

The State of Things

Here's a quick naming quiz:

Only one of the 50 states does not appear as a first name in the censuses. Can you guess which one? Could it be one of those pesky Norths or Souths? Or maybe from the West? I mentioned Colorado earlier; maybe that was some kind of clue. Well it was, sort of. It was a clue that Colorado is not the answer. In fact, **Colorado** shows up almost 200 times throughout the censuses (like **Colorado Waggle** from 1870). So, which one is it?

Answer: Massachusetts



War Bond Stutts
Patriot Edling
America Mickey

Border Peoples
State Crooks
Politic Levi

Federal Shock
Government Nash
Estate Drum

Road Flood
Highway Noble
Travel Loggin

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The State of Things, Redux

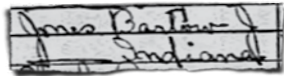
You don't believe me about the 50 states, do you? Well, here are some of the more notable examples to satiate your curiosity:

Delaware Towns (*born in Virginia*)

Florida Groves (*born in Arkansas*)

Hawaii Kawaratani (*OK, born in Hawaii*)

Indiana Jones (*no, really*)



Kentucky Music (*Kentucky*)

Mississippi McCall (*Georgia*)

Montana Moon

North Carolina Weaver (*Mississippi*)

Nebraska Carolina

New Hampshire Burriss (*Mississippi*)

New Mexico

Chapman

(*Kentucky, has a sister
named Nebraska*)

New York Martino

Pennsylvania

Kidd

Rhode Island

Burgess (*Montana*)

South Carolina Colvin (*Georgia*)

South Dakota Lister (*South Dakota*)

West Virginia Grafton (*Iowa*)

**Massachusetts, which means
"at the great hill," may not
be a personal name, but
there are plenty of names
that have a similar meaning:
Brandon, Brent, Brian, and
Gordon, to name a few.**

Migrate Ashley

Journey Storm

Pilgrim Traveler

Pioneer Pierson

Colonist Page

Colony Phogon

Settler Rhodes

Plymouth Freed

Mayflower Breeze

Puritan May

Alaska Herd

Alabama Gore

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