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WHAT'S IN A NAME

by Edwin H. Vedder

The study of names is also a study of history. In our own life span, our language has changed greatly. So have names. The names at any given time reflect the history of the people, past and present, and the impact that they all had.

This country, being the melting pot that it is, has surnames, given names and place names of just about every possible origin. This short paper cannot discuss in any depth, the origins of the many names of ethnic origin, especially from southern and eastern Europe. We now have great numbers from Central and South America as well as from Asia. Also, we must not forget the great number of Indian place names throughout the United States. Therefore, most of what follows deals with names which we usually think of as being of English origin.

This issue of the NEWSLETTER will deal with place names and the May issue with people names.

PLACE NAMES

Addressing a letter, knowing that it can be mailed to and will reach its destination, is so taken for granted that we tend to assume that place names are truly definitive. They usually are if we stay within the context of today's accepted practice for a single purpose such as the postal service. Even the postal service has problems, as witness the introduction of the Zip Code system to help keep careless people out of trouble. More recently, we have had street names changed to enable the 911 system to find us following an emergency call. Examples:

Antioch	Kershaw County
Antioch	Lancaster County
Aragon Mills	Chester County
Aragon Mills	York County
Belmont	Richland County
Belmont	York County
Brownsville	Dorchester County
Brownsville	Marlboro County
Ebenezer	Part of Florence, SC
Ebenezer	Part of Rock Hill

Place names are applied to many types of locations: counties, towns, cities, incorporated villages, unincorporated hamlets, railroad stations or junctions and colloquial names for locations.

Place names are very loosely used. Wills, family Bibles and similar documents frequently give a location by a name which is easily misunderstood. My great-great grandfather's will refers to his farm in Florida. Since he lived in Schenectady, NY, I was pretty sure that he did not mean the State of Florida. Then I found a village of Florida in Orange County, NY which was at least a possibility. That proved to be dead end. Finally, I discovered that there is a Town (Township) of Florida in Montgomery County, NY and that was the correct one.

Our Vedder family Bible says that my maternal grandfather was born in Otsego, NY. There is, indeed, an Otsego Co. but within that there is a Town (Township) of Otsego. The Bible further says that he was married in Otsego, MI. There is, indeed, an Otsego Co, MI and also a village of Otsego but not in Otsego Co., MI, it being in another county. The marriage record has not been found.

A very confusing thing when examining old records is the practice of changing names or of their becoming obsolete. This is done for many reasons but causes a genealogist to become an expert in the history of names out of self defense. Some of the reasons for changing are:

- a) Postoffices are merged, abandoned or renamed.
- b) Village names are changed to avoid confusion with another or absorbed into another municipality. Usually the name lingers on anyway.
- c) Railroads are abandoned.
- d) A locality may be known differently locally.

A name may not continue to always mean the same thing because of boundary changes. A lot of this occurred during the nineteenth century as new counties and towns were formed. This was especially true in South Carolina where the state was divided into Judicial Districts until after the Civil War at which time the state was divided into Counties.

The group of names changed the most frequently was, without doubt, postoffices. In the early days, the postoffices were close together and were not necessarily even in a hamlet. Therefore, many times, a name signified nothing more than a postoffice---frequently named for the postmaster who may have kept office in his house. As transportation became better, small postoffices were consolidated or eliminated. For example of a total accumulation of about 1000 place names of all kinds for the eight counties of Western New York, at least 30% were changed or made obsolete since 1800.

When doing research involving place names, it is worthwhile to go to a good library and find books on place names in the particular area.

(The June NEWSLETTER will deal with the subject of People Names.)

J U N E P R O G R A M

THE JUNE PROGRAM WILL NOT BE AT THE USUAL TIME AND PLACE. Instead, the Mormon Library in Greenville will open especially Saturday, June 16 at 1 PM for those members of the Chapter who wish to travel to Greenville to learn about the research facilities there. This notice will be repeated in the June NEWSLETTER with map of how to get there.

REGARDING EDITING

Your Editor is very pleased by the response to the plea for information and interesting anecdotes about the ancestors of our members. I hope that you will not mind my exercising editorial privilege by rearranging and reducing the size of the stories to convey the facts and fit the available space. It is hoped that I have and will continue to capture the flavor and essence of the material our members send to me.

A WARM WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

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Pickens District
 Eastern District
 Free Inhabitants in the District of Pickens
 Enumeration begun on 19th of July, 1950
 F. N. Garvin, Assistant Marshall

House	Family	Name	Age	Sex	Occupation	Estate	Birth
144	144	Frederick Roberts	45	M	Laborer		SC
		Nancy F. Roberts	18	F			SC
		Diana Minton	50	F			SC
		Henry Minton	1	M			SC
		Nancy Chapman	21	F			SC
		Joseph Chapman	5	M			SC
		William H. Chapman	2	M			SC
145	145	A. A. H. Moore	23	M	Farmer		VA
		Martha A. Chapman	22	F			SC
		Angeline Chapman	4	F			SC
		Jefferson L. "	7/12	M			SC
146	146	Levi Taylor	43	M	Farming	3000	SC
		Nancy Taylor	41	F			SC
		Levi N. Taylor	16	M	Laborer		SC
		J. R. C. Taylor	12	M			SC
		T. F. Taylor	3	M			SC
		E. P. Taylor	1	M			SC
147	147	Mary Parks	66	F			SC
		John Newton	24	M	Farming	325	SC
		Sarah Swords	65	F			SC
		John A. B. Tims	12	M			SC
149	149	Wm. J. Smith	33	M	Farming	1000	SC
		Martha Smith	20	F			SC
		Wm. H. Pilgrim	19	M	Laborer		SC
		Rhomas F. Pilgrim	17	M	Laborer		SC
150	150	T. J. King	39	M	Farming		SC
		Sarah King	36	F			SC
		Sarah A. King	16	F			SC
		Thomas E. King	15	M	Laborer		SC
		George W. King	11	M			SC
		Frances King	79	F			Ireland
		John Edes	78	M			SC
151	151	James Garner	44	M	Farming	1900	SC
		Lavana Garner	31	F			SC
		Narcissa M, Garner	14	F			SC
		Henry F. Garner	12	M			SC
		Letetia M. "	11	F			SC
		Amanda E. "	10	F			SC
		Nancy A. Garner	8	F			SC

151	151	Evey A. Garner	7	F			SC
		Margaret M.	6	F			SC
		Benj. E. Garner	4	M			SC
		Tabitha Garner	3	F			SC
		Wm. L. Garner	2	M			SC
		Mary M. Garner	1	F			SC
152	152	Benj. Chapman	52	M	Farming	3000	SC
		Sarah Chapman	43	F			SC
		Thomas Chapman	22	M	Laborer		SC
		Rebecca Chapman	20	F			SC
		John W. Chapman	14	M			SC
		George Chapman	12	M			SC
		Benj. Chapman	10	M			SC
		Marg. A. L. "	8	F			SC
		Josephine A. "	4	F			SC
		Eliza A. Chapman	3	F			SC
153	153	William A.					
		Chapman	23	M	Farming		SC
		Sarah R. Chapman	24	F	SC		
154	154	George Manning	47	M	Farming		SC
		Eliza Manning	24	F			SC
		Nancy Manninng	18	F			SC
		Anderson "	17	M	Laborer		SC
		Columbus "	4	M			SC
		Mary J. Manning	3	F			SC
		Lucy Manning	1/12	F			SC
155	155	Susan Pagett	21	M?	Farming		NC
		Nancy Pagett	20	F			SC
		Green B. Pagett	1	M			SC
156	156	Peter Sharp	45	M	Shoemaker		Ireland
157	157	Melinda Archer	45	F		1500	SC
		Andrew H. Archer	21	M	Farming		SC
		J. E. Archer	20	M	Laborer		SC
		Margaret A. "	16	F			SC
		Mary I. Archer	15	F			SC
		Lucretia A. "	6	F			SC
158	158	Allen Fuller	53	M	Preacher Uln		MA
		Tabitha Fuller	?	F			SC
		Francis Smith	17	M			SC
159	159	Pickens Cason	24	M	Farming		GA
		June L. Cason	21	F			SC
		Larissa E. Cason	22	F			SC
		Thos. P.	1	M			SC
160	160	Andrew Smith	30	M	Farming		SC
		Frances Smith	28	F			SC

160	160	Mary E. Smith	10	F			SC
		Dorcus A. Smith	7	F			SC
		Lenah J. Smith	5	F			SC
		Thos. E. Smith	2	M			SC
161	161	Samuel Williams	27	M	Farming		TN
		Sarah Williams	27	F			SC
		James M. Williams	9	M			SC
		Hepziba "	7	F			SC
		Elizabeth "	6	F			SC
		Mary Williams	4	F			SC
		Martha F. "	2	F			SC
162	162	W. S. Williams	38	M	Merchant	1000	SC
		Amilia Williams	8	F			SC
		Herbert "	5	M			SC
		Frances E.	3	F			SC
		David	35	M	None		SC
163	163	Thos. P. Williams	25	M	Clerking		SC
164	164	John McMasters	50	M	Farming	1000	SC
		Dorothy "	47	F			SC
		Malinda A. "	18	F			SC
		Robt. A. "	15	M			SC
		Nancy M. "	14	F			SC
		Mary A. "	12	F			SC
		James A. "	11	M			SC
		Laura J. "	9	F			SC
		Wm. A. "	7	M			SC
165	165	Nathan Sheriff	44	M	Farming		SC
		Lina Sheriff	45	F			SC
		Nancy Sheriff	22	F			SC
		Thos. Sheriff	20	M	Laborer		SC
		Arnett Sheriff	18	M	Laborer		SC
		Fair? Sheriff	16	M	Laborer		SC
		Elizabeth Sheriff	12	F			SC
		Matilda Sheriff	10	F			SC
		Nathaniel "	3	M			SC
		Jossy?	6	F			SC
166	166	Wm. A. Templeton	22	M	Farming	800	SC
		Mary A. Templeton	17	F			GA
167	167	Catharine					
		Templeton	50	F		3000	SC
		Martha E. "	23	F			SC
		Jane S. Templeton	19	F			SC
		John L. Templeton	16	M	Laborer		SC
		Letitia S. "	14	F			SC
		Ester C. "	12	F			SC
		David F. "	10	M			SC
		Sam ? F. "	8	M			SC

168	168	Tho. G. Boggs	55	M	Farming	1000	SC	
		Eleander Boggs	55	F			SC	
		Joseph A. Boggs	24	M			Farming	SC
		Mary A. Boggs	23	F			SC	
		David C. Boggs	21	M			Student	SC
		John C. Boggs	18	M			Student	SC
		Wm. L. Boggs	16	M			Laborer	SC
		Isabell Boggs	13	F			SC	
		Francis A. Pusley	22	M			Laborer	SC
169	169	Tiphemia Smith	39	M	Farming	1000	SC	
		Anna Smith	40	F			SC	
		Jake? W. Smith	17	M			Laborer	SC
		Tabitha G. Smith	16	F			SC	
		Joseph W. Smith	10	M			SC	
		Rebecca S. Smith	8	F			SC	
		Mary A. Smith	6	F			SC	
		Wm. A. Smith	2	M			SC	
		Susanah	65	F			SC	
170	170	Thos. Moore	67	M	Farming		NC	
		Delilah Moore	65	F			NC	
		Retta Howard	80	F			VA	
171	171	Daniel Nix	72	M	Farming		SC	
		Margaret Nix	72	F			SC	
		Wm. Davis	12	M			SC	
172	172	Susanah Agnew	25	F			SC	
		Edgar F. Agnew	11	M			SC	
		Jane Agnew	9	F			SC	
		Harrison Agnew	7	M			SC	
		Wm. Agnew	2	M			SC	
		Geo. McD. Agnew	8/12	M			SC	
173	173	Asbury Farmer	23	M	Farming		SC	
		Nancy Farmer	25	F			SC	
174	174	James C. C.			Farming	1500		
		Parsons	26	M			SC	
		Mary Parsons	26	F			SC	
		Cynthia Parsons	3	F			SC	
Ara? Parsons	1	F	SC					
175	175	Tillman Ellenburg	22	M	Farming		SC	
		Harriet Ellenburg	19	F			SC	
		John W. Ellenburg	1	M			SC	
176	176	F. C. Parson	21	M	Farming		SC	
177	177	James Parson	62	M	Farming	3000	NC	
		Elizabeth Parson	62	F			SC	
		John B. C. Parson	17	M			Laborer	SC

Q U E R I E S

KEETH Cornelius KIETH, b. 1715, first found in Brunswick Co., VA 1750 to
KEATH 1780's. Found in deeds of Johnston and Surrey Cos., NC and 1790
KIETH Pendleton District, SC, d. there 1804, bur. Oolenoy Baptist Ch., Pickens
KEITH Co., SC. Looking for relationship to:- William, b. Ca. 1765, found 1790
ELROD Surrey Co., NC and 1800 Pendleton District; Asa was in Pendleton
District, later in Lumpkin and Murray Cos. GA; Martin was in Hall Co.
and later Murray Co., GA; Wiley settled in North Alabama; William, b..
Pendleton District, SC 1797, m. Rachel Elrod first found 1828 in Hall
Co., GA, d. 1887 Jackson Co., GA.

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