Bibliography of Placename Literature, United States and Canada, 1980-1988

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Abstract

This is a supplement to Richard B. Sealock, Margaret M. Sealock, and Margaret S. Powell, *Bibliography of Place-Name Literature, United States and Canada* (3rd ed., Chicago: American Library Association, 1982). The present bibliography contains 655 individual bibliographic citations arranged geographically representing the current literature from 1980 to 1988 and significant earlier works not found in the *Bibliography*.

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In 1948 Pauline Seely and Richard B. Sealock published a modest
bibliography of placename literature and in the early 1960s began to list
additional items as a regular feature of *Names*. A second edition of their
bibliography appeared in 1967, and a third, now with Margaret M.
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the practice of updating the bibliography in this journal did not continue
after the third edition, although the collection and annotation of new
items did not cease. The present list is an attempt to bring together
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