
In Memoriam

Hamill Kenny (1902-1989)

Hamill Kenny was born in West Virginia to descendants of seventeenth-century Maryland settlers, a fact that is reflected in his geographic choices for research. He was a presence in onomastic research for more than forty years. Dr. Kenny was the author of three books, all of them in the field of onomastics. The first, published in 1945, was *West Virginia Place Names*. The second, *Origin and Meaning of Indian Place Names in Maryland*, which appeared in 1961, is the result of extensive research into local Algonquian languages. His third book, *The Place Names of Maryland: Origins and Meanings*, was published by the Maryland Historical Society in 1984, the year of the state's 350th anniversary. He is also the author of a number of articles on Irish places and surnames.

Dr. Kenny was the guest editor of a special issue of this journal devoted to American Indian names (*Names* 15.3 [September 1967]).

He earned bachelor's and master's degrees from Columbia University and a doctorate from the University of Maryland. His career included teaching at both these institutions.

He died March 9, 1989, and is survived by his wife and stepson.

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