melville Richards) republished in paperback (London: B. T. Batsford, -1986), and his article on "Names as Verbal Icons" (Names 22 1974 104-110) anthologized in Names and Their Varieties: a collection of essays in onomastics, ed. Kelsie B. Harder (Lanham-New York-London: University Press of America, 1986) 246-252. His plenary address on "Socio-onomastics" which he presented at the Fifteenth International Congress of Onomastic Sciences in Leipzig in 1984 was published in the Proceedings of that Congress (Eds. Ernst Eichler, et al. Leipzig: Karl-Marx-Universität, 1985 118-132). He also did a certain amount of reviewing, continued as a member of the Editorial Board of Onomastica Canadiana and New York Folklore, and remained a Corresponding Editor of the Midwest Journal of Linguistics and Folklore. From June to August, he spent ten weeks in Scotland, mostly in Aberdeen, continuing the documentation of his projected Concise Dictionary of Scottish Place Names. His "Names Reduced to Words?: Purpose and Scope of a Dictionary of Scottish Place Name" appeared in Scottish Language and Literature, Medieval and Renaissance Proceedings, Fourth International Conference, 1984, ed. D. Strauss and H. W. Drescher (Frankfurt am Main: Peter Lang, 1986), 47-54.

DONALD ORTH. See ROGER L. PAYNE.

ROGER L. PAYNE, (Chief, Geographic Names Information Section, U.S. Department of Interior, Geological Survey, Reston, VA 22092), continues research on historical features (ones that no longer exist), primarily settlements or populated places. He is also studying Indian placenames along the East Coast, primarily in application, patterns, and similarities, instead of the place itself. At the Geological Survey, most of his work (and that of Donald Orth) has been focused on completing the Arizona volume of the National Gazetteer. The volume has been scheduled for printing. Other completed volumes will be scheduled for printing soon, in order: Oregon, Indiana, Iowa, South Dakota, North Dakota, Massachusetts, and Florida. Contracts have been signed for the compilation of volumes for Alabama and Mississippi. Ones for Idaho and Minnesota are in the planning stages.

KENNETH PERIMAN, (Literature, Ft. Lewis College, Durango, CO 81301), has acquired topographical maps of five counties in southwest Colorado, plus San Juan County in New Mexico. He is now compiling the placenames of the area, as well as feature names. The media are also being used to obtain information on the names. The project has been slowed somewhat because of lack of assistance.

WILLIAM S. POWELL, (History, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC 29514), writes that his North Carolina Gazetteer (UNC Press) has now gone through five additional printings. He has recently made notes on personal names from the 1790 census of NC toward an article. He has also collected field names used on farms but still has not classified them.

DELMA PRESLEY, Director of the Place Name Survey in Georgia. See DANIEL B. GOOD.

YARLAGADDA BALAGANGADHARA RAO, (Telugu, Nagarjuna University, Nagarjuna Nagar, India), Vice President, Place-Names Society of India, Mysore, reports that the VIII Annual National Conference of Placenames Society of India was held at S. V. University, Tirupati, Andhra Pradesh, India, December 20-22, 1986. Dr. Rao will edit a special issue of Names, which will include papers selected by him. So far, articles from Kerala and Kannada have been accepted. The issue is scheduled for June 1988.

ELIZABETH RAJEC, (The Library, The City College of the City University of New York, New York, 10031), published a two-volume bibliography on Ferenc Molnar (Bohlan, Vinna, Austria).

ALAN RAYBURN, (Executive Secretary, Geographical Names, 615 Booth St., Ottawa, K1A 0E9, Canada), sent copies of the CSSN Program (See MÜLLER-WILLE); resolutions of the Native Geographical Names Symposium, Ottawa, May 7-9, 1986, prepared for the Canadian Permanent Committee on Geographical Names, Oct. 31, 1986, for adoption; agenda for the 25th Annual Meeting of the Canadian Permanent Committee on Geographical Names, Oct. 31, 1986; proposal for The Treatment of Names of Geographical Features Shared by Canada and the United States; a draft of Principles and Procedures for Geographical Naming in Canada," Canadian Permanent Committee on Geographical Names, 1987; and his report on Executive Secretary, 1985-86, calling attention to the preparations for the 5th United Nations Conference, held in Geneva, September 26 - Oct. 7. Other matters include items listed above, including the development of policies and procedures concerning generics and transboundary names.

He presented "The Importance and Role of Geographical Names Authorities in Mapping and Charting" at a UN meeting in Ayler, Quebec, November 5, 1985. He served as president of the American Name Society, 1985, and gave the presidential address at the annual meeting in Chicago, "The 49th Parallel: The Unfettered Frontier," and an

excellent address it was.

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HENRY A. RAUP, (Geography, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI 49008-3899), writes that "the past year has been devoted to continuing my gazetteer of the placenames of Mount Desert Island, Maine. The project has been in progress for about six years, including full-time during a 1984-1985 sabbatical year. Mount Desert Island, the location of Acadia National Park, covers 105 square miles, with more than 1,000 names identified. A 300-page book is in manuscript form." No publisher has been found yet. The local people now call him "the namesmith of Mt. Desert Island," as reported in Yankee, August, 1986, pp. 20-21. A feature appears in Bar Harbor Times, Aug. 7, 1986, describing his work in the area.

ALLEN WALKER READ, (39 Claremont Ave., New York, NY 10027), a veteran member of our onomastic community, gave papers at both the Names Institute, Madison, N.J., May 4, 1986, and the Onomastic Symposium, Willimantic, CT, Oct. 4. Using basic materials kindly supplied from the computerized data base on the United States Geographic Board, he dealt with its decisions in both states.

DEAN REILEIN, (Library, Eastern Connecticut State University, Willimantic, CT 06226), directed the Onomastic Symposium XII, Oct. 4, 1986, with the following participants and papers read: Allen Walker Read, "What Government has Decided about Connecticut Place Names"; Charlotte Downey, "Place Names in Historic Quincy, Massachusetts"; H. Gardiner Barnum, "New England Town Names of French Derivation"; Lionel D. Syld, "Ship Names and Other Naval-Related Onomastics"; Kelsie B. Harder, "The Development of -ville into a Derogatory Suffix"; Betty J. Davis, "Renaissance Images of Lais of Corinth"; Maxine M. Bernard, "Biblical and Mythological Underpinnings of Names in John Updike's Fiction: The Centaur and Couples"; Robert A. Fowkes, "The Accommodation of Italian Names in the System of the Welsh Language"; Wayne H. Finke, "Place Names in Bolivia: The Spanish Influence"; Leonard R. N. Ashley, "The Psychology of Pet Names"; and Thomas L. Bernard, "A Host of Heteronyms: People, Places, Things." As usual the Reileins were gracious and generous hosts.

ROBERT M. RENNICK, (312 Riverside Dr., Prestonsburg, KY 41653), has continued to be active in the study of Kentucky placenames, his Kentucky Place Names (Univ. of Kentucky Presses) serving as the beginning of an exhaustive study. He attended the Blue Ridge Symposium (see MANARIN). His "Traditional Accounts of Some Eastern Kentucky Names," appeared in Appalachian Notes, 13 (1-4), 1985, 2-6. His manuscript on Pike County, KY, placenames has been completed and is scheduled for the spring 1987 issue of Appalachian Heritage. His article on places names No should appear in the next volume issued by the Names Institute, edited by Wallace McMullen. Rennick's commitment to the study of names has been continuous and, seemingly, total. R. Rennick reports: "With the publication, Nov. 1984, of my book on Kentucky's place names (Univ. Press of Ky.), my attention has been devoted to the preparation for publication of several popular and scholarly articles based on my place names data. Included are those dealing with Kentucky's lack of "genuine" Indian names; traditional or "folk" accounts of some Kentucky place names; Kentucky place nicknames; a series of articles on such odd names as Tywhapity, Lickskillet, Pinhook, Shakerag found in Kentucky and neighboring states; the pronunciation of some Kentucky place names; the names applied to a sample of Kentucky's rocks and rock formations; and a compilation of a sample of Pike Co. place names from the files of the late Leonard Roberts. Some of the above have already been published; others are pending or still in preparation. In addition, I am continuing my all inclusive survey of Wayne Co., Kentucky's place names and the revision of our state gazetteer. A rather longish article on "No Names" will appear in Vol. 2 of the "Selected Papers of the Name Institute". Other articles and reviews on non toponymic subjects have been published in Names, Bulletin of the Illinois Name Society, and similar publications."

STANLEY RICH, (Arts and Letters, University of South Carolina, Aiken, SC 29801), presented a paper, "Flora and Fauna Names in West Alabama," Oct. 31, 1985, at a special session of the newly organized Southeastern Name Society held in conjunction with SAMLA in Atlanta, GA. He was elected as Secretary of the Southeastern Name Society, 1985-86. John Idol, Clemson University, is President. Rich continues to collect information on placenames in SC, especially looking for church names in Aiken County. He also presented a paper, "Water-course Names in West Alabama," ADS/SAMLA, Nov. 10, 1984, Atlanta.

RANDALL E. ROHE, (Univ. of Wisconsin Center-Waukesha County, 1500 University Drive, Waukesha, WI 53188), published "Place-Names: Relics of the Great Lakes Lumber Era," Journal of Forest History, 28 (No. 3) (July 1984), 126-135 (Forest History Society, 109 Coral St., Santa Cruz, CA 95060), a masterful study that also is documented with many other studies of names. Included are lists of "selected place-names derived from logging tools" (Axehandle Lake, Jammerhill Road, Crosscut Lake, and similar ones), "derived from logging railroads" (Thornapple Grade Road, Tank Lake, Trestle Road, and others), "derived from logging camps and related activities" (Camp Twenty-Six Creek, Roothouse Road, Logging Camp Lake, etc.), "derived from sawmills and related activities" (Sawdust Road, Mill Grove, Lumbertown, etc.), and "derived from subsidiary forest industries" (Shingle Mill Creek, Tie Mill Road, etc.). Another article, "Names on the Land: A Legacy of the Wisconsin Lumber Era," Voyageur, 2 (no. 1) (Summer 1985), 17-24. Rohe concludes that the placenames "record the major economic phases and ethnic groups that form the history of the state." Both are well written articles.

J. B. RUDNYČKYJ, (4890 Rembrandt #404, Montréal, Côte St. Luc, Qué., H4W 2V2, Canada), has now about 1,000 onomastic books, articles, notes, and reviews published since 1935. As founder of the Onomastic Institute (now Canadian Society for Study of Names) in 1966, he was invited to speak at the banquet of its founding, 1966-1986, at the annual Conference on the Learned Societies (Manitoba, June 1986). He presented a lecture on "Toponymic Staliana in Canada and the USSR," with evoked discussion in the Canadian press. He recommended the renaming of Mount Stalin in British Columbia and Stalin Village in Ontario, replacing the names with more proper Canadian names.

ROBERT S. RUDOLPH, (English, University of Toledo, Toledo OH 43606), continues to collect placename items on Lucas and Wood Counties, OH.

ALAN EDWARD SCHORR, (Director, Library & Media Services, University of Alaska, Juneau AK 99802), has published an expanded third edition of Alaska Place Names (Juneau, AK 99802: The Denali Press, P. O. Box 1535).

ELSDON C. SMITH, (8001 Lockwood Avenue, Skokie, IL 60077), has republished American Surnames in paperback (Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., 1986).

LOU STEIN, (P. O. Box 314, San Diego, CA 92103), has made "some 40-odd (???) lectures this year re San Diego Place-Names and What's In Your Family Name?" His Clues To Our Family Names will be published by Heritage Books in December 1986. Lou now has written his 3rd book on names.

GEORGE H. SHEETZ, (Sioux City Public Library, 705 Sixth St., Sioux City, IA 51105-1998), has begun a chapbook series, the first two being Ames History: Place Names of Story County, a guide to the placenames, political subdivisions (past and present), and all inhabited locales. Another is What's in a Name? Trevor, which also includes a discussion of the composition of Cornish placenames.

ROGER W. STUMP, (Geography and Regional Planning, Social Sciences 109, State University of New York, Albany, NY 12222), is planning to publish articles on church names among Eastern Rite Catholics, on the naming of places after John F. Kennedy and Martin Luther King, and on ethnic placenames. His outstanding article, "Pluralism in the American Place-Name Cover: Ethnic Variations in Catholic Church Names," appeared in North American Culture 2 (1986): 126-40. It is a model of research reporting and of opening new avenues of study in ethnicity.

RUTH TOWNSEND, (Route 1, Tipton, IA 52772), has been doing research on number names: Forty Four, AR; Fiftysix, AR; 76, KY; etc.

FRANK H. TROLLE-STEENSTRUP, (P. O. Box 582, Clermont, FL 32711), writes a column, "From Under the Bridge," where all trolls stay, South Lake Press, Florida. The columns contain numerous references to names, and they are also well written and knowledgeable, befitting the production of a former toponymist in the Defense Department, now turned pundit in a second (or third) career. He is in addition a music historian with many publications in the history of jazz, where also he refers to names often.

JOHN W. VAN COTT, (Botany, Brigham Young Univ., Provo, UT 84602), is now working on a book on geographic names in Utah.

VIRGIL J. VOGEL, (2829 Maple Ave., Northbrook, IL 60062), published Indian Names in Michigan (University of Michigan Press, 1986). His next project, Indian Names in Wisconsin, is well under way, with the first draft nearly complete. These two books, as well as Iowa Place Names of Indian Origin (University of Iowa Press, 1983), draw heavily on material gathered in his unpublished work on Indian names of the United States and Canada. He writes also, "I warn all who wish to publish in this area that reviews are few and the financial return is so small it hardly pays expenses. As for grants, forget it. This is a labor of love whose time has not come."

JACK WAGES, (3509-58th St., Lubbock, TX 79413), was a speaker for 'Texas Voices: 1836-1986, A Susquicentennial Celebration of Texas in Books,' his subject being Michener's Texas, which he analyzed through an onomastic approach. Through his membership in toastmasters International, he has spoken many times on various facets of onomastics and has also interested many of his students in the subject. We need to encourage more young scholars to study and research in onomastics, and we must applaud those of us who interest others in the field. Jack has also served for years on the Editorial Board of Names.

E. WALLACE AND MARIAN MCMULLEN hosted the 25th Names Institute (and regrettably the last one), Madison, NJ, in May, 1986.

C. A. WESLAGER, (RD 2, Box 104, Old Public Road, Hockessin, DE 19707), is completing Swedes and Dutch at New Castle, Delaware, 1651-1664, to be published by The Middle Atlantic Press for the 350th anniversary of the coming of the Swedes (1638-1988). In the book, Weslager tries to explain "every Lenape, Swedish, and Dutch place-name found in the 17th century primary references." He claims that there are many. He also discusses several Lenape names in an article for the Atlas of the Delaware estuary being published in 1987 by the Sea Grant College, University of Delaware. For his long service to the extension of our knowledge of history, he was honored with a Doctor of Humane Letters at Widener University, May 1986. He was also the subject of an article by Bill Frank, "What's in a name? De La Warr became Delaware," Sunday News Journal, Wilmington, Del., Sept. 7, 1986, C19.

WILLIAM A. WITHINGTON (113 Johnston Blvd., Lexington, KY 40503), attended the Blue Ridge Onomastics Conference in May (see BERLINER) and gave a paper, "Place Names and Naming in Fayette County, Kentucky." A second paper on the subject was given in November at the Kentucky Academy of Science Annual Meeting in Lexington. He has prepared a bibliography of maps of Sumatra from 1957 to the present. Work continues on developing street name lists, with meanings, etc., of cities in Sumatra, with comparisons made to names in Jakarta, Indonesia's capital on Java. The preliminary paper will be given at the annual meeting of Southeast Conference Association for Asian Studies. Some recent publications include, "The Cities of Sumatra in 1980," Indonesia Circle (London: University of London School of Oriental and Africa Studies, 1986); "Indonesia's Kota Administrasi: a New City type in the 1980s," Proceedings of the Asian Research Conference, Hong Kong, 1985. His "The Intermediate City Concept Reviewed Through Application to Major Cities in Sumatra, Indonesia" will be published in The Indonesian Journal of Geography.

RICHARD D. WOODS, (Foreign Languages, Trinity University, 715 Stadium Drive, San Antonio, TX 78284), will be on a Latin American Studies Association workshop, "Stereotype-Free Materials for Latin America." He will give the participants Spanish names, both baptismal and surnames, that can be used in the classes from k-12.

RUTH S. WORTHING (20 Sunset Circle, Fond du Lac, WI 54935), has followed up on her study of the origin of Johnson Street, which has led her to a study of the life of Harriet Boyd, whose maiden name was Johnson, whose uncle nominated George Washington to head the Colonial army and later nominated him to be our first President. Harriet's husband was also closely related to Martha Washington and was later to carry out important missions for President James Madison. Harriet's sister Louisa married John Quincy Adams. Ruth now has the copies of the family letters to and from the Boyd and Adam families, a rich trove of unnoticed history and very important for an interpretation of the character of the men in the Adams family. All this began with a study of the origin of Johnson Street.

LIONEL D. WYLD, (Department of the Navy, NUSC Newport Laboratory, Building 106, Newport, RI 02841), has been researching the history and geography of the Arctic Polar Region and the naming done by explorers or the places named for them. He is still collecting photos of semantically interesting, linguistically unusual, off-beat signs and names. He has also continued to work on acronyms and initialisms and their derivations and their effects on communication. His Boaters and Broomsticks will be published by North Country Books, Inc., 18 Irving Place, Utica, NY 13501, and includes chapters on placenames and boat names, as well as onomastic material scattered throughout. His Walter D. Edmonds, Storyteller is in print, Syracuse University Press, Syracuse, NY 13210. And if anyone has not read it, then his book on the Erie Canal is a most readable and informative feast.

DONALD J. ZEIGLER, (Political Science and Geography, Old Dominion University, Norfolk, VA 23508-8510), with DANIEL JONES HOPKINS (Meriam-Webster) is continuing research on the spatial and temporal patterning of the generic toponym berg, along with its derivatives. Donald Zeigler and JUSTIN FRIBERG are beginning a research project on the use of toponymic designations for vernacular regions within U.S. metropolitan areas (e.g., West Shore, Southside, North End, etc.).

WILBUR ZELINSKY, (Geography, The Pennsylvania State University, 302 Walker Building, University Park, PA 16802), in collaboration with Colin H. Williams, a geographer at North Staffordshire Polytechnic, is preparing a review article dealing with the mapping of language in the United States, Canada, and the British Isles. He writes, "Since maps of placenames, generic and specific, are being covered, perhaps our effort can just barely qualify for some mention in your annual chronicle. We hope to finish our labors within the next couple of months." Also, he has begun to collect and classify "that special genre of highway signs that greet and welcome the traveler to so many of our North American communities (e.g., 'Welcome to _____, cleanest city in Louisiana'); and I am working on a sort of content analysis of what they have to tell us superficially and structurally." He further notes, "My collection of examples in the U.S. and Canada has been growing by bounds and leaps, but I would like to hear from anyone who (1) has encountered any discussion whatsoever of this topic in any publication, or (2) has photos or knowledge of such signage either on this continent or elsewhere in the world."

LADISLAV ZGUSTA, (Linguistics and Classics, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Urbana, IL 61801), published "A Handful of Greek Place Names in Asia Minor," Revue Onomastique 9:46-48 (festschrift for D. Georgacas); and "Ad methodu, qua nomina locorum investiganda sunt, observationes aliquot," in Serta Indogermanica (Festschrift für Günter Neumann (Innsbruck 1982), 459-463. His comments on the etymology of the name Kybele appears in Die Sprache 28, 2 (1982), 170-172.

VIVIAN ZINKIN, (1823 Attaya Road, Lakewood, NJ 08701), has two articles in recent issues of Names (generic component and specifying component in West Jersey placenames). She has work in progress on various aspects of survival of such names.