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Names of States.

ALABAMA.—An Indian name meaning "Here we rest."

ARKANSAS.—A compound word of which the prefix is French (arc, "a bow"), and the Indian name Kansas, meaning "smoky water."; so that Arkansas means "a bow (or bend) of smoky water."

CALIFORNIA.—A name taken from and old Spanish romance written as early as 1520, and originally applied to a fabulous island near the East Indies. It has in itself no meaning at all.

CAROLINA.—The two Carolinas were originally one tract of territory called Carolina, after Charles IX, of France, in 1564.

COLORADO.—A Spanish word, meaning "red color," referring to the hue of a portion of its soil.

CONNECTICUT.—An Indian word, meaning "the long river," referring to the Connecticut River, the mouth of which is in the present state.

DAKOTA.—An Indian word, meaning "leagued," referring to the allied tribes of the Sioux Indians, who roamed over what are now North and South Dakota.

DELAWARE.—A name given first to the bay and thence to the state in honor

of Lord de la Warr, who visited what is now Delaware, and died there in 1610.

FLORIDA.—From the Spanish, meaning "flowery," because Florida was discovered in 1519 by Ponce de Leon on Easter Sunday, which the Spanish call "the Feast of Flowers."

GEORGIA.—Named after George II, of England, when he established a colony in what is now a state of the Union.

ILLINOIS.—From the Indian Illini, meaning "men," with a French suffix, the whole signifying "tribes of men."

INDIANA.—A name given to the territory in 1802, and formed out of the word "Indian."

IOWA.—An Indian word, meaning "drowsy."

KANSAS.—An Indian word, meaning, as noted above, "smoky water."

KENTUCKY.—An Indian word, meaning "head of the river."

LOUISIANA.—A name formed in honor of King Louis XIV, of France.

MARYLAND.—A name formed from the middle name of Queen Henrietta Maria, wife of Charles I, of England.

MAINE.—The territory of Maine was so called from the province of Maine in France, in compliment to Queen

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