

tour in the businessse" of colonizing confirms this identification, here is a hint that Smith had not yet given up trying to take an active part in the British colonization of North America.

These examples in point, then, give a fair notion of what can be found in, or surmised from, the place-names so profusely scattered over the maps printed (or reprinted) for Smith's *Generall Historie*. Where the identification is – on circumstantial grounds at least – virtually certain, these names have contributed to the reconstruction of Smith's life during the years after his return from Virginia to London. Where they are uncertain – merely guesses, or logical surmises – they supply clues or hints as to where to look for further information. The analyses given here all tie together, and make sense with Smith's known history. A very few still need investigation. But the burden of this entire study is that place-names can prove an extremely valuable adjunct to biographical research. In the instance of Captain John Smith they have effectively altered the entire picture of his later life.

Editor's Report for 1963

The eleventh volume of *Names* contained a total of 292 pages, with 12 articles (one of which consisted of three parts) and 11 book reviews. During 1963 the issues were mailed directly from Heidelberg, with varying success. The Secretary and the Editor feel that it would probably be more satisfactory to return to the former method of distribution, namely, through the Secretary's office.

The Editor has again had the utmost cooperation of Professor Kelsie B. Harder; Elsdon C. Smith, the Book Review Editor; Professor Audrey R. Duckert, the Associate Editor, who processes popular items and contributes her regular column, "Notes and Queries"; the members of the Editorial Board; and the other officers of the Society.

Our editorial conviction (now grown stronger) is that the standards of the journal must be maintained. The majority of articles published here, we feel, should probably remain semi-popular, but there should also be room for a few highly technical items and occasionally light ones. We do insist on a reasonable smoothness of style. Our offering must also be primarily onomastic, i.e., discussions of *names* per se and not statistical treatments largely devoid of onomastic examples, nor studies in the general vocabulary which belong to the realm of dictionary compilation.

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tampering with the original has been kept to a minimum in the skillful job of editing and abridging. Nearly every reader who is familiar with the earlier work will regret the omission, however necessary, of a bit of cherished vintage HLM such as the statistical possibilities on cocktail combinations or the sly joke about Levy being the most common surname in New Orleans. But many will rejoice in the expanded treatment of the *Linguistic Atlas* to which Mencken gave an unaccountably grudging, even waspish three pages in Supplement I. A prime example of just how up-to-date the new edition is may be drawn from the treatment of the origin of *O.K.*, a matter which Allen Walker Read has pursued so diligently and scrupulously over the years. Since Professor Read's latest material on this was published in *American Speech* in May of 1963, it must surely have been added here in proof. It is precisely this kind of awareness of even the most recent discoveries that makes Professor McDavid the ideal editor for the "new" Mencken; one feels HLM himself would be pleased.

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It probably would be a significant saving if contributors in doubt would send the Editor a brief description (with examples) of a proposed article, before the undertaking is completed. Within reason, the Editor will gladly offer cautious guidance on proposed items when such help is desired. In general, any sincere effort written in a carefully wrought style that makes a well-substantiated point within our purview, ought to have a good chance for publication in *Names*.

One of the most pleasant editorial experiences of the year was a visit to the printer's establishment in Heidelberg (August, 1963) where Herren O. Winter and A. Hemmerich conferred with the Editor. At this time certain technical problems were solved and a better general understanding on both sides was achieved. The Editor wishes to especially thank Herren Winter and Hemmerich – and also Dr. Walter Reuter of Fairleigh Dickinson University who translated the German correspondence – for their continued wholehearted technical assistance and cooperation in the publication of the journal.