

Important Notice

Members of the American Name Society:

This year, 2001, marks the 50th anniversary of our organization; ANS was founded in Detroit, Michigan, on the 29th of December, 1951.

Names will mark the golden anniversary of the Society by devoting the December, 2001 issue to a projective and retrospective look at the American Name Society and at onomastic study as it has been and as it is currently practiced.

To that end, I call for contributions from ANS members which will illuminate aspects of the past, present, and future of the Society and of onomastics. These may be personal essays, reflecting on the people and events which have formed ANS, reminiscences of annual or other meetings, contemplations on the state of name study, needed work in onomastics, considerations of noteworthy events in onomastics, etc. The choice of subject matter is yours. What I am not interested in, however, is scholarship for its own sake; these essays should not be reports of original onomastic research, but personal impressions and reflections on onomastics and/or ANS.

I am consciously modeling this issue on the current publication of *American Speech*, which is devoting its Fall and Winter, 2000 issues to celebrating its 75th anniversary. The Fall issue (volume 75, number 3) has recently been published and your library should have a copy. You might want to look at some of the short essays printed there for examples of the kinds of essays which would be appropriate for the special issue of *Names*, but you need not, of course, be limited to these.

Essays should be no more than 2000 words each and the editor would appreciate receiving them as soon as possible, in any case no later than 15 September, 2001.

Questions and comments should be directed to the editor as well.