

EDITORIAL

First, an explanation of a change of title, if not name. Thanks to its contributors, subscribers, and sponsors (the Council for Name Studies and the University of Hull), NOMINA has rapidly outgrown its original conception as a newsletter, and has regularly published conference papers, articles, and reviews. In recognition of this wider scope, the Editorial Board has decided to promote NOMINA from 'newsletter' to 'journal', as from the present issue.

Second, a reminder that the annual subscription for NOMINA is now £2.00. We hope that this will be sufficient to cope with inflation (and government cuts) for the next three years or so.

M. T. LÖFVENBERG AND G. B. ADAMS

The year 1981 has, sadly, bereft us of two distinguished scholars in English and Irish onomastic studies. In the field of English toponymy and anthroponymy, Prof. Mattias Löfvenberg will be chiefly remembered for his authoritative Studies on Middle English Local Surnames, published in 1942 as number eleven in Lund Studies in English. He was one of several eminent Swedish scholars whose interest in English philology and onomastics was inspired by the teaching and example of Eilert Ekwall. In more recent years, Prof. Löfvenberg's great knowledge and experience was generously put at the disposal of the English Place-Name Society - of which he was an Honorary Vice-President - in the preparation of etymologies for the Society's county place-name volumes.

The untimely death of Mr Brendan Adams, of the Ulster Folk and Transport Museum, has come as a great shock. A man of wit, learning, wide sympathies, and enthusiasm, he lectured and wrote on many subjects, but particularly on Ulster dialects, place-names, and surnames. His most influential contributions to onomastics over the last decade or so were his initiation of the Historical Place-Name Survey (as an activity of the Ulster Place-Name Society) and of the Surname Survey of the North of Ireland, for which he found a worthy collaborator in Dr Brian Turner. There can be no more fitting a memorial than that the projects conceived by this energetic scholar have a life of their own, through the continued activities of his colleagues. He was a member of the Council for Name Studies and a regular contributor to NOMINA. His presence at Council conferences will be greatly missed. But whatever scholarship has been lost, his wife Celia and their baby daughter have lost far more, and to them we send our deepest sympathies.

PETER McCLURE

RESEARCH AND PUBLICATIONS IN PREPARATION

This is a supplement to the lists given in previous volumes of NOMINA. I - current 1981, II - projected.

GENERAL AND RELATED

- Cottle, A. B. (University of Bristol): II, commissioned by Thames and Hudson to write a book called Names, dealing with names of persons, places, streets, houses, products, fictional characters, railway engines, et al.
- Dodgson, John McN. (University College London): I, direction of the Domesday Book translation project at U. C. L., carried out with the assistance of grants by the Leverhulme Trust, published by Phillimore of Chichester.
- Room, Adrian (Petersfield): II, A Dictionary of Origins of the Names of Classical Mythology, to be published by Routledge and Kegan Paul in 1983.
- Rumble, Alexander R. (University of Manchester): I, edition of Domesday Book: Essex, in the series published by Phillimore; II, preparing a study of the of the palaeography of Domesday Book.

ANTHROPONYMY

- Clark, Cecily (Old Chesterton, Cambridge): I, an article using personal name evidence to throw light on the cultural background of The Battle of Maldon.
- Dodgson, John McN., and Hawkins, Alison (University College London): II, preparation of vols on the personal names of Domesday Book.
- Insley, John (Bad Königshofen/Grabfeld): I, preparing a survey of recent German work on medieval German personal nomenclature, for publication in NOMINA.
- Lowe, Jenefer Mary (University of Wales, Aberystwyth): I, 'The Personal Names in the Bodmin Manumissions' (M.A. thesis).
- Marynissen, C. (International Centre of Onomastics, Louvain): I, preparing a survey of recent Dutch work on medieval Dutch personal nomenclature, for publication in NOMINA.

TOPONYMY

- Abbot, Winifred D. (University College London): I, 'Place-Names of Kent Recorded in Documents Relating to the Pre-Conquest Period' (Ph.D. thesis, supervisor Mr John McN. Dodgson).