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The Ehrensperger Report contains information on research, publications, and activities of members of the Society and sometimes others who have produced material that is of onomastic interest. Again, addresses are listed, since correspondence is often essential to the exchange of information. As in the past, the information has been submitted by the informant and has occasionally been ever-so-lightly edited for spatial needs.

The format follows that of the past issues, except that the names of the contributions are listed in full instead of last name first, but still alphabetized by last name. Diacritical marks have sometimes been missed. My computer will do them, but my printer, as I mentioned last year, is a chauvinistic American one, refusing to take anything except straight English alphabetical symbols.

This year, an attempt was made to reach more members of the Society and also more of the European researchers. The results have been, well, not all that was wished. Many of the members assume, perhaps quite rightly, that the request for information is just another form letter and that it can be dismissed. Once, I inserted a stamped, return envelope, but the gathering was not any large harvest. Stamps, at 25 cents, have some value; let's hope at least the stamped envelope served to firm up a relationship, pay a bill, or even write a letter to an editor.

I no longer insert the stamped envelope, which means, maybe, that the return is a labor for the love of onomastics.

Still, the returns this year are more than we have had in the history of the report, and we have new researchers appearing for the first time. Actually, the future looks bright as far as research being continued in the discipline.

Sadly, I report the death of Hamill Kenny in March of 1989. He was one of the giants in onomastics, his specialty being Amerindian names, although he also published in other areas. His major works are *The Origin and Meaning of the Indian Place Names of Maryland*; *Editor of Special Issue on Indian Names*, an issue of *Names*; *Place Names of West Virginia*; and *The Placenames of Maryland*.

Also, during the year, Joseph N. Corcoran passed away. He was a long-time member of the Society and a faithful contributor to the magazine, collections, and reports. His son, Peter Corcoran, P. O. Box 65540, Washington, DC, 20035-5540, writes that his father left behind a large library of works dealing principally with personal names but also some items on placenames. Anyone interested should contact him for information on the contents of the collection.

I extend warm thanks to all who contributed to the report. Everyone has also received a letter of appreciation, too.

Kelsie B. Harder  
December 5, 1989

Note: If an entry has [See XXXX], then more information on the person(s) named in the entry can be found at XXXX.



WOLFGANG P. AHRENS (Faculty of Arts, York University, 4700 Keele St., North York, Ont. M3J 1P3, Canada) published "Street Names in the German Democratic Republic," *Onomastica Canadiana*, 69.2: 1-14, 1987. He also edits *The Name Gleaner* for the Canadian Society for the Study of Names. See EMBLETON.

JOHN ALGEO (English, University of Georgia, Athens, GA 30602), besides giving me advice on the origin of the spelling alternative Vergil/Virgil, published "The Tag Question In British English: It's Different, I'n'it?" *English World-Wide* 9:2 171-191 (1988). He continues his work on grammar, Briticisms, and American English.

IRVING ALLEN. See Finke.

GRACE ALVAREZ-ALTMAN (Languages, State University College, Brockport, NY 14420) directed the 1989 Literary Onomastics Conference. She also chaired the MLA Section 338, Literary Onomastics, Dec. 28, the following papers being read: JOEL J. BRATTIN, "Giving Names and Taking Names Away in The Red Badge of Courage"; ZACHARIAS P. THUNDY, "The Name of the Rose"; GRANT SMITH, "Art and Names in Shakespeare's The Tempest"; and CLAIRE A. CULLETON, "Names, Identities, and Eternal Incongnitos: The Burden of Patriarchal Onomastics in Women's Expatriate Writing."

REINHOLD AMAN (331 South Greenfield Avenmue, Waudesha, WI 53186) claims that his new computer equipment for language research and publishing is the latest for a family store. His new laser writer produces top-quality typesetting in hundreds of typefaces, languages, and syllabaries. He reports that *Maledicta* 10 (1988-89) will be published soon: "Among the articles of interest to unrepressed onomatologists are a comparison of labels for ethnic, racial and sexual slurs in the new editions of Webster's New World Dictionary and the Australian Macquarie; first results of the *Maledicta* Onomastic Questionnaire (MOQ): abusive, endearing and pet names for breasts and genitals; telephone numbers used as words; results of the 1988 poll on abusive names for 20 celebrities; the treatment of slurs in computerized thesauri and spelling checkers; nicknames of baseball players; drug- and alcohol-related slang; offensive language in Ulster; colorful expressions from rural America; insults in Georgian (USSR), Swahili, and Arabic; articles on Portagee, Uranus, Catullus and Martial; religious graffiti from New York City; and an amazing collection of offensive rock band names."

RAIMO ANTILA. See EMBLETON.

LEONARD R. N. ASHLEY. (1901 Avenue H, Brooklyn, NY 121230) has read many papers this year, some noted under the names of other members of ANS. At MLA last year, he read "More than Zero: Names in Bret Easton Ellis' novel." Although he has published articles in *Literary Onomastics Symposium*, *Names* (ed. Shakespeare issue), *Word Ways*, *Comments on Etymology*, his major publication this year is *What's in a Name? Everything You Wanted to Know* (Baltimore, MD 21202: Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., 1001 Calvert St., 1989), pp. 257, ISBN 0-8063-1261-0, \$18.95. See CALLARY. See FINKE. See COHEN. See REILEIN. See BERLINER.

AUSTRALIA. Obviously, Australia is not a name enthusiast, but the self-effacing Australian onomatologists published no name in announcing the "Indigenous Place Names Symposium," held Dec. 4-6, 1989, The Convention Centre, North Terrace, Adelaide, South Australia. For information about this meeting, write to The Secretary, Geographical Names Board of South Australia, Box 1047, GPO, Adelaide 5001, Australia.

LAWRENCE BALDWIN. See GRIMAUD.

H. GARDNER BARNUM (Geography, Unmiversity of Vermont, Burlington, VT 05405-0114) continues to offer "Geography of Place Names" as a regular departmental course and would be glad to share information with anyone who is interested in conducting such a course or who is doing so. See REILEIN.



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FREDERIC G. CASSIDY (English, University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI 53706) continues to work on Vol. 2 (DARE), which is nearing completion. He contributed to the Allen Walker Read issue of *Names*.

ROBERTA CHENEY (Box 554, Cameron, MT 59720) wrote an article, "A Century of Montana History in Her Place Names," to appear in a special issue of *Names*. Lately, she has concentrated on environmental articles, with origins of names of small streams scattered through them. She also writes and publishes on Montana history, having completed a book on the history of The Episcopal Church in Montana. She has also collaborated with her husband on a book, *The Open Range Cowboys of Montana*. Her *Names on the Face of Montana* has just gone into its fourth printing.

CECILY CLARK (13 Church Street, Chesterton, Cambridge CB4 1DT, England) writes, "My interest in medieval personal-naming began in 1974 and since then I have had over 20 papers published in this field (major items: *Speculum* 53, 223-51; *Battle Proceedings* 1979, 21-41 and 168-72; *Nomina* 6, 51-71, and 7, 65-89; *Battle Proceedings* 1984, 50-65; *Nomina* 9, 53-72; *Deroles Festschrift*, 73-85; *Medieval Prosopography* 8/i, 31-60; *Nomina*, 11, 7-33); since 1985 I have been a Joint Editor of *Nomina*. Items at press include a chapter for each of the first two volumes of the *Cambridge History of the English Language* and also a paper, given in September 1988 at a conference on "Language Contact in the British Isles," that questions, with particular reference to place-names, some traditional ideas about Anglo-Norman influences on Middle English. In preparation are two further papers dealing with aspects of the supposed Anglo-Norman influence, on analyzing some early-twelfth century by-names, and another focussing on the principles and methodology of medieval anthroponymics. Subsequently, I hope to return to my long-term work on the name-material in the *Liber Vitae* of Thorney Abbey."

GRADY CLAY (330 Wildwood Place, Louisville, KY 40206) continues to work on his large undertaking, a gazetteer of generic man-made places of the United States. He also presented ten lectures and workshops on places, such as sense of place, emerging forms of urbanization, ephemeral places and their functions in planning and urban design, and changing roles in the sense of place. He also was the author of the Spring issue, *Design Quarterly Magazine*, devoted to "Ephemeral Places: Here Today, Gone Tomorrow." Clay's analysis of the Yard Sale as "the last great recycling ground" is "as priceless as an old-fashioned outlawed milk can." Here, too, we learn about the 450-mile yard sale, an annual event, from Cincinnati to Gadsden, AL, held in the latter part of August each year. Chair of the jury that selected the Vietnam Veteran's Memorial, Clay is much in demand as a speaker before landscape artists and environmentalists.

GERALD L. COHEN (Foreign Languages, University of Missouri at Rolla, MO 65401) edits *Comments on Etymology*. He also published "The Big Apple: a preliminary Study," Part 1 (Nov. 1988), 25 pp.; part 2 (Feb. 1989), 17 pp.; Part 3 (Apr. 1989), pp. 10-25; Part 4 (Oct. 1989), 37 pp. The study was dedicated to the memory of Peter Tamony. Other items published in CE were "More on shlemiel, May 1989, pp. 14-17; "Fun City 'NYC'--courtesy of Mayor Lindsay and journalist Dick Schaap," May 1989, pp. 7-8; "Contributions to the study of Missouri place names, part 8," Mar. 1989, 15 pp. Ed. *Studies in Slang*, II (= *Forum Anglicum*, vol. 16; NY: Peter Lang, 1989), contains LEONARD R. N. ASHLEY, "British get off at Gateshead and similar expressions," p. 127; MICHAEL McKEAN, "On the existence of Cox's Army 'ragtag group'," pp. 128-129; NATHAN SÜSSKIND, (various material on the origin of sheen(e)y 'Jew'), pp. 156-175; Nathan Susskind, "Origin of Yiddish yeke 'German'," pp. 176-181; Gerald Cohen, "Yiddish yeke 'German' < yekele 'fool'," pp. 182-183.

LURLINE H. COLTHARP (4263 Ridgcrest, El Paso, TX 79902) continues to work on the Lurline H. Coltharp Collection of Onomastics in the library at The University of Texas at El Paso. She urges members to send her any items that could be made a part of the collection. The library will reward the donor with a "donation slip" that can be used as an income tax deduction. This is a worthy cause for members, and it means that a strong collection of material on names will be available in the area. Send



the material to either the Names Collection, Library, University of Texas at El Paso, El Paso, TX 79968 or to Lurline.

A bibliography of the collection is available.

She attended the Western Geographic Names Conference in Portland, OR, and the ANS meeting in Lexington, KY.

MARTHA CORNOG (717 Pemberton St., Philadelphia, PA 19147) is represented by "Names for Sexual Body Parts: Regularities in 'Personal' Naming Behavior," *Publications of the North Central Name Society*, No. 2, 1987, 133-151, ed. L. SEITS. She is collecting names of campsites, especially ones for folk and music festivals and would like to hear from others who are studying such names of campsites.

SERGE COURVILLE (Geography, University of Laval, Quebec City, Canada) published "La toponymie historique: Les noms de lieux: un regard sur le passé," *Le toponymie*, Vol. 7, No. 1 (June 1989), 1-2.

CLAIRE A. CULLETON (English, University of Miami, POB 248145, Coral Gables, FL 33124) recently completed her Ph. D. dissertation, *Names and Naming in Joyce: A Rhetoric of Nomenclature from Stephen Hero through Finnegans Wake*. She also published "Patronymics and Onomastics in Joyce's 'Oxen of the Sun'," *Onomastica Canadiana*, 70.1 (1988): 23-32. In addition to her interest in Joyce, she also researches and writes on "women and naming," particularly nicknaming, and the cultural and social distinctions that attend and inform the naming of women. Her presentations on names in Joyce have been given before the South Atlantic Modern Language Association, South Central Modern Language Association, and Eleventh International James Joyce Symposium. She also has served as editorial assistant on the *James Joyce Quarterly* and *James Joyce Literature Supplement*. See ALVAREZ-ALTMAN.

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BETTY J. DAVIS. See FINKE.

HENRI DIAMENT (French, University of Haifa, Mount Carmel, Haifa 31999, Israel) published "La metonymie des noms de personnes germaniques sous la Renaissance et de nos jours," *Onomastica Canadiana*, 11.1: 13-23, 1989. Another article, "Onomastique-fiction: Science et Fantaisie dans deux romans de Raymond Queneau," has been accepted by *Nouvelle Revue d'Onomastique* for 1990. Other articles are scheduled for *Cahiers des Amis de Valéry Larbaud* and *Cahiers de Civilisation Médiévale*.

CHARLOTTE M. DOWNEY (English, Brown University, Providence, RI 02912) published "How the Mathematical Concepts Portrayed in the language Patterns of Walt Whitman's and ED's Poems Relate to Meaning," *Dickinson Studies*, 72 (Second Half 1989), 17-32. She is also researching material for "The Process of Naming in the Figures of Speech" and "The Rhetorical Significance of Emily Dickinson's Use of Names." In addition, she has had 21 grammars published in her series *American Linguistics 1700-1900* and is now working on the 19th century rhetoric books that she will include in the series. She has also completed "Trends that Shaped the Writing of 19th Century American Grammars" and "Factors in the Growth of the English Language in 18th and 19th Century Ireland" to be published in Germany. See REILEIN.

JEAN-YVES DUGAS (Commission de toponymie, 220, Grande Allée Est, Québec, Qué., G1R 2J1) published "Origine de Cabano," p. 1; "Une expédition missionnaire en 1831 ou le journal de voyage comme source toponymique historique privilégiée," *Le toponyme*, Vol. 7, No. 1 (June 1989), 3-4; "Baie-Saint-Paul," *ibid.*, Vol. 6, no. 2 (Nov. 1988), [4]. He also arranged the program for the Canadian Society of the Study of Names, May 27-28, 1989, Laval University. The following papers were presented: WILLIAM J. DAVEY, "The Treatment of Names in the Regius Psalters"; MARC RICHARD, "La création de noms géographiques"; ALAN RAYBURN, "The Handling of Quebec's Names in the English



Language Press"; LOUIS-EDMOND HAMELIN, "L'élément rang dans la toponymie de la langue Française"; ANNA VLASENKO BOJCUN, "Women's Names in the Works of Taras Shevchenko"; JEAN-YVES DUGAS, "Nom de lieu ou lieux du nom, identification, signification et évocation en toponymie québécoise"; DOROTHY NAKOS, "Les noms propres dans la correspondance de Mme Bégon (1748-1753): une histoire du Canada au XVIIIe siècle"; GRANT SMITH, "Density Variations in Current Native American Placenames--Especially British Columbia and Washington State"; JEAN POIRIER, "Contribution à l'étude du nom de lieu Labrador"; FRANK HAMLIN et HERVE CURAT, "Denomination, référence et la distinction entre noms propres et noms communs."

RÉAL DUMOULIN (same as DUGAS) published "Les dernières décisions toponymiques," *Le toponyme*, Vol. 7, No. 1 (June 1989), 6; "Cap-Rouge," *Origin de*; "9784 toponymes de plus deviennent obligatoires," *Le toponyme*, Vol. 6, No. 2 (Nov. 1988), 3; "Nouvelles publications: l'affichage des noms de voies de communications," *ibid*, 3; "Un nouveau président à la Commission de toponymie," *ibid*, 1.

LESLIE DUNKLING (32 Speer Rd., Thames Ditton, Surrey KT7 0PW, England) published a paperback edition of *A Dictionary of Days*, September 9, 1989 (New York: Facts on File, Inc., 460 Park Avenue South, 10006), \$10.95, paperback (In Canada \$13.95). In the works is *A Dictionary of Terms of Address*, Routledge, June 1990, that will deal with the use of terms like pal, sir, you idiot, professor, darling (plus 1,000 others).

EVA ECKERT. See WOODS.

SHEILA EMBLETON (Lang., Lit., Linguistics, York University, 4700 Keele St., North York, Ont. M3J 1P3 Canada) has recently published "-city, -ville, -world, and -land as Elements in Abstract Place Names," *Onomastica Canadiana*, 68.1:14-20, 1986; with WOLFGANG P. AHRENS, "Toponymy, Language, and Spontaneous Naming in Aruba, Bonaire, and Curaçao," *Onomastica Canadiana*, 69.1:32-40, 1987; with RAIMO ANTILA, "Place Names in Finland: Settlement History, Toponymy, and the Finnish/Swedish Boundary," *Onomastica Canadiana*, 71.1:37-47, 1989; review of VIRGIL J. VOGEL, "Indian Names in Michigan," *Onomastica Canadiana*, 68.2:67-68, 1986; and review of PETER E. RAPER, "Dictionary of Southern African Place Names," *Onomastica Canadiana*, 70.2:89-92, 1988.

She also served as President of the Canadian Society for the Study of Names in 1989. See READ. See DUGAS.

CLEVELAND KENT EVANS. See SEITS.

JOAN M. FAYER (English, University of Puerto Rico, Rio Piedras, PR 00931) presented "Cultures in Contrast: First Names in a Bilingual Community," at the Seventh Annual Conference on Culture and Communication, Philadelphia, PA, Oct. 7, 1989; and with JOSEPH M. FERRI and ALMA SIMOUNET DE GEIGEL, "What's in a Name?: A Crosscultural Ethnographic Approach," read at the Speech Communication Association of Puerto Rico, San Juan, Dec. 8, 1989.

JOSEPH M. FERRI (English, University of Puerto Rico, Rio Piedras, PR 00931) with ALMA SIMOUNET DE GEIGEL presented "Nicknames or 'Apodos': A Socio-Cultural Perspective" at the Seventh Annual Conference on Culture and Communication, Philadelphia, PA, Oct. 7, 1989. See FAYER.

THOMAS P. FIELD (Geography, University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY 40506) will see his *A Guide to Kentucky Place Names* (Lexington, KY: Kentucky Geological Survey, 1961) republished in 1990 by the Survey, under the direction of Don Haney.

WAYNE H. FINKE (7 East 14th St., Apt. 17U, New York, NY 10003) served with his usual efficiency as Executive Secretary and Treasurer for the Society. He directed the XXVIII Names Institute, Baruch College, May 6, 1989, the following papers being read: MARY R. MILLER, "How to Name a Church in the Northern Neck of Virginia"; ALLEN WALKER READ, "What People in Western New York Call Themselves: Some Documentation"; IRVING ALLEN, "Social Influences on Informal Names for Rich



and Famous Urban Neighborhoods"; WILLIAM OVER, "Ethnicity and the Marquee: Who Gets the Credit?" ROBERT FOWKES, "Perceived Length of Welsh Place Names"; BETTY J. DAVIS, "Apocalyptic Sevens in the Revelation of St. John The Divine"; DOROTHY E. LITT, "Self-naming and Self-defining in Subscriptions to Personal Letters in the English Renaissance"; MARGARET B. BIRNS, "Demeter as the Letter D: Names in *The Sound and the Fury* and *As I Lay Dying*"; and LEONARD R. N. ASHELY, "The Names in *The Name of the Rose*." See REILEIN. He also chaired the MLA, Sec. 143, section on Names in Literature and Folklore, at which the following were read: LEONARD R. N. ASHELY, "'Marked Days' in Norwegian Life and Folk Etymology"; RANDY PRUS, "Ishmael's Spirit Spout: Mythology and Geography in *Moby-Dick*"; and THOMAS GASQUE, "An Onomastic Odyssey in Europe." See BERLINER. See CALLARY.

ROBERT F. FLEISSNER (ETC Dept., Central State University, Wilberforce, OH 45384) published *Ascending the Prufrockian Stair: Studies in a Dissociated Sensibility* (New York, NY: Peter Lang Pub., Inc., 62 West 45th St., 10036, 1988), parts of which are devoted to the origin of the name Prufrock. Also, a related item is "The Germanic Insect Image in Prufrock," *Germanic Notes*, 20.1: 2-3, 1989. And more: "Shakespeare's Epitaph and the Threnos.~ Notes and Queries, NS 35 (1988), 53-54 (the implicit use of the Bard's name in the last three words "sigh a prayer," under which is found printed "Shakespeare."); "Caliban Converted; or The Tempest as the Tempering of the Pest," read at the Shakespeare and Renaissance Association of West Virginia Conference (Apr., 1987), abstracted in *Shakespeare Newsletter*, 37 (1987), and printed in the *Proceedings* (1988): *Selected Papers*, 13 (1988), 33-38; "On the Spelling out Sherlock Holmes' Secretive Initial," *Baker Street Miscellanea*, no. 53 (1988), pp. 8-13 (suggests that Holmes' original name was I. Sherringford Holmes); article in *Names*, 36 (1988), 91-94; review of *Naming the Rose: Essays on Eco's 'The Name of the Rose'* (University of Mississippi Press, 1988), in *Baker Street Miscellanea*, no. 55 (1988), 47-48; *A Rose by Another Name: A Survey of Literary Flora from Shakespeare to Eco* (W. Cornwall, CT: Locust Hill, 1989) contains material on onomastics in many different forms.

RAINBOW FLETCHER (9520 N. E. 120th #A2, Kirkland, WA 98034) continues to collect names with the possibility of adding to her book *Don't Blame the Stork*.

JEAN-CLAUDE FORTIN (address same as DUGAS) published "Dévoilement d'un panneau d'interprétation toponymique sur la terrasse Dufferin, à Québec," *Le toponyme*, Vol. 6, No. 2 (Nov. 1988), 3.

VIRGINIA FOSCUE (PO Box 3101 ESS, Tuscaloosa, AL 35404-0401) published *Place Names In Alabama* (Tuscaloosa, AL 35487: University of Alabama Press, 1989). She is also directing a dissertation on the placenames of Cherokee County (see JOLLY).

MARCEL FOURCAUDOT (Commission de toponymie, 220, Grande Allée Est, Québec, Qué. G1R 2J1) published "Le programme de désignations commémoratives," *Le toponymie, Bulletin d'information sur les noms de lieux*, Mars 1989, 6, no.4, pp. 6; "Les dernières décisions toponymiques," *ibid*, June 1989, 6-7.

ROBERT FOWKES. See FINKE.

JUNE M. FRAZER. See CALLARY.

IRA FREEDMAN (46 Bailey Ave., Latham, NY 12110) continues to research and catalogue family names.

RALPH O. FULLERTON. See CALLARY.

THOMAS J. GASQUE (English, University of South Dakota, Vermillion, SD 57069) continues as editor of *Names*. His article on the study of placenames on early maps of Dakota, in collaboration with JOHN VAN BALEN, appeared in the June issue of *Names*, which recognized the centennials of the two



Dakotas, plus Montana and Washington. The guest editor of this special issue was GRANT SMITH. Throughout the 1988-89 academic year, Gasque was in Germany as a Fulbright-supported exchange professor at the University of Oldenburg. Among his activities were visits to onomastic centers in several European countries. He will give an account of some segments of his European onomastic odyssey in Europe at the MLA meeting in December, Section 143, MLA, Dec. 28. See FINKE.

ANN H. GAY. See McMILLAN.

MARGARET GELLING (Dept. of Ancient History and Archaeology, The University of Birmingham, P. O. Box 363, Birmingham B15 2TT, England) published the second edition of *Signposts of the Past: Place-Names and the History of England* (Phillimore); "Towards a Chronology for English Place-Names" in *Anglo-Saxon Kingdoms*, ed. D. Hooks (Blackwells); and "The Early History of Western Mercia," in *The Origins of Anglo-Saxon Kingdoms*, ed. S. Bassett (Leicester University Press).

She also completed Part I of the English Place-Name Society's *Survey of Shropshire*; and *The West Midlands in the Early Middle Ages*, for a series published by Leicester University Press.

ELIZABETH GOEHRING (English, University of South Dakota, Vermillion, SD 57069) coordinated the activities of Names while Editor THOMAS GASQUE was in Germany. She attended the ANS meeting in Lexington. See CALLARY."

ANNE LEE GRAVELY. See BERLINER.

MICHEL GRIMAUD (French, Wellesley College, Wellesley, MA 02181) is working on what he calls "discursive onomastics"--i. e., not only proper names but any of the items that fill the proper name slot in discourse (from pronouns to noun phrases). He has an article on street names in the Northwest (USA) scheduled to appear in *Names*. With a colleague, LAWRENCE BALDWIN, he is working on a book, *Streetnames, USA*, with outline and much work already completed.

He is also "finishing a lengthy survey of the domains and methods in onomastics--in French--entitled "Les Onomastiques, Champs, méthodes et perspectives," covering some 15 disciplines from anthropology to zoosemiotics, the article to be submitted to the *Nouvelle Revue D'Onomastique*.

Some major articles published include "Forgandó nevek: referencia és preferencia elbeszélő szövegekben"/"Spinning Names: Reference and Preference in Narratives," *Pszichológia*, 1989, 1, 159-171; "Reference and Preference in Narrative: Sherwood Anderson's *Winesburg, Ohio*," *Empirical Studies of the Arts*, 7(1) 33-43, 1989; "Spinning Names: Reference in Narratives," *Poetics* 17(1988), 483-496; "Les appellatifs dans le discours. 'Madame', 'Mademoiselle', 'Monsieur', avec et sans nom propre," *La française moderne*, 57e Année 1989, Avril 1989 No 1/2, 54-78; "Tutoiement, titre et identité sociale," *Poétique*, Février 1989/seuil, 53-75; "Discourse anaphora: the functioning of proper names in narrative," in *Psychological approaches to the study of literary narratives*, ed. Colin Martindale (Hamburg: Helmut Buske Verlag, 1988), 96-132; "Toponyms, Prepositions, and Cognitive Maps in English and French," *Geolinguistics*, 1988-1989. These articles are major contributions to onomastic theory and deserve wide distribution. See REILEIN.

LOUIS-EDMOND HAMELIN. See DUGAS.

FRANK HAMLIN. See DUGAS.

PATRICK HANKS (Westmere, 50 Edgbaston Park Road, Birmingham B15 2RX, England) published *Dictionary of Surnames* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1988), with FLAVIA HODGES. Devoting over 8 years to the production of the text, Hanks and Hodges have published what is no doubt the best of all surname dictionaries, a magnificent work and contribution to the study of names. Its main focus is on identifying the form, language of origin, and derivation of common present-day surnames of European origin. It is international and comparative, and should be of particular interest to onomatologists in the United States, insofar as so many American surnames are of European origin. The work explains some



70,000 surnames, listed under approximately 10,000 main entries, with variants, derivatives, cognates, and equivalents nested within the main entries.

Several advisers and consultants, some of whom are members of the American Name Society, assisted in the compilation, including Margaret Gelling, Ian Fraser, David Gold, and Christopher Wells, among others familiar to members of ANS.

The authors would like to encourage American researchers and ANS members to share information with them and to write to them: "lexicographers are always dependent on the good will of colleagues working in areas of particular detail."

Hanks and Hodges have also completed work on a *Dictionary of First Names* to be published by Oxford in 1990: "This, too, is international and comparative. It sets out the origin and derivation of each of the names included, and attempts to identify major socio-cultural factors that have influenced the popularity of each name (for example, being borne by a major saint, by royalty, by a character from popular literature," or by a film star. Two supplements will include common names from the Arab nations and from the Indian subcontinent.

Hanks also has a card file of surnames in the British Isles, showing the approximate distribution of the most common ones. Plans are being made to put the file into a database and extending it. He is also looking for collaboration with scholars building earlier surname lists, for example 14th-century poll tax returns.

He writes, "I would be most interested to make contact with other researchers working in related areas."

**KELSIE B. HARDER.** See CALLARY. See REILEIN. See SMALLMAN.

**AYLENE S. HARPER.** See BARRY.

**MARION O. HARRIS.** See REILEIN. See CALLARY.

**WALTER HERRSCHER** (Literature and Language, University of Wisconsin at Green Bay, WI 54311) published "Nicknaming practices of the Mafia," *Comments on Etymology*, Jan. 1989, pp. 17-20.

**THEODORE HOLLAND, JR.** See REILEIN.

**EUGENE L. HUDDLESTON.** See CALLARY.

**BETTY J. IRWIN.** See CALLARY. See SEITS,

**SARAH EVELYN JACKSON.** See CALLARY.

**WILLIAM C. JOHNSON.** See CALLARY.

**JAMES L. JOLLY** (English, University of Alabama, University, AL 35404-0401) is working on a placename study of Cherokee County, Alabama. See FOSCUE.

**GEORGE KEGLEY.** See BERLINER.

**HELEN KERFOOT** (The Secretariat, Geographical Names, 615 Booth St., Ottawa, Ont. K1A 1E9, Canada) writes, "During the past year the Secretariat has published two issues of *CANOMA* (news and views on Canadian toponymy) and published Canada's contributions to the Fifth United Nations Conference on Geographical Names held in Montreal in 1987. This was followed by participation in names standardization meetings at the UN in Geneva last May.

"Of considerable interest in Canada is the question of toponyms used by native peoples. At present we are working towards the production of a bibliography of native toponymy in Canada, and the development of guidelines for writing and automating native geographical names to be authorized by the Canadian Permanent Committee on Geographical Names.



"I am collaborating with ALAN RAYBURN on the history of the Geographic Board of Canada (1897-1989) as a contribution to the special issue of Names for the 1990 Centennial of the USBGN, and am hoping to complete some material on Canadian sovereignty and Scandinavian toponyms in the Canadian Arctic for ICOS XVII in 1990."

STEWART A. KINGSBURY (English, University of Northern Michigan, Marquette, MI 49855) continues to edit the Dictionary of American Proverbs and also produce articles on placenames. See SEITS.

JAMES B. KOENIG (GeoghermEX, Inc., Suite 201, 5221 Central Ave., Richmond, CA 94804-5829) is principally interested in surnames. Some of the areas and items he is currently researching are "Time-of-birth names among the Luo people of Kenya and Uganda"; "orthographic changes in surnames as they are transliterated into western European languages from non-Latin-based scripts"; "calculations of numbers of persons worldwide without surnames or without hereditary surnames"; "worldwide calculations of the languages of origin of surnames, as opposed to nationality of the bearers, for example, as the number of persons in Latin America having Basque surnames but no Basque ancestry"; and "an introduction to non-western systems of naming." He is interested in meeting others, especially in the Bay Area, with similar interest in surnames, perhaps with the aim of forming a local group for occasional discussions.

PHILIP C. KOLIN (English, University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg, MS 39406-8395) published *American Playwrights Since 1945* (Greenwood Press) and the Third Edition of *Successful Writing at Work*. He co-edits *Studies in American Drama, 1945-Present*. Although he has published no onomastics items, he has articles in several magazines, especially ones in drama.

ALLA KTOROVA (5838 Edson Lane, Rockville, MD 20852) gave a report in New Orleans (Dec. 28, 1988) on Russian names abroad; on Mar. 28, 1989, A. Souperanskaya of the Academy of Sciences of the USSR extracted sections of her article on pet names; an article on foreign names in Russia was published in ANS Bulletin No. 82. She is preparing a book on onomastics, *Sweetest Gift*, and an article on pet names for the conference in Helsinki.

MABEL LANG (Bryn Mawr College, Bryn Mawr, PA 19010) published "Pylian Place-Names," in *Texts, Tablets and Scribes: Studies in Mycenaean Epigraphy and Economy*, offered to Emmett L. Bennett, Jr., ed. J.-P. Olivier and Th. G. Palaima, *Sublementos a MINOS*, Num. 10, SEPARATA, Ediciojes Universidad de Salamanca /servicio Editorial, Universidad del País Vasco Argitarapen Zerbitzue, Euskal Herriko Univertsitatea, 1988, pp. 185-212.

ANDRÉ LAPIERRE (Linguistics, University of Ottawa, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada K1N 6N5) "spent most of the year working at the Franco-Ontarian Names Survey, a project funded by the Ontario Geographical Names Board through the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources. The final report was presented to the Ministry in August and contained some 500 alternate names in the French language. Attended the 14th Session of the UN Group of Experts on Geographical Names, Geneva, May 17-26 and was appointed to the newly reinstated Working Group on Terminology. Read 'Les noms de famille québécois en Nouvelle-Angleterre au XIXe siècle' at the XIXth International Conference of Romance Linguistic and Philology in Santiago de Compostella, Spain, Sept. 4-9 and "Field Methodology for Alternate Geographical Names" at the ANS Annual Meeting in Lexington, KY, Nov. 10-11. Currently 2nd Vice-President of ANS." See CALLARY.

THERESE LAW (English, State University College, Potsdam, NY 13676) noted "Worries over the disappearing surnames of France, by Bertrand le Gendre," a concern that 150,000 of the 250,000 surnames in France will disappear in two centuries if present legislation is not amended, that is, a child now must bear the father's name only.



EDWIN D. LAWSON (Psychology, State University College, Fredonia, NY 14063) is updating his bibliography with 1,300 new items. He has an article on Palenstinian first names appearing in a future issue of *Names*, with HANNA TUSHYEH and GEORGE RISHMAWI, and another article on Israeli Hebrew names (solo). See CALLARY.

RICHARD M. LEDERER, JR. (862 Scarsdale Ave., Scarsdale, NY 10583) has finished publishing "Post Roads, Turnpike Roads and Milestones," *The Westchester Historian*, quarterly publication of Westchester County, NY, Historidal Society: Part One, Vol. 63, No. 2 (Spring 1987), 36; Part Two, Vol. 64, No. 1 (Winter 1988), 14; Part Thre, Vol. 65, No. 1 (Winter 1989), 20; Part Four, Vol. 65, No. 3, p. 82.

RUTH S. LEFKOWITZ (900 West 190 St., New York, NY 10040) continues to research Biblical names of cities and towns in the United States and also give lectures on them.

PAUL L. LESLIE. See SKIPPER. See BERLINER. See CALLARY.

DOROTHY E. LITT (195 Sumner St., Apt. 401, Newton Centre, MA 02159) read "Essex: The Earl and the Shire: The Power of a Name: The Case of Henry VI," XXVII Annual Names Institute, 1988; "A Romance of Names," from the letter-book of Gabriel Harvey, Conference on Literary Onomastics, Brockport, NY, 1989; "Self-Naming and Self-Defining in Subscriptions to Familiar Letters in the English Renaissance," XXVIII Annual Names Institute, 1989. She also published "Women's Names in the English Renaissance Elegy," *Literary Onomastics Studies*, 15:7-14, 1988. Works in progress include "Graffiti in the English Renaissance: Naming and Namelessness"; "Nicknames in the English Renaissance"; and "Toward an Organic Approach to Onomastics in Shakespeare Drama Studies." See FINKE. See REILEIN.

EMMA LOUIE (1648 Redcliff St., Los Angeles, CA 90026) continues her research into Chinese-American surnames. In Oct., she spoke before the Family History Workshop, San Francisco, on "Surnames as Clues to Family History," covering dialect pronunciation and the rise of new patronymics among Americans of Chinese ancestry--new in that Chinese names are traditional and literally centuries old. Almost all the new ones arose among the early immigrants who settled in the U. S. during the late 19th and early 20th centuries.

BREANDÁN S. MAC AODHA (Geography, University College, Galway, Ireland) has lectured on "Portuguese Place-names: their Distribution and Density," Conference of Irish Geographers, Univiersity College, Dublin, May 19, 1989; "Príomheilimintí na Sráidainmneacha (Principal Street-name Elements," Ordnance Survey of Ireland, Dublin, Feb. 10, 1989; "Some Locational Constructions in Spanish Place-names," Conference of Irish Geographers, Belfast, May, 1988. He also published the following: "Some Penal Era Place-names in North-West Ireland," *Folk Life*, 26:65-69, 1988; "Leiriú príomhlonnaíochtaí Lu ar na léarscáileanna, 1575-1864," *County Louth Archaeological and Historical Journal*, XXI.2:200-207, 1988; "Demesnes in western part of Ireland," *Campagnes et Littoraux d'Europe* (Melanges offert a Pierre Flatrés), Ille (1988), 86-94; "Fianaise chartagrafach i dtaobh ainmneacha bhailte an Duin," *Ainm*, Iml.2:55-75, 1987; "An t-athrú in áitainmneacha na hÉireann," *Studia Hibernica* No. 24 (1984-8), 122-126; "Leiriú bailte Ard Mhacha ar na léarscáileanna, 1575-1864," *Seanchas Ard Mhacha*, Iml.12, Uimh.2 (1987), 185-193; "The identifixcation of Ulster river-names on Mercator's map," *Ainm*, Vol. 2 (1987), 121-126; "Póvoa and related settlement terms," *Boletim da Sociedade de Geografia de Lisboa*, Serie 103a-Nos. 7-12 (Julho-Dezembro 1985), 241-248.

LEWIS L. McARTHUR (4154 S. W. Tualatin Ave., Portland, Or 97201) reports "Geographci names research continues at a modest pace in Oregon. GERRY WILLIAMS' McKenzie River Place Names will be published by Western Imprints, the Oregon Historical Society Press, in a limited edition soon. This is an extensive study of the names in one of Oregon's important river basins and it covers major toponymy as well as schools, many roads, and names of other minor features.



"Oregon hosted the 13th Western Geographic Names Conference at Timberline Lodge in September. Several members of the ANS Place Name Survey were present and another meeting of the Classification Committee was held, including numerous other interested individuals. Data organization and classification continues to pose thorny problems as those present in Lexington will attest. Hopefully, we will be able to arrive at a resolution.

"The Oregon Geographic Names Board currently has no old business on its docket, so at our next meeting in early February the agenda will consist mainly of how to involve more people in name research. The Oregon board has twenty-one members from both the public and private sector, all serving because of their interest in Oregon history and geography. We feel a group such as this should be able to stimulate much activity." See CALLARY.

MICHAEL McKEAN. See COHEN.

JAMES McMILLAN (7 North Pinhurst, Tuscaloosa, AL 35401) notes that the Geography Dept., University of Alabama will be designated a center for placename studies. He also listed as a new publication, ANN H. GAY, *Placenames in Choctaw County, Ala.* (Meridian, MS: Brown Printing Company, 1988), paperbound. See MONTGOMERY.

E. WALLACE McMULLEN (15 Rosewood Drive, Madison, NJ 07940) is editing a second volume of papers read at the Names Institute, Fairleigh Dickinson University.

JOHN McNAMARA (2886 Randall Ave., Bronx, NY 10466) averages about a dozen articles a year on onomastics, most of them in *The Bronx*. Some of the recent items from his column, "The Bronx in History" include "Names from Sir Walter Scott Novels Dot Maps of Bronx," "Five Versions for the Naming of Tan Place are Advanced," "The Naming of Yznaga Place According to Wuttge Theory," "Street Names in the Bronx Come from Many Countries." His "The Bellicose Bronx" appeared in *Bronx Real Estate and Building News*. A second book on Bronx history is in the press, but is not concerned with toponymy. *History in Asphalt: The Origin of Bronx Street and Placenames* is now in its 3rd edition.

W. K. McNEIL (*The Ozark Folk Quarterly*, P. O. Box 500, Mountain View, AR 72560) edits a series on American folklore for August House and has published several other books. He plans to do a study of the name *Marked Tree, AR*, the only town of the name in the U. S.

JAMES M. MELLARD. See CALLARY.

ROBERT MEYER, JR. (838 Lowerline St., New Orleans, LA 70118) has completed a manuscript giving the origins of the names of 631 public airports. Among them, 339 had names of host cities or counties. The remaining 232 memorialized persons or publicized "things," such as capitals and cherries. He notes that fewer airports publicize persons.

MARY R. MILLER. See FINKE. See CALLARY.

MICHAEL MILLER (English, Chicago State University, Chicago, IL 60628-1598) read a paper, "Choosing an English Name," at the ANS meeting in Chicago in 1988 and has prepared it for publication.

MICHAEL MONTGOMERY (English, University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC 29208) reports that *Annotated Bibliography of Southern American English* was published by the University of Alabama Press in May 1989, ed. Mike and JAMES McMILLAN. Two chapters are devoted to names: Ch. 6, Place Name Studies, pp. 298-351, 670 entries; Ch. 7, Personal and Miscellaneous Name Studies, pp. 352-370, 212 entries.

VIOLET MOORE (Montzemia Public Library, Montezuma, GA 31063) sent additional articles from her own publications: "Mary's a Grand Old Name," and copies of articles on Georgia town names.



DOROTHY NAKOS. See DUGAS.

NORMAN NATHAN (1189 S. W. Tamarind Way, Boca Raton, FL 33486) has an item on Twelfth Night appearing in an issue of *Names* and is finishing one on All's Well. A poem, "Will's Will," was published in *Poet Lore*, 82.3:159, 1987. Some of his many articles include "Shylock Philip Henslowe?" *Notes and Queries*, 193.8:163-165, 1948; "'Abram', not 'Abraham' in 'The Merchant of Venice'"; *Notes and Queries*, NS 17.4:127-128, 1970; "Shylock, Jacob, and God's Judgment," *The Shakespeare Quarterly*, 1:255-259, 1970; "Morocco's Reference to Spain," *Shakespeare Quarterly*, 13.3:363-364.

W. F. H. NICOLAISEN (English, State University of New York, Binghamton, NY 13901) continued his scholarly activities in the fields of name studies and folk-narrative research. He spent much of the summer in Scotland, mostly Aberdeen, collecting more documentary evidence for his *Concise Dictionary of Scottish Place Names*. At the meeting of the ANS in New Orleans, LA, Dec. 17-30, 1988, he read a paper on "Stirling--Sterling: Name Spelling and Identity," chaired the meeting of the Place-Name Commission of the U. S., and attended the meeting of the ANS Board of Managers. From Apr. 6-8, 1989, he participated in a conference on "The Celtic Dimension of the European Middle Ages" by reading an invited paper on "Celtic and pre-Celtic Place-Name Elements." At the Acta Conference on "Celtic Connections" at the State University College, Buffalo, NY, Apr. 21-22, 1989, he contributed a paper on "Place-Name Evidence for the Relationship between Gaelic and Scots 1300-1600." From May 20-24, 1989, he attended the Nordic Name Scholars Congress in Brandbjerg, Denmark, reading a paper on "Scottish Analogues of Scandinavian Place Names," and participating in a meeting of the Executive Committee of ICOS. His onomastic publications during the period under review include "Place Names in Badenoch," *Moray Field Club Bulletin* 16 (Dec. 1988) 21; "Name Spelling and Identity," *Journal of the North Central Name Society* (Winter 1988-89) 13-21, see CALLARY; "Place-Name Maps: How Reliable are They?" *Studia Onomastica: Festschrift till Thorsten Andersson* (Stockholm: Almqvist & Wiksell, 1989) 75-85; "The Spelling of Scottish Place Names as a Linguistic Resource: Stirling vs. Dunfermline," in *In Other Words*, ed. J. Lachlan Mackenzie and Richard Todd (Dordrecht, Holland: Foris, 1989) 301-314; "The Toponymy of Remebered Childhood," *Names* 36 (1988, publ. 1989) 133-142; and five onomastic reviews. See CALLARY.

ALEX NIKON (Chemistry, The Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD 21218) published, with ERNEST F. SILVERSMITH, *Organic Chemistry: The Name Game* (New York: Pergamon Books, Inc., 1987), which treats names coined by scientists, specifically in organic chemistry. It is a major onomastic item.

DON L. F. NILSEN (English, Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ 85287-0302) announces that the 8th International Humor Conference will be held at the University of Sheffield, Sheffield, England, July 29-August 4, 1990.

NOMINA, a *Journal of Name Studies Relating to Great Britain and Ireland*, was founded in 1977 and is published annually by the Council for Name Studies. As well as papers reporting the findings of the most recent research, each issue includes reviews and an extensive bibliography. Back issues are now available. Write to the Subscriptions Secretary, 13 Church Street, Chesterton, Cambridge CB4 1DT, England, for prices and further information on this valuable journal.

FRANK NUESSEL (Foreign Languages, University of Louisville, Louisville, KY 40292) provided amusement, information, and scholarly research throughout the year. Some of the items include Andrew Fegelman, "Hurray for Hollywood may hurt its namesakes," a survey of the Hollywood trademark that appears in many areas and on many things, as well as the places of habitation so named, and the legal problems connected with the overuse of the name; "Chi-Chi's sues restaurant over name," *Courier-Journal*, Mar. 2, 1989, p. A7, is the story of Chi-Chi's suing Chi Chi for trademark infringement; *USA Today* ran a snapshot, "Most common all-time baseball surnames, with Smith 120, Jones 76, Johnson 75, Williams 58, and Wilson 53; Sharen Shaw Johnson lists some acronyms, including



WARMAPS (Wartime Manpower Planning System) and GWEN (Ground Wave Emergency Network) and a listing of Pentagon jargon and slang (the Pentagon is known as the Fudge Factory, Fort Fumble, and Five-Sided Wailing Wall, all material taken from Perry Smith, *Assignment Pentagon*; Johnson has another item on code names in the Pentagon; Roger Worthington, "Indian groups split on what's in a name," *Chicago Tribune*, Apr. 16, 1989, Sec. 1, p. 16, surveys the use of Amerindian names for athletic teams and notes that the Minnesota Civil Liberties Union insists that such names as Warriors, Indians, and Braves be changed; Ron Poppenhagen, "An ode to weird newspaper names as another one bites the dust," *Courier-Journal*, Apr. 15, 1989, p. 3, notes such as Boscobel Dial, The Sounder in Random lake, The Rice Lake Chronotype, Mazomanie Sickle, Cross Plains Arrow, as well as popular ones, like Herald, Reporter, Observer, and others; Teri Agins, "A Celebrity's Name Can Make Scents--Especially if It's Liz," *WSJ*, 11/10/89, p. A-1, notes some perfume names and the use of celebrity names for promotional purposes. Also, the Associated Press release noted that name changes fell 18% during the first half of 1989: 767 firms changed their names then, compared with 931 during the same time in 1988. Thrifts dropped the S&L from their names in favor of Bank. Wonder why?

Dale Sandusky, "Naming, Number Floyd Streets Was Long-Term, But Orderly project," *The Tribune Tri-County*, New Albany, IN 47150, describes one county's planning director set about the task. Paula Monarez, "Well, at least they don't live on Avenue of the Cockroaches," *The Indianapolis Star*, Aug. 22, 1989, p. B-10, calls attention to the meaning of street names, such as Spanish Rana Drive, which translates as "Frog Drive." Calzona Street translates to "Henpecked Husband Street." Some others in the Los Angeles-Santa Barbara-San Diego area: Barata Street/"Cheap"; Pelona Valley Drive/"Bald"; Calle Desconocido/"Unknown Street"; Riendo Lane/"Laughing"; Salsipuedes/"Get Out If You Can"; Las Pulgas Road/"Fleas"; and more.

A few other items contributed included placenames in the U. S. derived from French, changing of the name of PMS (Pendleton, IN, Middle School), Ben Hur Life Association to become USA Life Insurance Co., personal name changes, beauty shop names, sharing a famous name, football team nicknames, salutations, unusual names of towns, aptonyms, exotic personal names, Norman (OK), gnomenculture, nicknames, hyphenated names (*Time*, Apr. 17, 1989), North Dakota as Dakota (sans North), WIB&WID for personal data sheet, a poem about Hoosier, OED See CALLARY.,

ITUSO OISHI (English, Seikei University, Tokyo, Japan; also 7 Saruhashi-machi, O Tsuki-shi, Yamanashi-ken, 409-06, Japan) published *Roots of Place Names in the USA* (in Japanese, pub. by Tokyo Horei Shuppan Co., 1989), in which he points out that about half of American placenames are personal names. He also comments on state names that reflect Amerindian origins. Of course, the major bent of the text is his discussion of Japanese names. He has also done a detailed study of the characteristics of the U. S. county names (3,070), with percentages of those for personal names (69%), Amerindian (12.15%), descriptive (7.30%), transfer names (6.55%). The East South Central Division has more personal names than any other division (85.71%); Pacific, fewest personal names, 33.57%; mountain, descriptive, 22.93%; New England, transfer names, 38.80%; Pacific Coast and Middle Atlantic, Amerindian, 29.19% and 30% respectively. Of habitation names, -ville is the most common ending: 6.93%; city is the most common second element, 2.13%. Newman is the most common family name in San Francisco, Boston, and Raleigh (NC). And Newport News is the sole name with news.

LEONOVICH OLEG (Panagurishte Str. 8, Apt. 37, USSR-357 532 Pyatigorsk) is interested in establishing contact with the American Name Society. He is a teacher of English at the Teachers' Training College of Foreign Languages in Pyatigorsk (a small town in the Caucasus not far from Mt. Elbrus) and Reader in English and American culture. Proper name study is his special field of research. For several years he has conducted lectures on English and American placenames and is currently working on a book devoted to such names. He sees a great need for the availability in the USSR of more publications on English and American proper names for both teachers and students of foreign languages to help them get to know the countries and the language better. He would like to know if someone in the US might be interested in working on a joint project to create proper name dictionaries for students of English.



**DONALD J. ORTH** (Executive Secretary, Domestic Geographic Names, U. S. Board on Geographic Names, 523 National Center, Reston, VA 22092. See **BERLINER**. He is planning a program commemorating the founding of the U. S. Geological Survey of the United States. More will be heard about this great undertaking in early 1990.

**WILLIAM OVER**. See **FINKE**.

**ROGER L. PAYNE** (Chief, Branch of Geographic Names, SGS MS523, Geological Survey, U. S. Dept. of the Interior, Reston, VA 22092) served as President of the American Name Society (1989). His work continues on data compilation for the National Geographic Names Data Base (NGNDB). The South Dakota Gazetteer was published, with North Dakota, Florida, and Massachusetts scheduled for 1990. During 1989 compilation for Utah was completed, and work on Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Missouri, Nevada, and Washington is in progress. Also, work is scheduled to begin in 1990 for Arkansas, Louisiana, Texas, Georgia, and South Carolina. Work has been completed for a new Antarctica Gazetteer that will be published by the National Science Foundation in early 1990.

His personal work involves a revised edition of *Place Names of the Outer Banks*, with a slightly different format. Some other small projects are ongoing: work on pejorative and derogatory names, cultural layering through names, and research on generic aspects of names. See **CALLARY**.

**BENEDICT PFALLER** (St. Ann Catholic Church, Box 12, Hebron, ND 58638) sent "What's in a name? Plenty in N. D. sites," by Frederic Smith, a newspaper review of Douglas A. Wick, *North Dakota Place Names*. The Bismarck Tribune, Dec. 25, 1988, Sec. C, p. 1.

**JEAN POIRIER** (Commission de toponymie, 220, Grande Allée Est, Québec, Qué. G1R 2J1) issued "Origine de Détroit de Belle Isle," p. 1; "La gestion de la toponymie historique," *Le toponyme*, Vol. 7, No. 1 (June 1989), 4-5; "Baie des Ha! Ha!" Origin de; "Des cas types de nouveaux toponymes," *Le toponyme*, Vol. 6, No. 2 (Nov. 1988), 3-4. See **DUGAS**.

**BURTON POLLIN** (1 Stoneleigh Plaza, Bronxville, NY 10709) continues to publish books on Poe.

**MARGARET S. POWELL** (Andrews Library, College of Wooster, Wooster, OH 44691) is continuing the great bibliographical work of her father, Richard Sealock, whom she assisted in the 1982 publication of the third edition of the Sealock, Sealock and Powell, *Bibliography of Place Name Literature--United States and Canada*. Now the third generation is helping carry on the tradition, with Margaret's son **STEPHEN POWELL** actively involved in collecting and reviewing placename literature for the next edition. They have collected a supplement of 655 citations, a remarkable tally for eight years, items from all fifty states and the twelve Canadian provinces and territories. Margaret has also begun to edit a paper on hotel names in Norway, part of a larger project on hotel names in countries of Scandinavia and northern Europe.

**STEPHEN POWELL**. See **MARGARET POWELL**.

**RANDY T. PRUS** (English, State University of New York, Buffalo, NY, 14260). See **FINKE**.

**ELIZABETH M. RAJEC** (Library, The City College, Convent Ave. & 138th St., New York, NY 10031) collected "New Yorkers, etc.: Names that are not literally tongue-proof are mispronounced in strange and twisted ways," by Enid Nemy, *NYTimes*, Nov. 12, 1989, an article that recounts the woes of those who have names whose written patterns receive variant pronunciations, for instances, *LeVine*, *Jurate Kazickas*, *Baila Zeitz*, and others (millions of them) She published, "Tom Stoppard and Ferenc Molnar: A Comparison of Onomastics," *Literary Onomastics Studies*, 16 (1988) 25-30..

**E. RAMSTAD**. See **CALLARY**.



PETER E. RAPER (Onomastic Research Centre, Human Sciences Research Council, 134 Pretorius Str., Private Bag X41, Pretoria 0001, South Africa) directed the Fifth Southern African Names Congress, Sept. 1989. See EMBLETON.

HENRY A. RAUP (Geography, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI 49008-5053) is continuing his long-term study of the placenames of Mount Desert Island, Maine. Unfortunately, a large unrelated project has put this one on hold for the past two years. however, virtually no new names or usage patterns are turning up. so it is time to bring the project to a close." He also sighted Paw Paw Veterinary Clinic in Paw Paw, MI.

ALAN RAYBURN (5 Solva Drive, Nepean, Ontario K2H 5R4, Canada) has had a very active year in toponymic and genalogical activities. His regular column in *Canadian Geographic* has included items on 1) the names of the 295 districts of the federal House of Commons; 2) Canadian names relating to "valentine," "heart," and "love"; 3) features named for Simon Fraser and for others with that surname; 4) features named for Sir Alexander Mackenzie, the first explorer to reach the Arctic overland, and to reach the Pacific overland, north of Mexico; 5) the words used for residents of places--Halogonian, Ottawan, Kenoraite, Moose Javian--Alan used the French word *gentile* to describe such words, but knows others have used *dominum*, *demonym*, *ethonym*, *gentilial*, and *ethnic*; 6) names with a Portuguese flavor in eastern Canada.

In September he published a new edition of *Geographical Names of Renfrew County, Ontario*, a complete revision of a book originally published in 1976. The county embraces an area of 3,000 square miles--equal to the combined area of Delaware and Rhode Island. The study follows the scheme set by George Stewart in 1954. Copies can be obtained directly from Alan for \$12.00--he has an American bank account for American dollars.

In the spring, he started a column in a weekly newspaper on the street names of the city of Kanata, a suburb of Ottawa; the names are given for noted Canadians like Mary Pickford, or for others who have had a major influence on Canadian history, such as Robert Peary. There is more, but Alan claims that this is enough. See Dugas. See KERFOOT

ALLEN WALKER READ (39 Claremont Ave., New York, NY 10027) was the subject of a profile in *The New Yorker*, Sept. 4, 1989, 51-74, written by Michelle Stacey. The profile focuses on his career in studies in American English and recounts, among much else, the story of the discovery of the origin of O. K. He published "A personal Journey Through Linguistics," *The Fourteenth LACU Forum*, 1987, ed. SHEILA EMBLETON, Linguistic Association of Canada and the U. S. (Lake Bluff, IL, 1988), 5-17. See FINKE. See REILEIN. See BERLINER. See CALLARY.

DEAN REILEIN (Library, Eastern Connecticut State University, Willimantic, CT 06226) hosted the XVth Onomastic Symposium, Oct. 7, 1989, with the following papers read: LEONARD R. N. ASHLEY, "Word Play and Name Play in The Broom of the System"; DOROTHY E. LITT, "Dance Names and Bawdy in the English Renaissance"; MAXINE BERNARD, "Names' Prime Evil: Fictional Heroes of Horror and Fear"; H. GARDINER BARNUM, "Manufactured Placenames in New England"; MICHEL GRIMAUD, "Street Names of the Northeast"; MARSHALL D. BERGER, "The Ups and Downs of Cape Cod"; THOMAS L. BERNARD, "Onomastic Anomalies in Toponymic Designations"; CHARLOTTE DOWNEY, "Common Words from Proper Names"; WAYNE H. FINKE, "Spanish Place Names of Belize"; THEODORE HOLLAND, JR., "Reflections of a Railroad Capital: The Oral Lore of Placenames in Altoona, Pennsylvania"; KELSIE B. HARDER, "Folk Materials in Connecticut Place Names"; MARION O. HARRIS, "Finding the 'Swamp Yankee' Isogloss"; ALLEN WALKER READ, "An Evanescent Name for New England: Norumbega."

ROBERT M. RENNICK (312 Riverside Dr., Prestonsburg, KY 41653) "has completed the preparation of a monograph on the place names of Pike County, Kentucky's largest, which was requested by Alan Paters of *The Depot*, a west coast publisher specializing in postal and place name histories. In addition, *La Posta* (a journal of postal history) has published the first four in a series of articles by Rennick on Kentucky post offices (featuring, respectively, the counties of Anderson, Bath, Beckham,



and Bourbon). Other articles on Kentucky place names (Crackersneck, Bombay, Bowling Green, New York & Chicago, and the state's two-letter names) have been published in *Comments on Etymology* and the *Journal of the North Central Name Society*. An article on Kentucky's 'number names' will appear in an early 1990 issue of the *Filson Club Quarterly*, Kentucky's leading history journal. 'Kentucky's Unusual Place Name Pronunciations' is being revised. 'On the Use of the Negative in Place Naming' will be included in Vol. 2 of the *Selected Papers of the American Names Institute* which should be out early in 1990. Several shorter works on non-onomastic subjects have also been (or will be) published." Bob was also the host for the American Name Society meeting in Lexington, Nov. 10-11, 1989. See BERLINER. See CALLARY.

**ROB RENTENAAR** (P. J. Meertens-Instituut, Keizersgracht 569-571, NL-1017 DR Amsterdam, Netherlands) has published several items in recent years:

*Vernoemingsnamen. Een onderzoek naar de rol van de vernoeming in de nederlandse toponymie with an English Summary: Eponymized Place-names. A Survey of the Role played by Eponymization in the Toponymy of the Netherlands* (Publikaties van het P. J. Meertens-Instituut, 5), Amsterdam 1984. xx + 454 pp. Second edition 1985.

"Betekenis en verbreiding van de naam Pampus" [Meaning and Diffusion of the Name Pampus], in *Ad fontes. Opstellen aangeboden aan prof. dr. C. van de Kieft*, Amsterdam, 1984, pp. 429-443.

"De Schreiershoek en het verdriet" [The Schreiershoek and the Distress], *Naamkunde*, 17 (1985), pp. 307-315.

"Danske stednavne på gamle nederlandske søkort" [Danish Place-Names on Old Dutch Nautical Charts], in *Mange bække små. Til John Kousgaard Sørensen*, København 1986, pp. 215-237.

"Namenwechsel und Namenänderung bei Nachbenennungen. Einige Beispiele aus den Niederlanden" [Name-Substitution and Name-Change in Eponymized Place Names. Some examples from the Netherlands], in *Ortsnamenwechsel. Bamberger Symposium 1, bis 4, Oktober 1986* (Hrsg. R. Schützeichel), Heidelberg 1986, pp. 71-82.

"Neuere Projekte der Flurnamenforschung in den Niederlanden" [Recent Projects in Field Name-Research in the Netherlands], in *Niederdeutsches Jahrbuch, Jahrbuch des Vereins für niederdeutsche Sprachforschung*, 109 (1986), pp. 151-159.

"Opkaldelsesnavne og navnesemantik" [Eponymized Place Names and Name Semantics], in *Nionde Nordiska Namnforskarkongressen (NORNA-rapporter 34)*, Uppsala 1987, pp. 221-236.

"De oudste stedelijke toponymie in het graafschap Holland" [The oldest urban toponymy in the Country of Holland], in *De Hollandse stad in de dertiende eeuw*, Zutphen 1988, pp. 65-78.

"Zeekaarten en plaatsnamen. Hollandse kartografen en de toponymie van de Skandinavische kustgebieden in de zestiende en zeventiende eeuw" [Nautical Charts and Place Names: Dutch Cartographers and the Toponymy of the Coasts of Scandinavia in the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries], in *Caert-Thresoor*, 7 (1988), pp. 68-75.

"Nordiske litorale toponymer på nedelandske søkort" [Scandinavian littoral Toponyms on Dutch nautical Charts], in *Stadnamn i kystkulturen (NORNA-rapporter 41)*, Uppsala 1989, pp. 133-147.

"Vernoemingsnamen in Friesland" [Eponymized Place Names in Frisia], *Fryske Nammen*, 8 (1989), pp. 53-64.

**MARC RICHARD** (Géographe, Commission de toponymie, Direction de l'inventaire et du traitement, 220, Grande Allée Est, Québec Québec, Canada G1R 2J1) authored "La création de noms géographiques," *Note toponymique 12, Toponymix*, pp. 4. See DUGAS.

**GEORGE RISHMAWI**. See LAWSON.

**ADRIAN ROOM** (173 The Causeway, Petersfield, Hants, U. K. GU31 4LA, published *Dictionary of Astronomical Names* (London: Routledge, 1988) giving the origins of a large number of such names, including the better known stars, constellations, all the planets and their satellites, major features on celestial bodies, especially craters and 'seas' on the Moon, star clusters, and more. Two appendices give biographical particulars of those individuals who have had a Moon crater named after them, and the origins, as far as they are known, of the names of the first 1000 minor planets (asteroids) to be discovered.



Dictionary of Place-Names in the British Isles (London: Bloomsbury, 1988), giving the origins of over 4000 placenames, concentrating on those that are the best known in the British Isles (which includes Ireland as well as the UK).

Dictionary of World Place Names Derived from British Names (London: Routledge, 1989), giving the origins of over 1300 placenames based on names 'exported' from the British Isles, such as existing placenames, personal names (first names or surnames), aristocratic and royal titles, and so on.

JAROSLAV B. RUDNYČKYJ (5790 Rembrandt #404, Montreal-Cote St. Luc, Montreal H4W 2V2, Canada) read "Lisianski Island in the Hawaiian Archipelago" at the ANS meeting in New Orleans, Dec. 1988, the paper to be published in *Onomata*, Athens, Greece. At the Literary Onomastics Conference, June 6, 1989, he read "Anonymization as a Literary Device." *Rudnyckiana iv* (Ottawa 1988) contains his "Appelativization of the name Christ" in Slavic languages. Now 80 years old, Jaroslav still has before him the completion of his onomastic bibliography for 1934-1994.

MODINE G. SCHRAMM. See BERLINER.

JANET SCHWEGEL (4319 - 38 St., Edmonton, Alberta T6L 5A6, Canada) is publishing *The Baby Name Countdown: Popularity and Meanings of Today's Baby Names*, to be printed in Canada, ISBN 0-921377-02-9, based on official Canadian and U. S. records. It contains 1,756 popular girls' names, 1,217 popular boys' names, 26,631 unusual girls' names, and 17,591 unusual boys' names. While unusual names are in the majority, most children receive a popular name. Write for more information on this different kind of "baby book."

LAURENCE E. SEITS (155 Buckthorn Dr., Apt. 203, North Aurora, IL 60542; also, English, Waubesa Community College, Sugar Grove, IL 60554) is notetaking his way through stacks of Cook County local history as he works on his book on Illinois placenames. He also calls for papers for the 9th annual North Central Names Institute to be held Mar. 28, 1990 at the Newberry Library, Chicago. He edited *Bulletin of the North Central Name Society*, Spring, 1969, with the following being published: JAMES K. SKIPPER, JR., "Baseball Nicknames: Are They Still With Us?" 1-5; STEWART A. KINGSBURY, "Surnames as Ethnic Markers in the Place Names of Marquette County," 6-16; BETTY J. IRWIN, "Illinois Trail Names: Historical and Recreational," 17-30; VIRGIL J. VOGEL, "Indian Names of Insects and Vermin Used as Place Names," 31-42; and CLEVELAND KENT EVANS, "Adam and Andre, Lindsay and Lakeisha: Racial Differences in First Names," 43-?.

DAVID SHULMAN (34 Park Row, New York, NY 10038) published "Doosy can't be from Deussenberg," *Comments on Etymology*, May 1989, p. 9.

ERNEST F. SILVERSMITH. See NIKON.

ALMA SIMOUNET DE GEIGEL (English, University of Puerto Rico, Rio Piedras, PR 00931). See FAYER. See FERRI.

JAMES K. SKIPPER, JR. (Sociology, University of North Carolina, Greensboro, NC 27412) published "Public Nicknames of Famous Football Players and Coaches: A Socio-Historical Analysis and Comparison," *Sociological Spectrum*, 9: 103-123, 1989. Also, with PAUL L. LESLIE, "Nicknames and Blues Singers 1890-1977, Part II: Classification and Analysis," *Popular Music and Society*, 13.3:29-43, 1989; "Baseball Nicknames: Are They Still With Us?" *Bulletin of the North Central Names Society*, Spring, 1989, 1-5. See BERLINER. See CALLARY.

RALPH SLOVENKO (Law School, Wayne State University, Detroit, MI 48202) published several articles on automobiles and driving them under the influence of drugs, but none with a "focus" on names. He was the subject of a profile by editors of *The South End*, Wayne State University, January 25, 1989. See CALLARY.



MARY H. SMALLMAN (Route 1, Box 1718, Hermon, NY 13652) sent two articles from Grit, June 18-24, 1989, p. 13: Buddy Basch, "That's what I like about the South," a commentary on oddities in pronunciation of placenames (Beaufort, NC, pronounced BOW-firt; the same name in SC known as BYOO-firt) and strange names (Hungry Mother State Park and Dismal Swamp); and Herm Albright, "What's in a name?" which lists some aptonyms, such as Trotter, a podiatrist; Brace, a dentist; Drybread, an employee of a bakery; Julie Gentleman, the only woman in the Iowa State legislature; Will Power, a diet and exercise consultant; and others. Mary, former St. Lawrence County, New York, Historian, is collaborating with DANIEL VINING and KELSIE B. HARDER on a placename text for the county.

GRANT W. SMITH (Eastern Washington University, Cheney, WA 99004) has been appointed Chair, Place Name Commission for the Survey. See ALVAREZ-ALTMAN. See DUGAS. See CALLARY. See GASQUE.

JOHN KOUSGÅRD SØRENSEN (Institut for Navneforskning, Njalsgade 80, DK-2300 København S, Denmark) published the following:

Janus og Japetus. Lærde renaissancefornavne (Janus and Japetus. Learned Renaissance forenames, in *Studia Onomastica. Festschrift till Thorsten Andersson*, pp. 195-203.

Om personnavne på -vae/-vi og den før-kristne præstestand. Med nogle overvejelser over en omstridt passage i Glavendrup-stenens indskrift (On personal-names in -vae/-vi and the Pre-Christian priesthood. With reflections on a disputed passage in the Glavendrup-inscription), in *Danske Studier* 1989, p. 5-33.

Danske sø- og ånavne (Danish Lake- and River-names VII. T-A. *Navnestudier* 29. Cph. 488 pp.

RICHARD W. STEPHENSON (American Cartography, Geography and Map Division, Library of Congress, Washington, DC 20540) has compiled *Civil War Maps: An Annotated List of Maps and Atlases in the Library of Congress* (Washington, DC 20402: Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, 1989), book and stock number 030-000-00209-1, \$46, including postage and handling. It contains 2,240 maps and charts and 76 atlases and sketch books.

JOHM E. STEWART (411 Hillside Ave., Jenkintown, PA 19046) has for sixteen years been gathering and grouping Caucasian occupational surnames as found in five 1972 U. S. metropolitan telephone books. Much of this work was done using 33 Caucasian language dictionaries, up to some 50 sources. He now has over 42,000 such occupation entries and is now looking forward to publishing his findings.

NATHAN SÜSSKIND (82-115 Britton Ave., Elmhurst, NY 11373) published several items in *Comments on Etymology*: "Jesus, the Super Pharisee," Dec. 1988, pp. 14-24, reflections on the Christian names Mary and Joseph; "Purim pastry homentashen: why Haman's pockets?" May 1989, pp. 21-22; "Joseph < 'May he add' and Naftali < 'My trick(ery)', May 1989, pp. 25-32. See COHEN.

HENNING THIES (Robert-Stolz-Str. 48, D-4600 Dortmund 13, West Germany) reports his continuing interest in literary onomastics but has little time for his research since he is senior editor of English and American Literature in *KINDLERS NEUES LITERATURLEXIKON*, the most comprehensive dictionary of world literature available (20 volumes, of which 5 have been published). Kindler Verlag, the publishing house, is Munich-based.

ZACHARIAS P. THUNDY. See ALVAREZ-ALTMAN.

FRANK H. TROLLE-STEENSTRUP (P. O. Box 120582, Clermont, FL 34712-0582) continues to write his column, "From Under The Bridge" (now in its 6th year) in which he quite often writes about personal and geographical names. He also continues to write articles on jazz and jazz musicians.

HANNA TUSHYEH. See LAWSON.



LAURENCE URDANG. See CALLARY.

JOHN VAN BALEN. See GASQUE.

IRINA VASILIEV. See CALLARY.

Daniel P. Vining (Academic Computing, State University College, Potsdam, NY 13676) is collaborating with MARY H. SMALLMAN and KELSIE B. HARDER on a study of the placenames of St. Lawrence County, New York's largest county.

VIRGIL J. VOGEL. Virgil's fourth book on placenames, *Ancient Echoes: Indian Names on Wisconsin's Maps*, should be published soon by the University of Wisconsin Press. All his books are in print, with the exception of *This Country Was Ours* (Harper, 1973). His *American Indian Medicine* (University of Oklahoma Press) has now gone into its 5th printing (\$37.50). *Indian Place Names of Illinois*, *Iowa Place Names of Indian Origin*, and *Indian Names in Michigan* are still available. See CALLARY. See EMBLETON. See SEITS.

DOUGLAS A. WICK (P. O. Box 7399, Northbrook Station, Bismarck, ND 58502) has published *North Dakota Place Names* (Bismarck: Hedemarken Collectibles, 1988), \$29.29, including postage and handling. Order from the author.

DAMON WILLIAMS, JR. (Six Atherton Place, Moston, MA 02119) is preparing a paper on the description and analysis of an anthroponymic system, "Pseudo-Phonetic Black Onomastics," to be presented at the XVIIth International Congress of Onomastic Sciences, Helsinki, Aug. 13-18, 1990. Williams' initial survey takes place in the Boston area.

GERRY WILLIAMS. See McARTHUR.

B. J. WILSON. See CALLARY.

BRENDA S. WILSON. See BERLINER.

WILLIAM A. WITHINGTON (113 Johnson Blvd, Lexington, KY 40503) delayed his paper, "Street Names and Meanings in the Malay-Indonesian World: a Study of Three Major Cities in Sumatra," until he had made another trip to Indonesia in May-June 1989. In January he read "Indonesian Economic Development Since 1961" at the Southeastern Conference, Association for Asian Studies, 28th annual meeting, Tuscaloosa, AL. Retired this year from the Department of Geography, University of Kentucky, after 34 years of teaching, he is involved in many projects, one being to prepare several county and geographic feature items for *The Kentucky Encyclopedia*. Before the 7th annual meeting of the Kentucky Academy of Science, University of Kentucky, he read "Geographers and Geographic Ideas in the Kentucky Academy of Science, 1914-1989." He also assisted at the ANS meeting in Lexington this year.

RICHARD D. WOODS (Foreign Languages, Trinity University, 715 Stadium Drive, San Antonio, TX 78284) co-presneted an interest session on the topic of teaching Spanish culture through first names (The American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese, San Antonio, Aug., 1989). He is also encouraging r colleague, EVA ECKERT, to compile a dictionary of Czech surnames in Texas.

LIONEL D. WYLD (20 Countryside Dr., Cumberland, RI 02864) keeps involved in such subjects and books as the Erie canal, canal calendars, storytellers, boaters and broomsticks, cookbooks, and names. He also sent several clippings, among them Arlene LaRue, "A famous 'wrong' name," Elizabeth Cochran as Nellie Bly, "Syracuse Herald American, Apr. 13, 1986; Bob Greene, "What's in a nickname?" *CALC*, 11-17-88, about O. K.; Molly O'Neill, "How do you make 'regular'?" *NYTimes*, Sept. 17, 1989, about dialect food and drink terms; "Winning Places," from *Places Rated Almanac*; Knight-Ridder



Newspapers, "U. S. in wrangle over Wrangel I," Feb. 26, 1989; Abigail Van Buren, "Let's get to core of 'Big Apple' name," Times-Union, Aug. 9, 1988; Knight-Ridder Newspapers, "Reasons vary for changing one's name," Oct. 9, 1983; Marcia Green, "'Hunter' tracks down Cumberland," Pawtucket, RI, Feb. 3, 1988, a collection of Cumberlands in the U. S.; from Menthology, Fall, 1989, a pocket magazine to be read at leisure moments, comes the origin of "long in the tooth," and more.

**WILBUR ZELINSKY** (Geography, Pennsylvania State University, 302 Walker Building, University, PA 16802) blessed us with about 50 names that appear at the ends of telephone directory listings, such as in Vancouver [Zzzyzyton], San Francisco [Zzyzyzicz, Zygmund], Los Angeles greater [Zzzzzzzzzzygot, Ziggy], courtesy of his fellow directory freak Phil Wagner (Simon Fraser University). Brother Zzzzzzzzzzelinsky is working on a new name so that he can be the last one listed in the Harrisburg, PA, directory. He further writes, "The April 1989 issue of **American Demographics** ran a piece of mine entitled the 'Game of the Name' that treats the exploitation of names in brightening the image and saleability of real estate...." Also, **Regardie's**, a business magazine for the Washington, DC, area has accepted an article for 1990 publication dealing with placenames throughout the metropolitan region. In it, he discusses the "truly remarkable poetic street names of Columbia, MD."