

Miscellaneous.

ORIGIN OF THE NAME OF STATES.

Maine was so called as early as 1623, from Maine, in France, of which Henrietta Maria...

New Hampshire was the name given to the territory conveyed by the Plymouth Company to Captain John Mason...

Vermont was so called by the inhabitants in their Declaration of Independence...

Massachusetts was so called from Massachusetts Bay, and that from the Massachusetts tribe of Indians...

Rhode Island was so called in 1664, in reference to the Island of Rhodes...

Connecticut was so called from the Indian name of its principal river...

New York was so called in 1664, in reference to the Duke of York and Albany...

New Jersey was called in 1664, from the Island of Jersey, on the coast of France...

Delaware was so called in 1703, from Delaware Bay, on which it lies...

Maryland was called in honor of Henrietta Maria, Queen of Charles I...

Virginia was so called in 1584, after Elizabeth, the virgin Queen of England...

Carolina was so called by the French in 1664, in honor of King Charles IX...

Georgia was so called in 1732, in honor of King George II...

Alabama was so called in 1814, from its principal river, meaning Here we rest...

Mississippi was so called in 1690, from its western boundary, Mississippi is said to denote the whole river...

Louisiana was so called in honor of Louis XIV, of France...

Tennessee was so called in 1796, from its principal river. The word Tennessee is said to signify a carved spoon...

Kentucky was so called in 1792, from its principal river. Popular name—The State of Dark and Bloody Ground...

Illinois was so called in 1699, from its principal river. The word is said to signify the river of men...

Indiana was so called in 1800, from the American Indians—Popular name—The Hoosier State...

Ohio was so called in 1802, from its southern boundary. Popular name—The Buckeye State...

Missouri was so called in 1821, from its principal river. Indian name muddy water...

Michigan was so called in 1805, from the lake on its border. Indian name, meaning a wiser or fish...

Arkansas was so called in 1812, from its principal river. Indian name. Popular name—The Bear State...

Florida was so called by Juan Ponce de Leon in 1572, because it was discovered on Easter Sunday...

Wisconsin was so called from its principal river. Indian name, meaning wild rushing river...

Iowa was so called from its principal river. Indian name, meaning the sleepy one...

Oregon was so called from its principal river. Indian name, meaning river of the west...

Minnesota is also an Indian word, meaning the whitish water...

California, a Spanish word, and named from an arm in the Pacific Ocean. Popular name The Golden State...

Texas, a Spanish word, applied to the Republic. Popular name—The Lone Star State...

Kansas is an Indian name, meaning the smoky water...

West Virginia. So called after Virginia...

Nevada is a Spanish word, meaning white with snow...

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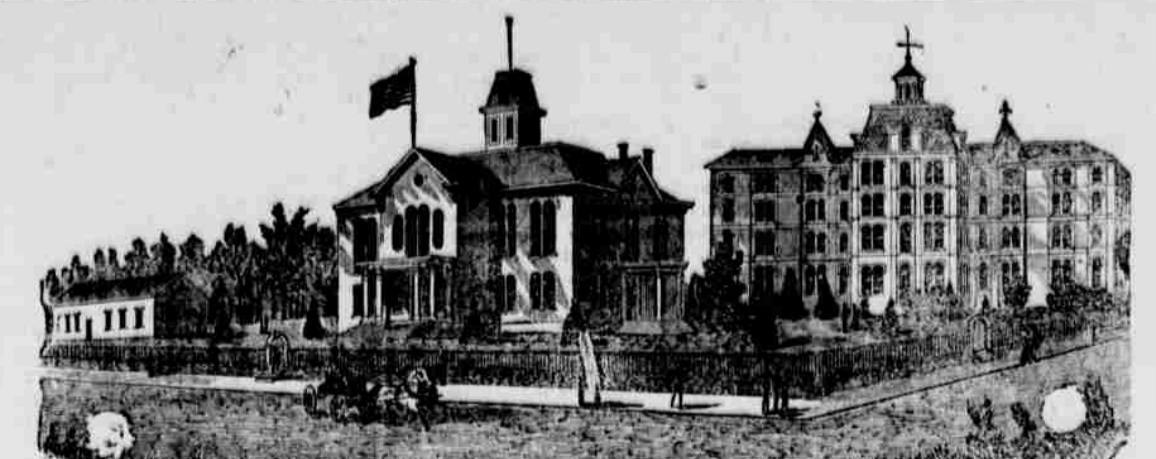
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