

### Publication Notices

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Among the reprints are several of interest to onomasts:

*The Wordsworth Dictionary of Pub Names.* (1994). By Leslie Dunkling and Gordon Wright. Pp. xii-305. Published originally by Routledge & Kegan Paul (1987).

*The Wordsworth Dictionary of Eponyms.* (1996). By Martin H. Manser. Pp. 213. Published originally by Sphere Books (1988).

*The Wordsworth Dictionary of First Names.* (1995). By Iseabail McLeod and Terry Freedman. Pp. v-233. Original copyright by Scaramouche Promotions (1995).

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Recently published by George Wahr is the twelfth edition of John S. Kenyon's *American Pronunciation*, edited by Donald M. Lance and Stewart A. Kingsbury. Copyright 1994, first printing June 1997. Pp. xxix-410.

The first edition of *American Pronunciation* appeared in 1924. Reprinted and revised many times since, the twelfth edition is enlarged by the inclusion of an introduction and a 30-page survey of "Variation in American English" by Donald M. Lance and an 80-page "Spectrographic Analysis of English Phonemes and Allophones" by Donald M. Lance and Stephen M. Howie.

This is a welcome updating of a classic work on American English. Lance and Kingsbury have done a remarkable job of bringing Kenyon's early and mid twentieth century text into the 1990s. The addenda chapters provide especially useful insights into the phonology of contemporary American English and should be read first.