

TOWNS WITH TREE NAMES

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Almost as a hobby I began two years ago to enter on two data base computer diskettes, from a "zip-code" (postal code) manual, the names of all U.S. cities and towns with tree names. The two files now contain 2,210 entries: 1,293 names of particular tree kinds (Black Oak, Arkansas 72414) and 917 with names about trees in general (Edgewood, Georgia 31907). For oaks, 183 towns have been named!

For particular trees, I also entered a "category" word. In the case of foreign words, I used the English meaning (Boston, from Dutch "bos" = forest).

The data can be listed by state(s), town(s), zip code, and genus/category; eight different tables are possible. Each table can be sorted within one category by another category. For example, all towns in Massachusetts that are named for elm, or all particular tree-named towns in Illinois, or all states that have a town with a certain name. Figure 1 shows the U.S. towns named for walnut, and Figure 2 shows the particular tree-named towns in West Virginia.

Because the American people came from every land in the world, so do our U.S. place names. In certain cases I chanced to know that a town name went back to a tree name in the Dutch, German, or French language. For Spanish names in the Puerto Rico list, I consulted a Guatemalan refugee. And in a few cases I know that a town name from a certain American Indian language meant a tree (Orono, Maine and Chicopee, Massachusetts both mean an area of elm trees). But:

1. The very many tribal languages among our Indians may have introduced many more tree names into our town names, where only the local inhabitants would know.
2. Town names in the U.S. may derive from any of the world's languages.

Walnut	NC	28753	Juglans
Walnut	MS	38683	Juglans
Walnut	KS	66780	Juglans
Walnut	CA	91789	Juglans
Walnut	IA	51577	Juglans
Walnut	PA	17082	Juglans
Walnut Bottom	PA	17266	Juglans
Walnut Cove	NC	27052	Juglans
Walnut Creek	OH	44687	Juglans
Walnut Creek	CA	94596	Juglans
Walnut Grove	MO	65770	Juglans
Walnut Grove	AL	35990	Juglans
Walnut Grove	MS	39189	Juglans
Walnut Grove	KY	42563	Juglans
Walnut Grove	CA	95690	Juglans
Walnut Grove	MN	56180	Juglans
Walnut Hill	VA	23803	Juglans
Walnut Hill	FL	32568	Juglans
Walnut Hill	TX	75220	Juglans
Walnut Ridge	AK	72476	Juglans
Walnut Shade	MO	65771	Juglans
Walnut Springs	TX	76690	Juglans
Walnut Street, Dayton	OH	45412	Juglans
Walnutgrove	GA	30209	Juglans
Walnutport	PA	18088	Juglans

Figure 1

WV Apple Grove	25502	Malus
WV Ashford	25009	Fraxinus
WV Ashland	24810	Fraxinus
WV Ashton	25503	Fraxinus
WV Beech Bottom	26030	Fagus
WV Birch River	26610	Betula
WV Bloomingrose	25024	Rosa
WV Catawba	26564	Catalpa
WV Cedar Grove	25039	Juniperus
WV Cedarville	26611	Juniperus
WV Cherry Grove	26803	Prunus
WV Cherry Run	25418	Prunus
WV Crab Orchard	25827	Malus
WV Elm Grove	26003	Ulmus
WV Filbert	24835	Corylus
WV Hazelgreen	26367	Corylus
WV Hazelton	26535	Corylus
WV Hemlock	26225	Tsuga
WV Hollywood	24947	Ilex
WV Ivydale	25113	Parthenocissus
WV Linden	25256	Tilia
WV Little Birch	26629	Betula
WV Maplewood	25874	Acer
WV Myrtle	25684	Vinca
WV Oak Hill	25901	Quercus
WV Oakvale	24739	Quercus
WV Osage	26543	Maclura
WV Paw Paw	25434	Asimina
WV Peach Creek	25639	Prunus persica
WV Pine Grove	26419	Pinus
WV Pineville	24874	Pinus
WV Piney	26420	Pinus
WV Piney View	25906	Pinus
WV Sugar Grove	26815	Acer saccharum
WV White Oak	25989	Quercus
WV Willow Bend	24992	Salix
WV Willow Island	26190	Salix

Figure 2

3. Many named communities may have no separate postal code number or no separate town government, yet they appear on maps and bear tree names.

This article, then, is an appeal for input from ISA members. You know your state. Which of your towns have names of trees (English or any other language, especially in languages of Indian tribes in your area)? Please send your information to:

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