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## Collection Overview

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## Administrative Information

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## Scope and Contents

Each volume has 200-250 pages. Includes many names of Indian origin, but these are usually identified only as "Ind." with no indication of language or tribe.

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## Bibliography

According to the old catalog card, the dictionary was largely published by Henry Gannett in *The Origin of Certain Place Names in the United States*, [Government printing office, Washington,] 1902; this published work has not been compared with the Manuscript as of 7/1970.

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