

# Toponymy Historiography

- | Year | Reference  |
|------|--|
| 2010 | Lisa Radding and John Western, " <a href="#">What's In A Name? Linguistics, Geography, and Toponyms</a> ," <i>Geographical Review</i> 100, no. 3 (2010): 394-412. <a href="http://0-www.jstor.org.library.ualr.edu/stable/25741159">http://0-www.jstor.org.library.ualr.edu/stable/25741159</a> . Radding and Western make a compelling case that names "are different from other words because they are given consciously, to emphasize specific connotations, as opposed to being arbitrarily assigned" (394), using the place name New Orleans as a case study. " <b>Stewart</b> . . . <i>Names on the Land</i> , an accessible work now sixty-five years old that has nevertheless aged well . . . (1945, 6, 8)."  |
| 2008 | Martin H. Levinson, " <a href="#">George R. Stewart. Names on the Land: A Historical Account of Place-Naming in the United States</a> . New York: New York Review of Books [sic] Classics, 2008," in <i>ETC: A Review of General Semantics</i> 65, no. 4 (2008): 386. <a href="http://0-www.jstor.org.library.ualr.edu/stable/42578887">http://0-www.jstor.org.library.ualr.edu/stable/42578887</a> , 386.   |
| 1989 | Samuel Dorris Dickinson, " <a href="#">Colonial Arkansas Place Names</a> ," <i>The Arkansas Historical Quarterly</i> 48, no. 2 (1989): 137-68, doi:10.2307/40030790. Offers a revision of the earlier work of geologist Dr. John C. Branner's "Some Old French Place Names in the State of Arkansas," <i>Modern Language Notes</i> , vol xiv, Feb 1899, 33-40; reprinted in the autumn 1960 issue of the <i>Arkansas Historical Quarterly</i> , vol xix, 191-206.  |
| 1988 | William Boelhower, " <a href="#">Inventing America: The Culture of the Map</a> ," <i>Revue Française D'études Américaines</i> , no. 36 (1988): 211-24.   |
| 1969 | E. Joan Wilson Miller, " <a href="#">The Naming of the Land in the Arkansas Ozarks: A Study in Culture Processes</a> ," <i>Annals of the Association of American Geographers</i> 59, no. 2 (1969): 240-51, <a href="http://0-www.jstor.org.library.ualr.edu/stable/2561628">http://0-www.jstor.org.library.ualr.edu/stable/2561628</a> . Miller notes "the place name or toponym has value as a tool for the cultural geographer who is primarily concerned with the manifestations on the land of cultural origins, contacts, and migrations" (240). Miller observes the "process of naming the land was both a folk and an official one," and that the "geographical expression of these cultural processes provides an insight into the role of the habitat in primary settlement, and to the continuum of change in a little-known region of the United States" (240).   |
| 1967 | Wilbur Zelinsky, " <a href="#">Classical Town Names in the United States: The Historical Geography of an American Idea</a> ," <i>Geographical Review</i> 57, no. 4 (1967): 463-95. doi:10.2307/212928. [I NEED TO READ THIS STUDY!]  |
| 1960 | John C. Branner, "Some Old French Place Names in the State of Arkansas." <i>The Arkansas Historical Quarterly</i> 19, no. 3 (1960): 191-206. doi:10.2307/40030643.   |
| 1955 | Wilbur Zelinsky, " <a href="#">Some Problems in the Distribution of Generic Terms in the Place-Names of the Northeastern United States</a> ," <i>Annals of the Association of American Geographers</i> 45, no. 4 (1955): 319-49. <a href="http://0-www.jstor.org.library.ualr.edu/stable/2561296">http://0-www.jstor.org.library.ualr.edu/stable/2561296</a> . Zelinsky notes "generic terms—the common nouns—used to denote geographic features in the United States has been strangely neglected by geographers and linguistic specialists alike" (319). Later he notes, "A variety of research problems are suggested by the provisional data presented here. Most urgent is the need for a series of careful studies of the toponymy of a selected group of communities that will include generic terms, specific names, and vernacular topographic language and will treat these subjects in their full geographic and historical context. . . . there should be research on the source, routing, and destination of the settlers of the United States, with particular attention to the culture and the social |

Year	Reference
	psychology of those who were the most active namers" (349).
1949	James B. McMillan , "Observations on American Place-Name Grammar," <i>American Speech</i> 24, no. 4 (1949): 241-48. doi:10.2307/453044. Notes while <b>Stewart's</b> monograph, <i>Names on the Land</i> , is "unique and valuable . . . nowhere is there a systematic account of the morphology and syntax, the ways of forming and using names of places in American English" (241).
1945	Bentley, Harold W. "'Names on the Land'." <i>American Speech</i> 20, no. 4 (1945): 285-88. doi:10.2307/487168.
1945	<b>George R. Stewart</b> , <i>Names on the Land: A Historical Account of Place-Naming in the United States</i> (Boston: Houghton Mifflin Company, 1945; Boston: Houghton Mifflin Company, 1967, 1st Sentry Ed.). <a href="#">[Is Stewart's work in response to Caldwell's statement?]</a>
1944	Caldwell, Norman W. " <a href="#">Place Names and Place Name Study</a> ." <i>The Arkansas Historical Quarterly</i> 3, no. 1 (1944): 28-36. doi:10.2307/40027461. <b>Need for further study:</b> Caldwell writes, "In 1937-1938 the present writer began an independent study of the place nomenclature of Arkansas, and researches upon this subject have been continued to the present, though the task is still far from finished. . . . At the present time the work is still incomplete. . . . The magnitude of completing the study would seem to make it advisable to introduce some other means of acquiring the desired information . . . The writer is convince that such a project carried to completion would be an accomplishment of signal value to the history of the state" (35). Quotes W. F. <b>Ganong</b> to express, "the problem faced in the study of the origin of place," He states, "To find an origin for a place-name is usually easy, but to find the true origin is often difficult and sometimes impossible," Caldwell notes, adding it is fortunate that "Arkansas place names are for the most part of rather recent origin, though the beginnings of many names are already lost in the obscurity of the past. The study of place nomenclature in this country has been sadly neglected" (34).
1922	Eilert Ekwall, <a href="#">The place-names of Lancashire, 1877-1964</a> (Lime Grove: Manchester University Press, 1922).
	Professor Wyld and Dr Hirst, <i>Review: The Place-names of Lancashire</i> , [Referenced in Mawer, Allen. <i>The Modern Language Review</i> 7, no. 2 (1912): 264-66. doi:10.2307/3713046.]
1899	Raoul Renault, Correspondence: " <a href="#">Some Old French Place-Names in the State of Arkansas</a> ." <i>Modern Language Notes</i> 14, no. 3 (1899): 96. doi:10.2307/2917807. Offers several corrections to <b>Branner's</b> work.
1899	John C Branner, " <a href="#">Some Old French Place Names in the State of Arkansas</a> ," <i>Modern Language Notes</i> 14, no. 2 (1899): 33-40. doi:10.2307/2917686. Using "lithograph copies of the original land-plats of the first official surveys of the state" as his primary source, Branner offers a list of old French place names in the state of Arkansas, mainly in "the southern and eastern parts of the state, and to the valley of the Arkansas. He urges the Arkansas Historical Society to "try to trace these [place names] to their sources while yet there is some possibility of its being done" (33).