

Geographic names

- 5.20.** The spelling of geographic names must conform to the decisions of the U.S. Board on Geographic Names (BGN) (<http://geonames.usgs.gov>). In the absence of such a decision, the U.S. Directory of Post Offices is to be used.
- 5.21.** If the decisions or the rules of the BGN permit the use of either the local official form or the conventional English form, it is the prerogative of the originating office to select the form that is most suitable for the matter in hand; therefore, in marking copy or reading proof, it is required only to verify the spelling of the particular form used. GPO's preference is for the conventional English form. Copy will be followed as to accents, but these should be consistent throughout the entire job.

Nationalities, etc.

- 5.22.** The table on Demonyms in Chapter 17 "Useful Tables" shows forms to be used for nouns and adjectives denoting nationality.
- 5.23.** In designating the natives of the States, the following forms will be used.

Alabamian	Louisianian	Ohioan
Alaskan	Mainer	Oklahoman
Arizonan	Marylander	Oregonian
Arkansan	Massachusettsan	Pennsylvanian
Californian	Michigianian	Rhode Islander
Coloradan	Minnesotan	South Carolinian
Connecticuter	Mississippian	South Dakotan
Delawarean	Missourian	Tennessean
Floridian	Montanan	Texan
Georgian	Nebraskan	Utahn
Hawaiian	Nevadan	Vermonteer
Idahoan	New Hampshireite	Virginian
Illinoisan	New Jerseyan	Washingtonian
Indianian	New Mexican	West Virginian
Iowan	New Yorker	Wisconsinite
Kansan	North Carolinian	Wyomingite
Kentuckian	North Dakotan	