ICOW Historical State Names data set

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This data set is made available to assist researchers who encounter non-standard or non-current names for states or other entities in their research. Although many of these names appear to be obvious (as with spellings that differ by one letter from the common usage), others are not obvious at all (such as Colombia's previous name of Nueva/New Granada), and unaware coders may ignore or mis-code data as a result. This problem can be especially severe when using older sources for historical research, because many nation-states did not take their current names until the late nineteenth or twentieth centuries and were historically known by very different names, either as autonomous entities or as possessions of other states.

This list will soon be expanded with much greater information that has been collected during updates of the ICOW Colonial History data set.

Sources consulted include the following:

- Columbia Viking Desk Encyclopedia (1953)
- COW "States, Nations, & Entities" file
- _Merriam Webster's Geographical Dictionary_ (3rd edition)
- Other historical dictionaries and gazetteers
- CIA _World Factbook_ (2003), Victor Showers (1979) _World Facts & Figures_, UN FAO (1978/1984) _Systematic Index of Intl Water Resources Treaties_
- And a variety of historical sources (books and journal articles) for reference on specific cases

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"Abb", "Num", "Name": the COW country code, abbreviation, and name for this state (drawing from the COW interstate system list, although the COW "Name" entry may be modified where necessary for clarity or accuracy)

"Alternative Spellings / Names": alternative names or spellings that are/were used to refer to most or all of this entity

Abb	Num	Name	Alternative Spellings / Names, Related Entities
USA	2	United States of America	(none)
CAN	20	Canada	British North America
BHM	31	Bahamas	Bahama Islands
CUB	40	Cuba	(none)
HAI	41	Haiti	Hayti; Haïti; Saint-Domingue
DOM	42	Dominican Republic	República Dominicana; Santo Domingo
JAM	51	Jamaica	(none)
TRI	52	Trinidad and Tobago	(none)
BAR	53	Barbados	(none)
DMA	54	Dominica	(none)
GRN	55	Grenada	(none)
SLU	56	Saint Lucia	Santa Lucía
SVG	57	Saint Vincent & Grenadines	(none)
AAB	58	Antigua & Barbuda	(none)

SKN	60	Saint Kitts-Nevis	St.Kitts = St. Christopher; San Cristobal
MEX	70	Mexico	Méjico; México; Estados Unidos Mexicanos
BLZ	80	Belize	British Honduras
GUA	90	Guatemala	(none)
HON	91	Honduras	(none)
SAL	92	El Salvador	Salvador
NIC	93	Nicaragua	(none)
COS	94	Costa Rica	(none)
PAN	95	Panama	(none)
COL	100	Colombia	Gran Colombia/Great Colombia; Nueva Granada/New Granada; Grenadine Confederation/Granadine Confederation
VEN	101	Venezuela	(none)
GUY	110	Guyana	British Guiana
SUR	115	Suriname	Surinam; Dutch/Netherlands Guiana
ECU	130	Ecuador	(none)
PER	135	Peru	Perou
BRA	140	Brazil	Brasil
BOL	145	Bolivia	Upper Peru
PAR	150	Paraguay	(none)
CHL	155	Chile	Chili
ARG	160	Argentina	United Provinces of La Plata; Platine Republic
URU	165	Uruguay	Banda Oriental; República Oriental del Uruguay
UKG	200	United Kingdom	Great Britain
IRE	205	Ireland	Irish Republic; Irish Free State; Eire; Erin; Hibernia; Saorstat Eireann
NTH	210	Netherlands	Nederland; Holland
BEL	211	Belgium	België; Belgique
LUX	212	Luxembourg	Luxemburg
FRN	220	France	République Française
MNC	221	Monaco	(none)
LIE	223	Liechtenstein	(none)
SWZ	225	Switzerland	Swiss Confederation; Suisse; Schweiz; Suizzera; Helvetica
SPN	230	Spain	España
AND	232	Andorra	(none)
POR	235	Portugal	(none)
HAN	240	Hanover	Hannover
BAV	245	Bavaria	Bayern
GMY	255	Germany	Prussia (pre-1871); Deutschland; Deutsches Reich
GFR	260	German Federal Republic	West Germany; FRG (Federal Republic of Germany)
GDR	265	German Dem. Republic	East Germany; DDR/GDR (Deutsch/German Democratic Republic)
BAD	267	Baden	Baden bei Wien; Aquae Panoniae
SAX	269	Saxony	Sachsen
WRT	271	Wuerttemburg	Württemburg
HSE	273	Hesse - Electoral	Hesse (Hessen)-Kassel (Cassel); Kurhessen; Electoral Hesse
HSG	275	Hesse - Grand Ducal	Hesse (Hessen)-Darmstadt; Ducal Hesse
MEC	280	Mecklenburg Schwerin	(none)

POL	290	Poland	Polska; Rceczypospolita Polska
AUH	300	Austria-Hungary	Hapsburg Empire, Habsburg Empire
AUS	305	Austria	Österreich
HUN	310	Hungary	Magyar Republic; Ungarn; Magyarország; Magyar Népköxtársaság
CZE	315	Czechoslovakia	Czecho-Slovakia; Ceskoslovensko
CZR	316	Czech Republic	Ceska Republika; Bohemia and Moravia
SLO	317	Slovakia	Slovensko; Slovenská Republika; Slovak Republic
ITA	325	Italy	Sardinia (until 1860), Piedmont, Piedmont-Sardinia
PAP	327	Papal States	States of the Church; Roman Republic; La Statodella Chiesa
SIC	329	Two Sicilies	(none)
SNM	331	San Marino	(none)
MOD	332	Modena	(none)
PMA	335	Parma	(none)
TUS	337	Tuscany	Toscana
MLT	338	Malta	(none)
ALB	339	Albania	Shqipni; Shqipri; Shqipëri
MAC	343	Macedonia	Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (FYROM)
CRO	344	Croatia	Hrvatska
YUG	345	Yugoslavia	Jugoslavija; "Kingdom of Serbs Croats and Slovenes"; Serbia/Srbija/Servia
BOS	346	Bosnia-Herzegovina	Bosnia and Hercegovina; Bosna i Hercegovina (BiH)
SLV	349	Slovenia	Slovenija
GRC	350	Greece	Hellas; Ellás
CYP	352	Cyprus	Kypros; Kibris
BUL	355	Bulgaria	Republika Bulgariya
MLD	359	Moldova	Moldavia; Moldau; Moldavian Republic; Bessarabia
RUM	360	Romania	Rumania; Roumania
USR	365	Russia	Rossiya; Union of Soviet Socialist Republic (USSR); Soviet Union
EST	366	Estonia	Esthonia; Eesti
LAT	367	Latvia	Latvija; Lettland
LIT	368	Lithuania	Lietuva
UKR	369	Ukraine	(none)
BLR	370	Belarus	White Russia; Byelorussia; Bielorussia; Belarusia
ARM	371	Armenia	Hayasdan
GRG	372	Georgia	Gruziya; Sakartvelo
AZE	373	Azerbaijan	(none)
FIN	375	Finland	Suomi; Suome Tasavalta
SWD	380	Sweden	Sverige
NOR	385	Norway	Norge
DEN	390	Denmark	Danmark
ICE	395	Iceland	Island
CAP	402	Cape Verde	Ilhas do Cabo Verde
STP	403	Sao Tome and Principe	Sao Tomé e Príncipe
GNB	404	Guinea-Bissau	Portuguese Guinea
EQG	411	Equatorial Guinea	Spanish Guinea

GAM	420	Gambia	(part of Senegambia confederation 1982-89)
MLI	432	Mali	French Sudan; Sudanese Republic (1958-60); Upper Senegal & Niger (-1920)
SEN	433	Senegal	Sénégal; (part of Senegambia confederation; 1982-89)
BEN	434	Benin	Dahomey
MAA	435	Mauritania	Mauretania; Mauritanie
NIR	436	Niger	(none)
CDI	437	Cote d'Ivoire	Ivory Coast
GUI	438	Guinea	Guinée; Guiné; French Guinea; Rivieres du Sud
BFO	439	Burkina Faso	Upper Volta; Voltaic Republic
LBR	450	Liberia	(none)
SIE	451	Sierra Leone	(none)
GHA	452	Ghana	Gold Coast (includes British Togoland)
TOG	461	Togo	Togoland; French Togo/French Togoland (British Togoland became part of Ghana)
CAO	471	Cameroon	Cameroun; Kamerun; Cameroons; British Cameroons / French Cameroons
NIG	475	Nigeria	Oil Rivers Protectorate; Niger Coast Protectorate; Federation of Nigeria
GAB	481	Gabon	Gabun; Gaboon; Gabonese Republic; République Gabonaise
CEN	482	Central African Republic	Republique Centrafricaine; Central African Empire; Oubangi-Chari; Ubangi-Shari
CHA	483	Chad	Tchad
CON	484	Congo	Congo (Brazzaville); French Congo; Middle Congo
ZAI	490	Zaire	Dem. Rep. of Congo; Belgian Congo; Congo (Leopoldville); Kinshasa; Congo Free State
UGA	500	Uganda	(none)
KEN	501	Kenya	Kenia; British East Africa Protectorate
TAZ	510	Tanzania	German East Africa; Tanganyika (1920-64)
ZAN	511	Zanzibar	(merged with Tanganyika to form Tanzania in 1964)
BUI	516	Burundi	Urundi
RWA	517	Rwanda	Ruanda
SOM	520	Somalia	Italian Somaliland (Somalia Italiana); British Somaliland; Somaliland Protectorate
DJI	522	Djibouti	Jibuti; French Somaliland; French Territory of the Afars & Issas
ETH	530	Ethiopia	Abyssinia
ERI	531	Eritrea	Erithrea
ANG	540	Angola	Portuguese West Africa
MZM	541	Mozambique	Moçambique; Portuguese East Africa
ZAM	551	Zambia	Northern Rhodesia
ZIM	552	Zimbabwe	Rhodesia; Southern Rhodesia
MAW	553	Malawi	Nyasaland; British Central Africa Protectorate
SAF	560	South Africa	Republiek van Suid-Afrika
NAM	565	Namibia	German West Africa; South-West Africa
LES	570	Lesotho	Basutoland
BOT	571	Botswana	Bechuanaland
SWA	572	Swaziland	(none)
MAG	580	Madagascar	Malagasy Republic; Malgache Republic
COM	581	Comoros	Comoro Islands; Iles Comores
MAS	590	Mauritius	Ile de France
SEY	591	Seychelles	(none)

MOR	600	Morocco	French Morocco; Maroc; Marruecos; Al-Mamlakah al-Maghribiyah
ALG	615	Algeria	Algérie
TUN	616	Tunisia	Tunis; Tunisie
LIB	620	Libya	Libia; Libyan Arab Jamahiriya; Tripolitania; Cyrenaica; Fezzan
SUD	625	Sudan	Soudan; Anglo-Egyptian Sudan; Jumhuriyat as-Sudan
IRN	630	Iran	Persia
TUR	640	Turkey	Ottoman Empire
IRQ	645	Iraq	Irak; Mesopotamia
EGY	651	Egypt	United Arab Republic; Misr
SYR	652	Syria	Syrie; La Syrie; Ash Sham; Esh Sham (part of United Arab Republic 1958-1961)
LEB	660	Lebanon	Liban; Grand Liban; Great Lebanon (part of Levant States with Syria)
JOR	663	Jordan	Transjordan; Transjordania; Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan
ISR	666	Israel	Palestine (until 1948)
SAU	670	Saudi Arabia	Al-Mamlakah al-Arabiyah as-Saudiyah; Hejaz/Hedjaz/Al-Hijaz; Nejd/Nejed/Najd; Wahabbid Empire
YAR	678	Yemen Arab Republic	North Yemen (Sana; Sanaa)
YEM	679	Yemen	(Unified Yemen)
YPR	680	Yemen People's Republic	South Yemen (Aden); Yemen People's Democratic Rep.; Fed. of South Arabia
KUW	690	Kuwait	Koweit; Kuweit
BAH	692	Bahrain	Bahrein
QAT	694	Qatar	Katar
UAE	696	United Arab Emirates	Trucial Oman; Trucial States; Trucial Coast
OMA	698	Oman	Muscat/Musqat & Oman
AFG	700	Afghanistan	(none)
TKM	701	Turkmenistan	Turkmen; Turkoman Republic; Turkmenia; part of Russian Turkestan
TAJ	702	Tajikistan	Tadjikistan; Tadzhikistan; Tajik Tojokiston
KYR	703	Kyrgyz Republic	Kirgizstan; Kirghizstan; Kyrgyzstan; Kirgizia
UZB	704	Uzbekistan	Uzbek Republic
KZK	705	Kazakhstan	Qazakstan; Kazakstan; Kazakh Republic
CHN	710	China	People's Republic of China (PRC); Mainland China; Red China
MON	712	Mongolia	Outer Mongolia; Mongolian People's Republic
TAW	713	Taiwan	Republic of China (ROC); Formosa; Taipei; Chinese Taipei
KOR	730	Korea	Chosen; Choson; Tae Han
PRK	731	Korea - North	Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK)
ROK	732	Korea - South	Republic of Korea (ROK)
JPN	740	Japan	Nippon; Nihon; Niphon
IND	750	India	Bharat; British India
BHU	760	Bhutan	Druk-yul
PAK	770	Pakistan	West Pakistan
BNG	771	Bangladesh	Bangla Desh; East Pakistan (until 1971)
MYA	775	Myanmar	Burma
SRI	780	Sri Lanka	Ceylon
MAD	781	Maldive Islands	(none)
NEP	790	Nepal	(none)
THI	800	Thailand	Siam; Muang Thai

CAM	811	Cambodia	Camboja; Cambodge; Kampuchea; Khmer Republic (1970-75)
LAO	812	Laos	(none)
DRV	816	Vietnam	Viet Nam; North Vietnam; DRV/Democratic Republic of Vietnam (includes Annam)
RVN	817	Vietnam - South	Republic of Vietnam
MAL	820	Malaysia	Malaya
SIN	830	Singapore	(none)
BRU	835	Brunei	Brunei Darussalam
PHI	840	Philippines	Republika ng Pilipinas; República de Filipinas; Islas Filipinas
INS	850	Indonesia	Netherlands/Dutch East Indies; Netherlands Indies
WTM	860	East Timor	Timor-Leste; Portuguese Timor
AUL	900	Australia	(none)
PNG	910	Papua New Guinea	=Papua (British New Guinea) + Trust Territory of New Guinea (German New Guinea)
NEW	920	New Zealand	(none)
VAN	935	Vanuatu	New Hebrides
SOL	940	Solomon Islands	(none)
FIJ	950	Fiji	Fiji Islands
MSI	983	Marshall Islands	(none)
PAL	986	Palau	Pelew; Belau
FSM	987	Micronesia-Federated States	(none)
WSM	990	Samoa	Western Samoa; Navigators Islands (incl both Western & American Samoa)