

- FARTHING Co., Ill.; Madison Green WILLIAMS b 4 Sept 1831, d 30 Dec 1895,
MALCOM was husband of Susan J. FARTHING; Mary MALCOM b 25 Nov 1824,
ALBERT d 26 March 1896, Mt. Moriah Cemetery, was wife of Simon ALBERT.
- Q00114 D.C. Jackson, 2323 So. 118 Court, Omaha, Neb. 68114
Trying to trace the family of John JACKSON and wife Nancy HOSKINS.
JACKSON Came from Ky. to Marion Co., Ill. 1870. One of their children was
HOSKINS John Wesley b 17 Nov 1855. Have his sisters and brothers but need
information on his parents.
- Q00115 James A. Gregson, 204 W. Howard, Visalia, Cal. 93277
Need info on Benjamin Franklin and Sarah BREWER; also Charles A.
BREWER and May Rosa BREWER who lived in Centralia, Ill. from the 1850's
to early 1900's.
- Q00116 Jane White Price, 825 St. Louis, Joplin, Mo. 64801
WHITE Trying to locate descendants of Rev. Elijah Francis WHITE, Sr.
NEAL and Sarah Jane NEAL.
- Q00117 O.W. Gregory, P.O. Box 972, Raton, N.M. 87740
Searching for info on Johnathan Dudley GIBBS and family who lived
GIBBS near Kinmundy 1855 to 1878.
- Q00118 Janice Richardson, 5884 Rimrock Drive NE, Bremerton, Wash. 98310
CHAPMAN Need info on the following men - Thomas CHAPMAN, John C. ALDERSON,
ALDERSON George HERNINGER and William BRADLEY.
HERNINGER
BRADLEY
- Q00119 Mrs. Joseph M. Henry, 2230 E. Glenoaks Blvd., Glendale, Cal. 91206
My great grandparents Thomas Mitchell WARDLOW and wife Emeline
WARDLOW WARDLOW lived in Salem, Ill. in 1871 and are presumably buried
there. Where???
- Q00120 Mrs. Maxine E. Wormer, 2710 Clearview Terr., Peoria, Ill. 61607
Who was Emory WOOTERS? He shows in the 1850 Marion Co. census
WOOTERS as 23 years of age, born in N.C. and living in home of Uriah
MILLS MILLS. What relationship, if any, did he bear to Levin WOOTERS
(1787-1858) and/or Noah WOOTERS, Sr. (1789-1873)?
- Q00121 Beverley W. Chickering, 1781 Stanley St., Longwood, Fla. 32750
Marshall FRENCH born 1820 Greene Co., Tenn., son of John Peter
FRENCH FRENCH and Elizabeth HARTMAN. Marshall married Harriet E.
HARTMAN WILLIAMS. In 1850 Marion Co. census Harriet is 19 and living
WILLIAMS with them is Tabitha WILLIAMS, age 13. My great grandparents
moved to Bowers Mill, Mo. (Jasper/Berry Co.) by 1870. Who were
the parents of Harriet and Tabitha WILLIAMS? Appreciate any
clue I can get.

Members are invited to send in queries.

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WHAT'S IN A NAME?

By Maxine E. Wormer

Prior to the Revolutionary War, the colonies of Virginia, New York, Massachusetts and Connecticut claimed huge chunks of real estate extending far into what was then the west. Included in Virginia's claim was the area comprising the present State of Illinois which, in old records, was sometimes referred to as "Illinois County, Virginia."

When the fighting ceased with the surrender of Cornwallis at Yorktown in 1781, all these colonies-turned-states sought to re-assert their claims on the basis of their earlier charters, however, the other nine states refused to recognize their claims, feeling that this territory should belong to the country as a whole. By the Treaty of Paris, which officially ended the Revolutionary War in 1783, all of this land was ceded to the new United States by England. What with the treaty and the other states' refusal to sign the Articles of Confederation unless the territory was ceded to the federal government, the four states gave up their claims. Thus, an area of 265,878 square miles was added to the public domain and became the Northwest Territory. It encompassed the area lying north of the Ohio River, east of the Mississippi River, south of the Great Lakes and west of Pennsylvania, which constitutes the present States of Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan and Wisconsin. At the time of the cessions, Virginia and Connecticut reserved certain tracts of land for special purposes - Virginia retained a considerable area in southern Ohio which became known as the Virginia Military District and Connecticut retained some three million acres in northern Ohio known as the Western Reserve. In 1800, Connecticut surrendered its jurisdiction to the State of Ohio, but Virginia retained her claim until 1852.

Early in 1784, Thomas Jefferson devised and reported to Congress a temporary plan of government for the new territory. His plan contemplated the division of the area into new states divided by lines of latitude two degrees apart with two meridians of longitude to be drawn through the mouth of the Kanawha and the falls of the Ohio. The new states thus created were to be given the rather fanciful names of Sylvania, Cheronesus, Assenisipia, Metropotamia, Polypotamia, Pelisipia, Michigania, Illinoia, Saratoga and Washington. In its final form the Ordinance of 1784 was a constitution of government for the Northwest Territory and provided that there should be formed not less than three nor more than five new states. Fortunately, when it came to naming the new states, seven of the proposed names were discarded, never to be revived again. In time, of course, Illinoia became Illinois, Michigania became Michigan and Washington, as a state name, remained in limbo for over one hundred years until the far western state was admitted to the union in 1889.

Mr. Shakespeare wrote, "What's in a name? That which we call a rose by any other name would smell as sweet." But, with all due respect to Mr. S., how would you like to find yourself living today in Salen, Sylvania or Centralia, Cheronesus? Alma, Assenisipia? And how about Patoka, Polypotamia? Let's hear it for Illinois!

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