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American Name Society

THIRD ANNUAL NAMES INSTITUTE

Fairleigh Dickinson University, Florham-Madison Campus

Saturday, May 2, 1964

Program

10:00 – 10:30 a. m.

Registration – Coffee

Gallery Lounge

10:30 – 12:15 p. m.

First Session – Alfred Senn, University of Pennsylvania, presiding

Gallery Lounge

Harold Rogers, Funk & Wagnalls Publishing Company

“Geographical Names in Lexicography”

Variant names, spellings and pronunciations; the problems of applying lexicographical criteria to geographical names, e.g., which of several spellings or pronunciations is more correct or ‘better’ than the others.

Jeannette Blumengarten, Graduate School, New York University

“Place-Names in Edmund Spenser”

Spenser borrowed place-names of old British history from Geoffrey of Monmouth, and he also used many place-names from mythology and the Bible. The wealth of his cultural background is thereby made apparent. He did not, except in a very few cases, invent allegorical place-names although the number of allegorical personal names he invented was legion. [Limited to *The Faerie Queene*.] [Mrs. Blumengarten remarked that she had spearheaded place-name research in Brooklyn, and added that her first onomastic term paper had later been stolen from a local library.]

Robert M. Rennick, State University College, Cortland, New York

“Procedures for a Change of Personal Names in the United States”

This paper, part of a longer study of the practice of name-changing in the United States, treats of the methods by which a change-of-name may be effected in a court of law. After a brief account of the statutory foundations of Common Law and judicial procedures and a description of the judicial process itself, attention will be focused on the grounds – legitimate or otherwise – for the affirmation and denial of court petitions and some of the more memorable legal decisions in the past forty years on the right of assumption of “famous names.”

Leonard R. N. Ashley, Brooklyn College (The City University of New York)
"Honorifics: Pomp and Its Circumstances"

The style and titles of the rulers of Britain, from the earliest times, along with their soubriquets and nicknames, with explanations of their origins and significance.

Meredith F. Burrill, Director, Office of Geography, United States Department of the Interior "Some Next Steps in Name Standardization"

Increasing world acceptance of internationally standard geographic names based on nationally standardized forms is reflected in the new name specifications for the international map of the world on the scale of 1:1,000,000 and in the approach to name problems agreed upon at the ECOSOC-sponsored Regional Cartographic Conference for Africa.

The 1960 report to ECOSOC by the Group of Experts has been widely studied and commended, though not always fully understood.

The next steps will depend upon the action that ECOSOC takes on the convening of the proposed international conference of official name standardizers.

12:15 – 2:15 p.m.

Lunch

Faculty Dining Room
(Basement, The Mansion)

2:15 – 3:45 p.m.

Second Session – Margaret M. Bryant, Brooklyn College (The City University of New York), presiding

Margaret M. Bryant

"Patterns of Naming in Brooklyn" (Introductory remarks.)

Henry Rashkin, Brooklyn College (The City University of New York)

"Patterns of Naming in Bay Ridge"

Nicholas Marlowe, Rider College, Lawrenceville, New Jersey

"Patterns of Naming in Bedford-Stuyvesant"

Winthrop W. Piper, Pittsfield, Massachusetts

"Patterns of Naming in Vermont"

The overall name patterns of Vermont, with particular emphasis on the influence of Governor Benning Wentworth, Colonial Governor of New Hampshire, 1741–1765. His naming of the so-called New Hampshire Grants accounts for a large number of town names in Vermont today.

Allen Walker Read, Columbia University

"The Rivalry of Names for the Rocky Mountains"

A survey of the variety of names given to the Rocky Mountains from the time of the early explorers until the present name was settled on. Among

those treated are *Shining, Chippewayan, Yellow, Enchanted, Missouri, Oregon, Snow, Northern Andes, Columbinas, Cordilleras, Maclure, etc.*, with special attention to the battle between the British *Stony* and the voyageurs' *Rocky*.

3:45 – 4:15 p.m.

Coffee

Gallery Lounge

THE NAMES INSTITUTE

The Names Institute is an annual regional meeting of the American Name Society (*ANS*), customarily held the first Saturday in May, and sponsored by the Florham-Madison Campus of Fairleigh Dickinson University as a means of stimulating interest in the serious study of names. The First Annual Institute (1962) was attended by onomastic students from seven states in this area, and the Second (1963) included participants from Canada and England. Several scholars of the Institute took part as official delegates to the VIIIth International Congress on Onomastic Sciences which met August, 1963, in Amsterdam. The Institute extends a cordial invitation to all *ANS* members and other interested persons in the United States, and particularly to all members of international onomastic organizations in other countries.

The Names Institute
 E. Wallace McMullen, Director
 Donald Jos. Orth, Secretary
 Margaret M. Bryant, Program Chairman

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. The Secretary would like to receive any books or material that can be of possible future onomastic use to a researcher. In other words, our Archives would be enriched, for example, by old telephone books most of which are annually discarded. Some day a complete set of Dickens could be of considerable value to students of our field. Any PMLA or the like that otherwise might be inactive would be an excellent contribution to our rapidly growing storehouse.

2. The Fourth Annual Institute will meet again on the Madison campus of Fairleigh Dickinson University on Saturday, May 1, 1965. The Institute officers will be E. Wallace McMullen, Director; Donald J. Orth, Secretary; and Margaret M. Bryant, Program Director. Please send topics and abstracts of papers to be read at the Institute to Professor Bryant, 222 Hicks Street, Brooklyn 1, N.Y., by February 1, 1965.

3. The 1964 *ANS* Chairmen of Committees are as follows:

Kelsie B. Harder, Program Committee
 Margaret M. Bryant, Local Arrangements Committee
 E. C. Ehrensperger, American Place-Name Committee
 Alfred Senn, Nominating Committee