

ORIGIN OF THE NAMES OF THE STATES.

There is much that is interesting in the study of the origin of the names of the States of the Union, as they are derived from a variety of sources. To begin in the geographical order we first have Maine, which takes its name from the province of Maine, in France, and was so called in compliment to the Queen of Charles I., Henrietta, who owned that province. New Hampshire, first called Laconia, from Hampshire, England. Vermont from the Green Mountains (French *verd mont*). Massachusetts from the Indian language, signifying "the country about the great hill." Rhode Island gets its name from the fancied resemblance of the island to that of Rhodes in the ancient Levant. Connecticut's name was Mahegan, spelled originally Quon-sh-ta-cut, signifying "a long river." New York was so named as a compliment to the Duke of York, whose brother, Charles II., granted him that territory. New Jersey was named by one of its original proprietors, Sir George Carteret, after the Island of Jersey, in the British Channel; of which he was Governor. Pennsylvania, as is generally known, takes its name from William Penn, the word "sylvania" meaning woods. Delaware derived its name from Thomas West, Lord de la Ware, Governor of Virginia. Maryland received its name from Queen of Charles II., Henrietta Marie. Virginia got its name from Queen Elizabeth, the unmarried or Virgin Queen. The Carolinas were named in honor of Charles II., and Georgia in honor of George II. Florida gets its name from Pasquas de Flores, or "Feast of the Flowers." Alabama comes from a Greek word signifying "The Land of Rest." Mississippi derives its name from that of the great river, and in the Natchez tongue, the Father of Waters. Louisiana was so named in honor of Louis XIV. Arkansas is derived from the Indian word Kansas, "smoky water," with the French prefix of Ark, "a bow." Tennessee is an Indian name meaning "the river with the big bend." Kentucky is also an Indian name, Kaintuckee, signifying "at the head of the river." Ohio, the Shawnee name for "The Beautiful River." Michigan's name was derived from the lake, the Indian name for a fish weir or trap, which the shape of the lake suggested. Indiana's name came from that of the Indians. Illinois' name is derived from the Indian word illini "men," and the French affix "ois," making it "tribe of men." Wisconsin's name is said to be the Indian one for a wild, rushing channel. Missouri's is also an Indian name for muddy, having reference to the muddiness of the Missouri river. Kansas is the Indian word for smoky water. The derivation of the names of Nebraska and Nevada is not known. Iowa signifies in the Indian language, the drowsy ones, the Minnesota cloudy water. The origin of the name of California is uncertain. Oregon, according to some, comes from Oregana, the Indian name of a wild marjorum which grows abundantly on the Pacific coast, and, according to others, from Oregon, "the river of the west," in allusion to the Columbia river. West Virginia gets its name from having been formed from the western part of old Virginia.—*Ex.*

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