

But it came to be the word used to apply to the Iroquoian possessions on the Ohio, and, gradually, to those on the south side of the Ohio. That is, these holdings constituted "The Land of To-morrow", or "The land where we will live To-morrow"---"The Land where we will live in the future". A good translation of the word as it came to apply to the country of Kentucky is "The Land of To-morrow".

This Wyandot word, like other Indian proper names, was corrupted by the whites. "Kěh-tăh-těh" easily became "Cantocky", "Cantuckee", or Kaintuckee", and, finally, through various changes, assumed its present form---Kentucky, "The land of To-morrow".

I have no doubt as to this being the true origin and correct significance of the name Kentucky.

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