

## Editorial

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This editorial addresses several matters that have arisen during 2013 related to submissions, proofreading, and acceptance of submissions.

### Submissions

*Names* is always looking for appropriate and carefully written submissions that deal with some aspect of onomastics. We invite you to submit your onomastics article in accordance with the format requirements stated on the inside back cover of the journal or the *Names* Style Sheet located at the Maney Publishing website (<<http://www.maneypublishing.com/journals/notes/nam>>). We ask that you read and follow the instructions in the Style Sheet.

### Requirements for submissions to *Names*

Several recent submissions to the journal indicate that authors have not paid attention to the following requirement for submissions to *Names*. We ask that all authors read and comply with this prerequisite for submissions to the journal. Following these rules will facilitate the processing of submissions, and it will expedite editorial responses. This policy was decided at the meeting of the Executive Council of the American Name Society January 2011 and published in the Editorial in *Names* 59:2 (2011), 65.

*Names* is dedicated to publishing a broad diversity of previously unpublished scholarly articles and book reviews in the field of onomastics. Authors from every corner of the world are therefore warmly encouraged to submit their work. Please be aware, however, that *Names* requires all submissions to adhere to US American English grammar, punctuation, spelling, and style. All manuscripts must be scrupulously edited before submission to ensure the highest standard of academic writing. Work with numerous factual, typographical, and/or grammatical errors will not be accepted for peer review. Before submission, it is therefore strongly recommended that all manuscripts be carefully edited for style, content, and grammar by an experienced proofreader who is a native-speaker of US American English. Any contractual arrangement which the author(s) may enter into will, however, be exclusively the sole financial responsibility of the author(s). Please be aware that the use of professional proofreading services will in no way guarantee the acceptance of a submission by the review committee and journal editorial staff. However, the failure to appropriately edit a submission will automatically be considered sufficient grounds for immediate, unqualified rejection.

## Responsibilities of authors for page proofs

Authors have the following responsibilities when they receive page proofs of their contributions to *Names*:

1. Acknowledge receipt of page proofs by contacting the Editor (fhnueso1@louisville.edu).
2. Transmit the signed and dated copyright agreement form to Maney Publishing (preferably by pdf attachment) to Saoirse Milotte (S.Milotte@maneypublishing.com).
3. Follow Editor's instructions for corrections of page proofs and respond to any queries at the end of the page proofs.
4. Submit all corrections to Editor (fhnueso1@louisville.edu) by the specified deadline for their return.

Failure to conform to the responsibilities of authors will result in significant delay in publication, or even non-publication.

## Membership in the American Names Society for authors whose work has been accepted for publication in *Names*

The Executive Council of the American Name Society approved a resolution to concerning contributors to *Names* in January 2009. Contributors whose submissions to *Names* have been accepted must join the American Name Society once the Editor informs the author that the article has been accepted. Anyone may still submit articles without being a member, however. Information on membership is available at the American Name Society's website: <<http://www.wtsn.binghamton.edu/ans>>.

## Lurline Coltharp Collection, University of Texas, El Paso

Louise Harder has forwarded a copy of the letter from the University of Texas at El Paso acknowledging the gift of over 1000 onomastic items from Kelsie's collection to the Coltharp Collection at El Paso.

This is a truly tremendous collection and onomastic scholars should be aware of its availability at El Paso.

The description of the Coltharp Collection can be reached at:

<<http://libraryweb.utep.edu/special/onomastics.php>>.

The onomastic bibliography is at:

<<http://academics.utep.edu/Default.aspx?tabid=51299>>.

Kelsie Harder was an active member of the American Name Society from early on. At various times, he was president, secretary-treasurer, and for many years, editor of *Names*. The gift of Kelsie and Louise Harder ensures that his spirit and love of onomastics lives on.