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## MANY U.S. TOWNS HAVE NAMES WHICH RELATE TO CHRISTMAS

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Scattered here and there about the United States are numerous towns and cities whose name reflects the Christmas idea in one way or another.

Best known, of course, are the towns of Santa Claus, Indiana, Bethlehem, Conn., and Christmas, Fla., whose post offices each year handle floods of mail from senders wishing to brighten their packages with yuletide postmarks.

Indiana's Santa Claus is the only town with exclusive rights to its Yuletide postmark, although there is a Santa, Idaho. The privilege of the exclusive Santa Claus postmark is reserved to the Indiana post office by congressional act. There is only one Christmas, the one in Florida, although Maine boasts a Christmas Cove.

### SIX BETHLEHEMS

Bethlehem, Conn., has plenty of competition, however, as there are six other Bethlehems--in Indiana, Kentucky, Pennsylvania, Georgia, Maryland, and New Hampshire.

There are two Noels, one in Virginia and the other in Missouri.

Looking elsewhere about the country one can find numberless towns and cities with names which call up Biblical or holiday associations. There is an Advent, W.Va., for the Nativity. Kentucky has a Mary, and Oregon and Utah a Joseph each.

### A WISEMAN

One Wiseman is found in Arkansas and another in Alaska and it is reasonable to assume that another may be found in Wisemantown, Ky. In the spirit of the season, West Virginia contributes Goodwill; Missouri boasts of Peace Valley, and there is Joy in Illinois, Kentucky, Missouri, and Texas.