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C. RICHARD BEAM (Director, Center for Pennsylvania German Studies, Millersville University, Millersville, PA 17551) reports that he is putting the very last finishing touches on the Revised Pennsylvania Germany Dictionary: English to Pennsylvania Dutch. He also reports the publication of the second reprint of Pennsylvania Place Names by A. Howry Escheprade. The Center may work out a supplement of Pennsylvania German placenames as a supplement to Escheprade. He writes, "The Dutch country is richly blessed with Po place names. It really deserves a very special study." Among his favorites are der Katziebucketel and Bergstrasse.

DIANE M. BRADLEY (4153 West 12th Avenue, Vancouver, BC V6R 2P5, or Dept. of Foreign Languages, Vancouver Community College, Langara Campus, 100 West 49th Ave., Vancouver, BC V5Y 2Z5, Canada; phone, 604-228-1271, home; office, 604-324-5261; fax, 604-321-2153) has reviewed Guilde Toponymique du Quebec for Names. She also reviewed ALAN RAYBURN's Geographical Names of Renfrew County, Ontario, 2nd ed., in Onomastica Canadiana, 72 (1990), 42-44. Her field of interest is French placenames.

CARROLL G. BRIGGS (P. O. Box 1318, San Juan Bautista, CA 95015-1318; phone, 408-635-9803; fax, 408-635-9708) continues to supervise the growing of onions and has accumulated a list of some 1,230 variety names with growth origin, not etymologies. The first name on the list is ABCO from Abbott & Cobb (growers). The last one is ZYTAWSKA, originating in Poland. He also includes a grower's account of the naming of Walla Walla Sweets. It is hoped that an article will come soon from this collection, but he writes, "The equivalent of a publication in my line of work is the introduction of new varieties." His naming system is, suppose, obvious; for the database he uses a three-letter code with code numbers, but the numbers are random with no reference to type or anything else and makes them hard to remember. Then the codes get transformed: FNO, a variety called "Fresno White" becomes "Fred Snow," and he writes that many of such times are in the system; BBN has become BB-Knees; the HST, HSO, and HSE series has a common source, hence, "Harry S" series and HSE is known as Harry S. Eisenhauer. These are in-house (informal) names which are supposed to be kept out of public usage but sometimes they escape.

MARGARET M. BRYANT (3252 Clemson Downs, Clemson, SC 29631): A Dictionary of American Proverbs (New York: Oxford University Press, 1991) is dedicated to Margaret M. Bryan, whose collection of proverbs eventually led to this publication, edited by Wolfgang Mieder, Stewart KINGSBURY, and Kelsie B. HARDER.


EDWARD CALLARY (English, Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, IL 60115; phone, 815-756-5618; e-mail: TBOEXC1@N1X; fax, 815-753-1824) served in 1980 as President of the American Name Society, lectured to a number of student groups on names and their implications, appeared on several radio programs, and helped the listener's calls concerning names. The revised version of his presidential address, "Some Comments on Alternate Naming Systems," appeared in Names, 39 (1991), 70-74. A review of Paul Dickson's What Do You Call a Person From Appeared in Names, 39 (1991), 56-58.

JON C. CAMPBELL (Branch of Geographic Names, U. S. Geological Survey, MS 523, Reston, VA 22092; home address, P. O. Box 147, White Post, VA 22663; Antarctic Address, Nov. 13 - Feb. 15, USGS S-0525, Antarctic Support Associates, PSC 469, Box 100, FPO AP 96559-5700) has an article in the September, 1991, issue of Names, "Stream Generic Terms as Indicators of Historical Settlement Patterns." Jon was selected by USGS for an assignment to establish geodetic control in Antarctica. He will be a part of the 1991-92 USGS austral summer field team. While on the Antarctic continent, the summer team will participate in several Global Positioning System related activities. GPS is a method of determining the coordinates (latitude, longitude, and elevation) of features by triangulating their position from orbiting satellites. He writes, "You may be assured that while in Antarctica I will pay close attention to the geographic names there." He will return to his position in BGN in late March, 1992.

CANADIAN SOCIETY FOR THE STUDY OF NAMES. See AIHRENS for address. The annual meeting was held at Queen's University, Kingston, May 26, 1991, with the following papers read: Valerie ALIA, "The Politics of Eponymy: Power, Classification, Commemoration"; Frank HAMLIN, "Spontaneous Place Naming in Canada"; André LAPIERRE, "Quan Acquavdevi O'Chir: Mutations onomastiques québécoises en Nouvelle-Angleterre"; Denise Latendresse, "La banque d'anthonymes femelles de la Ville de Hull"; Ed LAWSON, "Onomastic Journals: How Many and Where?"; Tim Nau, "Girls and Boys in Names in Yamachiche: a has la difference?"; Jaroslav RUDNYCKYJ, "Pre- and Early History of the Canadian Society for the Study of Names"; and Howard Woods, "Skanadvalan Place names in Canada.

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FREDERIC G. CASSIDY (6125 Helen C. White Hall, The University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI 53706) has completed the editing of Volume II, Dictionary of American Regional English, copies now available from Harvard University Press. His paper, "Missoula-Wisconsin," has been accepted by the editors of Names. A long article on Volume II Dictionary of American English appeared in the Chicago Tribune, June 30, 1991, Sec. 5, pp. 7, 7; written by Rick Horowitz, "You say tomato, I say tomatoh.

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THOMAS L. CLARK (English Department, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, NV 89154, tclark@ unrakics.nevada.edu), with Michael Wise, read "Fugitive Sources of a Dictionary of English of Western North America, at the Rocky Mountain Regional Meeting of MLA, Oct. 18, 1991.


GERALD L. COHEN (Applied Arts and Cultural Studies, 213 Humanities Bldg., University of Missouri, Rolla, MO 65401-0245) published Origin of New York City’s Nickname "The Big Apple" (New York: Verlag Peter Lang, 1991, 106 pp. DM39). He also edits Comments on Eymology, which he founded. Each issue usually contains an item or more on onomastics. In one recent issue, Professor Cohen wrote "Towards a Comprehensive Treatment of Name-Pamby." He is also editing Eymology and Linguistic Principals, II, which should appear in publication soon, containing 170 pages and costs $18 + $2 postage and handling (order from Professor Cohen). *(It’s) Goodbye Charlie—appears in the October 1991 issue of Comments on Eymology, pp. 13-14; and *Update on The Big Apple, pp. 14-15.

LURLINE H. COTHRAP (4263 Ridgecrest, El Paso, TX 79902; phone, 915-532-7332) attended the ANS meetings in Chicago in December and the Western States Geographic Names Conference in Santa Fe, NM, in September. AT both she attended the PLAMSUS meetings. She reminds everyone that they are invited to the WSGN meeting in El Paso in September 1993.

All through the year she works with the onomastics collection of The Library at the University of Texas at El Paso. In Santa Fe, the collection received a wonderful gift. Donald T. Clark gave Lurline a letter leaving his onomastics library to The Library at UTEP. This bequest is a fine example. The giver can enjoy his books all his life and also know that they will have a good home after he is gone.

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COMMISSION DE TOponymie DUE quebec (1245, chemin Sainte-Foy, Quebec (Quebec) G1S 4P2; phone, 418-643-8660; fax, 418-644-9466) published the following during 1990-1991:


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The next meeting will be held May 27-28, University of Prince Edward Island. The local organizer is Dr. Kay Diviney, English Department, University of Prince Edward Island, Charlottetown, PE C1A 7N8. American onomasticians south of the 49th parallel are especially welcome to participate in the program.


ROBERTA C. CHENEY (Box 554, Cameron, MT 59720; phone, 406-682-4538) reports that her Names on the Face of Montana has steady sales. She also has published The Episcopal Church in Montana, a book of real historical value but short on onomastics.

THOMAS L. CLARK (English Department, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, NV 89154, tclark@unrakis.unr.edu), with Michael Wise, read "Fugitive Sources of a Dictionary of English of Western North America, at the Rocky Mountain Regional Meeting of MLA, Oct. 18, 1991.


GERALD L. COHEN (Applied Arts and Cultural Studies, 213 Humanities Bldg., University of Missouri, Rolla, MO 65401-0247) published Origin of New York City’s Nickname "The Big Apple" (New York: Verlag Peter Lang, 1991, 106 pp. DM39). He also edited Comments on Etymology, which he inaugurated. Each issue usually contains an item or more on onomastics. In one recent issue, Professor Cohen wrote "Towards a Comprehensive Treatment of Namby-Pamby." He is also editing Etymology and Linguistic Principals, II, which should appear in publication soon, containing 170 pages and costing $18 + $2 postage and handling (order from Professor Cohen). "(It’s) Goodbye Charlie—appears in the October 1991 issue of Comments on Etymology, pp. 13-14; and Update on The Big Apple, pp. 14-15.

LURLINE H. COTHRAP (4263 Ridgecrest, El Paso, TX 79902; phone, 915-532-7329) attended the ANS meetings in Chicago in December and the Western States Geographic Names Conference in San Juan Capistrano, CA, in September. AT both she attended the PLANSUS meetings. She reminds everyone that they are invited to the WSGN meeting in El Paso in September 1993.

All through the year she works with the onomastics collection of The Library at the University of Texas at El Paso. In San Juan Capistrano, the collection received a wonderful gift. Donald T. Clark gave Lurline a letter leaving his onomastics library to The Library at UTPEP. This bequest is a fine example. The giver can enjoy his books all his life and also know that they will have a good home after he is gone.

If you would like a new bibliography of the collection, please write to Lurline or to The University of Texas at El Paso, The Library—Onomastics Collection, El Paso, TX 79968-0582.

COMMISSION DE TOPONYMIE DUE QUEBEC (1245, chemin Sainte-Foy, Quebec (Quebec) G1S 4P2; phone, 418-643-8660; fax, 418-644-9466) published the following during 1990-1991:

Bulletin d'information Le Toponyme, vol. 8, nos. 1 and 2.


Recherche onomastique de la MRC de Matane, 69 pp.


Poéter, Jean. Toponymx 13, Quebec, Quebec.


Richard, Marc. Toponymx 14: Baptiser les lieux au Quebec, un expérience pilote.

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If anyone wishes additional information on the work of the Commission de toponymie, write to President Remi Mayrand, at the address above.

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PAUL DICKSON (Box 80, Garrett Park, MD 20896; phone, 301-392-5798) is working on several projects, including a book on "War Slang." He has just begun work on a baseball dictionary.

JOEY L. DILLARD (1637 Jackson Ave., Portsmouth, OH 45662) has an article, "Pidgin Chronology and the Transliterator," scheduled to be published in a collection of essays, Benjamin the publisher. Another, "The Linguistic Value of the Ex-Slave Narratives," is to be published in Africanisms in Afro-American Language Varieties. A review is to be published in the SECOL Review. He also has a chapter on onomastics in his A History of American English, forthcoming in Longman's Linguistic Library. He claims that it will have a picture of a Norman Rockwell painting on the cover instead of Grant Wood's "American Gothic" that the press wanted to use.


JÜRGEN EICHHOFF (Department of German, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 818 Van Hise Hall, 1220 Linden Drive, Madison, WI 53706; phone, 608-263-2153) is completing "Onomastic Assimilation and Integration Patterns: An Investigation of German Surname Anglicization in America." He has already given several presentations on the subject. He continues to collect material for a Dictionary of German Surnames in America, as well as a dictionary tentatively to be named German Place Names in Wisconsin.


Mikhail im Alteutschen Namenbuch fuer die osterrichtischen Lander, Mitrausgeber der Zeitschrift "Namenkundliche Informationen.

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Other publications include: Recent trends in Finnish Name Studies, a review article on Onomastica Canadiana, 73, no. 1 (June 1991); "Names in Finland: Settlement History, Sociolinguistics, and the Finnish/Swedish Language Boundary, In Jim Black, ed., Papers from the Fourteenth Annual Meeting of the Atlantic Provinces Linguistic Association, 27-38 (Dept. of Linguistics, Memorial University of Newfoundland, St. John's, N.F.), the paper was delivered at the ALPA meeting in St. John's, Nov. 1990; a review of the ICOS 16 Proceedings [Jean-Claude Boullanger, ed., Le nom propre au carrefour des etudes humaines et des sciences sociales in the Canadian Journal of Linguistics, 35, no. 4, Dec. 1990, 399-399. There was some material on name taboo (about 20% of a larger paper) in her presentation, "The Iconic Index in Historical Linguistics," at the Colloquium on Iconicity in Language, University of Rome, Oct. 3, 1991. It will be published in the proceedings, ed. Raffaele Simone.

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CLEVELAND KENT EVANS (Bellevue College, Bellevue, NE 76805; phone, 402-291-8100) is the author of Unusual & Most Popular Baby Names (Lincolnwood, IL 60646: Publications International, Ltd., 7373 N. Cicero Ave., 1991), including an exclusive, nationwide survey that ranks the 1,000 most popular names. An excellent introduction gives an overall view of naming patterns in the United States. He was quoted extensively in Pat Frank, "What's in a name? TV, the space age or grandpa may have influenced yours," Alltoun Mirror, Oct. 7, 1991; and Steve Tweddell, "Parents turn to TV soaps to name their newborns," Pittsburgh Press, Oct. 9, 1991. He also has been interviewed many times on radio and TV. His work indicates that he is among the best scholars, if not the very best, on personal names in the United States.

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- MARGARET GELLING (Dept. of Ancient History and Archaeology, The University of Birmingham, P. O. Box 363, Birmingham B15 2TT, England; phone, 021-414-5497) published The Place-Names of Shropshire, Part I, EPNS 62/63, 1990, a major contribution to toponymy study. She also published "The Relevance of Place-Names," Lancashire County Historian, 6 (1991); and "Towards the Rehabilitation of Brumagen," The Birmingham Historian, 7 (1991)


FRANK HAMLIN (Dept. of French, The University of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC V6T 2L1, Canada; fax, 604-822-6673; e-mail, Frank Hamlinc@mts.ubc.ca or userhamlinc@ubcmts). His "Place Name Dictionaries and Surveys and their Making," a pleaary paper, has appeared in Proceedings of the XVIIth International Congress of Onomastic Sciences, Helsinki, 1990, I, 25-51. "Les noms des confluent entre toponymie et hydronymie" appeared in Nouvelle Revue d’onomastique, 15-16 (1990), 47-54; and his review of Patrick Hanks and Flavia Hodges, A Dictionary of Surnames, in Nouvelle Revue d’onomastique, 15-16 (1990), 260-262. "Démonomination, référence et la distinction entre noms propres et noms communs," with H. Curat, will be published in Zeitschrift für Germanische Philologie. Five reviews are scheduled to appear in Names, Onomastica Scandinavica, and Nouvelle Revue d’onomastique. He is also making progress on the Avenue placenames project with Jacques Astier. See CANADIAN SOCIETY FOR THE STUDY OF NAMES.
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- MICHEL GRIMAUD (French, Wellesley College, Wellesley, MA 02181; phone, 617-243-0320; Cable: WELCO; e-mail (Internet): mgrimaud@ucy.wellesley.edu). He has collected a vast amount material on street names and has begun to work it into papers and articles. See DEAN REILEIN. He published: "Les Onomastiques I-Champs, méthodes et perspectives," Nouvelle revue d'onomastique, 15-16 (1990), 5-23 (first half of a two-part present paper on the scope and methods in onomastics studies); and "The Street Naming Systems of the United States," Proceedings of the XVIII International Congress of Onomastics, Helsinki, Vol. 1, 376-383 (co-author with Larry Baldwin): "Nature et classification des sobriquets honorifiques," Travaux de Linguistique, 21 (1991), 21-49.


ERIC P. HAMP (Department of Linguistics, University of Chicago, 582 S. University Ave., Chicago, IL 60637) is quoted extensively by Philip E. Ross, "Hard Words," Scientific American, April 1991, 138-147; and Robert Wright, "Quest for the Mother Tongue," The Atlantic Monthly, April 1991, 39-68. Hamps is the voice of reason in the rather strange opinions of Vitaly V. Shevoroskin and Joseph H. Greenberg who champion something called Nostratics.

He continues to work on names along with the Scottish Gaelic dialect Atlas, as well as continuing to work on early British Celtic names. He intends to write on the extraction of morphology and meaning from names on the basis of early Celtic names.

JAY M. HAYMOND (Executive Secretary, Utah Names Committee, 300 Rio Grande, Salt Lake City, UT 84101) served as Executive Secretary of the of the Western States Geographic Names Council. He chaired the meeting in Santa Fe, Sept. 4, 1991, where revisions in the bylaws were proposed and approved. Strong attempts will be made to have all the states west of the Mississippi participate in the Council. For a copy of the report, write to Jay.


LOUISE MARON HARDER (5 Lawrence Ave., Potsdam, NY 13676) provided "Uhr Oh: His One-Letter Name Caused Problems, a Washington Post release. Watertown Daily Times, Oct. 1, 1991, pp. 9-10, an account of a person named O, who finally had to change to Oh, since Americans insist that O is not a name and must be "filled out." He had the name changed for $20.00 at the Fairbanks, Virginia, County Circuit Court. He considered Owe. From the Watertown Daily Times came the following: "First Families of Ireland, a map that shows were the families with Irish names came from originally (Mar. 16, 1991, p.7); "How Do You Spell Allegany? Let Us Count the Ways," an account of the different spellings of features with names like Allegany, Allegheny, and Allegheny, all with support for the different versions: Erma Bombeck, "I Have That Car: Old Berry Will Run a Little Bit Better," ibid., "Sunday Weekly," Sept. 29, 1991, p. 3, cols. 1-5, writes about problems created when cars are given names. From another source came a serious item, Sally Tisdale, "Annals of Place in the Northwestern," The New Yorker, Aug. 26, 1991, pp. 37-62; AP release, Watertown Daily Times, Feb. 21, 1991, "Venus Craters To Have Female Names," noted elsewhere, but adds that the craters on Venus may now be named for such women as Pearl Buck, Rachel Carson, Gertrude Stein, Mary Stuart (Queen of Scots), and others. She also noted "Scorecard," Sports Illustrated, Sep. 30, 1991, p. 14, col. 4, "Just Call Him Junior," which carries the item, "Chicago Bears tight end James Coley and his wife, Ower, have six children. Their five daughters are named And, Fehliseboway, Myralaya, Shiannaevia and Tiyoneetoca. Their son's name is James." AYLENE S. HARPER. See HERBERT BARRY III.

DOUGLAS P. HINKLE, President, Observation Skills Associates, Route 1, Box 1807, Howerton, VA 24254; phones, 804-443-4425 or 804-443-6309 reports that "a few villages in Eastern Virginia bear Spanish names with archaic spellings (Nacozari, Lanexa) suggesting origins dating to the late 16th Century. The modern forms are Najera and Lanexa in Spain; the -x- was replaced by -j- in Spanish orthography in such circumstances long before our own colonial period.

... the Spaniards reached Virginia a number of years before the English came to Jamestown, erected some settlements, and were massacred by the Indians for their pains."

ROBERT HOLLETT (English Language & Literature, Memorial University of Newfoundland, St. John's, Nfld., Canada A1B 3X9) directed a two-year pilot project on the place names of Placentia Bay, Newfoundland. The pilot has been run in anticipation of producing a pronunciation dictionary of Newfoundland and Labrador place names. Field work has been completed and a working draft of the Placentia Bay volume prepared.

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KATHERINE ISAACS (Omnigraphics, 253 Main St., Old Saybrook, CT 06475). See DEAN REILEIN.

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JAY M. HAYMOND (Executive Secretary, Utah Names Committee, 300 Rio Grande, Salt Lake City, UT 84101) served as Executive Secretary of the of the Western States Geographic Names Council. He chaired the meeting in Santa Fe, Sept. 4, 1991, where revisions in the bylaws were proposed and approved. Strong attempts were made to have all the states west of the Mississippi participate in the Council. For a copy of the report, write to Jay.


LOUISE MARON HARDER (5 Lawrence Ave., Potsdam, NY 13676) provided "Uh Oh: His One-Letter Name Caused Problems, a Washington Post release, Waterfront Daily Times, Oct. 1, 1991, pp. 9-10, an account of a person named O, who finally had to change to Oh, since Americans insist that O is not a name and must be "filled out." He had the name changed for $20.00 at the Fairfield, Virginia, Circuit Court Court. He considered Owe. From the Waterfront Daily Times came the following: 'First Families of Ireland, a map that shows were the families with Irish names came from originally (Mar. 17, 1991, B7): "How Do You Spell Allegany? Let Us Count the Ways," an account of the different spellings of features with names like Allegany, Allegheny, and Allegheny, all with plenty of support for the different versions. Erma Bombeck, "A Day That Car: Old Betty Will Run a Little Bit Better," ibid., "Sunday Weekly," Sept. 29, 1991, p. 3, cols. 1-5, writes about problems created when cars are given names. From another source came a serious item, Sally Tisdale, "Anns of Place in the Northwest," The New Yorker, Aug. 26, 1991, pp. 37-62; AP release, Watertown Daily Times, Feb. 21, 1991, "Venus Craters To Have Female Names," noted elsewhere, but adds that the craters on Venus may soon be named for such women as Pearl Buck, Rachel Carson, Gertrude Stein, Mary Stuart (Queen of Scots), and others. She also noted "Scorecard," Sports Illustrated, Sept. 30, 1991, p. 14, col. 4, "Just Call Him Junior," which carries the item, "Chicago Bears tight end James Coley and his wife, Owenetta, have six children. Their five daughters are named And, Fehlisegwamayf, Myrilaya, Shanauweps and Tiyonneata. Their son's name is James." AYLANE S. HARPER. See HERBERT BARRY III.

DOUGLAS P. HINKLE (President, Observation Skills Associates, Route 1, Box 1807, Howerton, VA 22454; phones, 804-443-4425 or 804-443-6309) reports that "a few villages in Eastern Virginia bear Spanish names with archaic spellings (Naxers, Lanexa) suggesting origins dating to the late 16th Century. The modern forms are Najera and Lanesia in Spain: the -x- was replaced by -j- in Spanish orthography in such circumstances long before our colonial period. The Spaniards reached Virginia a number of years before the English came to Jamestown, erected some settlements, and were massacred by the Indians for their pains."

ROBERT HOLLETT (English Language & Literature, Memorial University of Newfoundland, St. John's, Nfld., Canada A1B 3X9) directed a two-year pilot project on the place names of Placentia Bay, Newfoundland. The pilot has been run in anticipation of producing a pronunciations dictionary of Newfoundland and Labrador place names. Field work has been completed and a working draft of the Placentia Bay volume prepared.

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ED LAWSON (23 Westerly Drive, Fredonia, NY 14063; e-mail: lawson@fredonia.bitnet) has published "Most Common Jewish First Names in Israel" and "Nicknames: An annotated bibliography" in the 1991 volume of Names. His "For editors, authors, and readers: What we can do to improve our journals," appeared in Proceedings of the XVIIth International Congress of Onomastics Sciences, Helsinki, 13-18 August 1990, 2, 95-102. Accepted for publication is "Onomastics Journal: How Many and Where?" Serials Librarian, 2(4). He is continuing to work on "Most common surnames in Israel: Arabic and Hebrew" and on an update of his annotated bibliography. One of his undergraduate students, Blake Yao, did a project, "Same name as father: Is being a Junior a help or handicap?" AT one local mental hospital the percentage of manic-depressives with names of Junior was significantly higher than one would expect by chance. The project has been accepted by ERIC as ED328848. See also CANADIAN SOCIETY FOR THE STUDY OF NAMES.

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RICHARD M. LEDERER, JR. (315 Harwood Building, Scarsdale, NY 10583) published More About Scarsdale, which contains a section, "The Streets, Parks and Place-Names of Scarsdale." He does a monthly column, "Historically Speaking," for The Scarsdale Inquirer, where names are sometimes the subject. He wrote the section on the colonial period for a history of Westchester County government, which also includes the definitive source of Westchester.

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NAME GLEANER. See AHRENS for address. Published by the Canadian Society for the Study of Names, the March 1991 issue contains a copy of the program for the Kingston meeting of CSSN, list of contents of Names (38.3 and 38.4), Onomastica Canadiana (72.2), and Names in the Media. Informationen, (59), along with a list of other recent onomastic publications. Reproduced are news articles: Lance Robertson, "Developers say naming's as easy as throwing a dart," The Register-Guard, Eugene, OR, Nov. 25, 1990; Renee Tawa, "Jackie is crafty and Moses is moral," on the meaning of names, The Globe and Mail, Jan. 12, 1991; Steve Procior, "Parents, Tenants, Turn or Turn Bay? A 235-year muddle," on the spelling of some names, Terrains/Terrence/Terrance/Ter(a)nce, Hearn/Hurun, and Tern/Furn; Nicholas Kristof, "China's Old Tale: Better to 'Elegant Than Red,'" New York Times, Nov. 30, 1990; and Garth Starweck, Dec. 1-8, 1990. The June 1991 issue lists the names of the participants and publishes abstracts of their papers, CSSN meeting at Kingston, May 26, 1991. Tables of contents for Names (39, no. 1, 1991) and CNomina (16, no. 2, 1990) are listed. Several newspaper items are included, among them "Tips on what to call customers," "What's in A Name? For Chinese parents, peace is pass, as 'Elegant' replaces 'Army' and 'Red';" "A Search for Identity;" "Picking a Name for Your Firm? Watch your Ps and Qs;" and others. Volume 16, no. 3 (October 1991) contains a list of CSSN information on courses in toponomy in Canadian universities, a list of meetings of the society, a list of meetings and abstracts of names, a list of the contents of Nouvelle Revue d'Onomastique, Nos. 15 and 16, 1990, and some newspaper columns and newsletter items on the subject of names.


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Director and Deputy Director of the Institute were appointed Peter E. Raper and Lucie A. Möller respectively. Both are members of the American Name Society and of the International Committee of Onomastic Sciences. The Institute would welcome donations of onomastic material for use by students of the Academy and other researchers, especially on onomastic theory. The onomastic needs of Inter alia the disadvantaged or deprived sectors of the community will be addressed by the Institute, and it is hoped that financial sponsorships or donations will be forthcoming.

The Sixth Southern African Names Congress was held at Berg-en-Dal in the Kruger National Park from 31 July to 2 August 1991. It was hosted by the Government of KaNgwane. Thirty-three papers were presented. The Seventh Southern African names Congress is to be held at San Lameer in September 1993. Nomina Africana is the journal for the Names Society of Southern Africa and is abstracted by ERI.C, Geographical Abstracts, and GEOBASE, among others.


ALAN RAYBURN (5 Solva Drive, Nepean, Ont., K2H 5R4, Canada; phone, 613-828-8510) has kept busy in the toponymic field in the past two years. Geographical Names of Renfrew County, Ontario, in 1994, was reprinted in 1989 and 1990. In June 1990, he presented a paper on the names of major west coast water features at the annual meeting of the Canadian Society for the Study of Names, in Victoria, BC, and a revised version was published in Onomastica Canadiana, 72, no. 2 (1990). He has continued his Place Names [a mapfe leaf symbol separates Place and Names] column in Canadian Geographic, his latest article, "On the Western Front: Names from WWI Battles," Oct./Nov. 1991, pp. 94, 96. He is in the ninth year as author of the column. A recent article was about a mountain in the Yukon named in 1964 for John F. Kennedy. Other articles have been on the dropping of "Dominion" when referring to Canada, on the terms butte and coulee in western Canada, on places with City as an element in their names, and on places in British Columbia with Bear, and on a small band of the Gitxsan, Japan, and Canada's oldest [1610] settlement. He is currently working on the lost names and places of Eastern Ontario as part of his duties as secretary of a region of the Ontario Genealogical Society. His review of John N. Jackson's Names Across the Niagara appeared in the December issue of Onomasticana Canadiana. Alan also brought up a point in our correspondence concerning the use of diminutives, the immediate cause being a "Dear Abby" column. "Ask before you shorten a name." Alan writes, "I would hazard a guess that about 50% of males and 25% of females call me 'Al' after I'm introduced to them as Alan... it puzzles me when people switch to a diminutive form without the consent of the people they're talking to." Does this happen to others? [KIH] have had Kel tried on me a few times, but I am a bit cold to the diminutive, so it does not occur very much—but it does happen. Kels occurs more than Kel; perhaps someone can do a bit of research on this?

ALLEN WALKER READ (39 Claremont Ave., New York, NY 10027). See DEAN REILEIN. See NAMES INSTITUTE. Among the many papers presented at many academic meetings, some had onomastic content: April 28, 1990 at the Ninth Annual Meeting of the North Central Names Institute, Newberry Library, Chicago, "Ripples of Change in the Place-Name Cover of the United States.


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ADRIAN ROOM (12 High St., St. Martin's, Stamford, Lincolnshire PE8 2LF, England; phone 0780-52097) has no new books this year, only American reprints of British editions. He has published reviews of Harrap's Book of Nicknames (Names, 38, 1990, 387-388; A Reader's Guide to the Place-Names of the United Kingdom (Names, 38, 1990, 380-382), and A Dictionary of Epithets and Terms of Address (Names, 39, 1991, 130-32).


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PATRICIA SILBER (Marymount College, 100 Marymount Ave., Tarrytown, NY 10591-3796; phone, 914-631-3200; fax, 914-631-8586) presented "Unfettered Sword and His Role as Warrior in Becovail" at Villanova's PMK Conference, Sept. 22, 1991. The paper is a part of a larger study of the character, part of which was published in Names, 28 (1980) as "Unfettered: Another Look at the Emendation."

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HARRY M. WHEATON, JR. (Ogdensburg, NY 13669) sent an article by Rich Budnick, "Name game: are you really streetwise: You might be shocked to know what your street really means in Hawaiian," Star-Bulletin (Hawaii), Mar. 12, 1991, Sec. 1, p. 6, which details Hawaiian-English meanings of street names in Maui County. Budnick is the compiler of two books on street names in Hawaii: Hawaiian Street Names, Oahu edition; and Maui Street Names.

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C. A. WESLAGER (859 Old Public Road, Hockessin, DE 19707) published The Sisconese Indians of Lewes, Delaware: A Historical Account of a "Great" Bayside Lenape Tribe (Lewes, DE 1995: The Lewes Historical Society, 4 Shipcarpenner Square, 1991) which contains an analysis of placenames in the lower Delaware estuary in the 17th century as part of the account of the little known Sisconese; with the locative suffix ing or ink, it means "place where there is a gentle sound from the movement of things." In other words, it means that the distant waves breaking on the shore can be heard. The Dutch called the main stream Sickneysnicks Kill, a combination of Dutch and Lenape. Wes also received the Joseph P. del Tufo Award for Distinguished Contributions to the Humanities from the Delaware Humanities Council.

HARRY M. WHEATON, JR. (Ogdensburg, NY 13669) sent an article by Rich Budnick, "Name game: are you really streetwise? You might be shocked to know what your street really means in Hawaiian," Star-Bulletin (Hawaii), Mar. 12, 1991, Sec. 1, p. 6, which details Hawaiian-English meanings of street names in Maui County. Budnick is the compiler of two books on street names in Hawaii: Hawaiian Street Names, Oahu edition; and Maui Street Names.

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