Over the years, Word Ways has presented a variety of material concerned with placenames. United States statenames and placenames have figured extensively; there have been several articles about 'strange' British placenames; and there have been numerous mentions of foreign placenames satisfying this or that logological phenomenon. However, I believe that the material presented here is new, and is not a rehash of material previously published.

What is here is a brief study of some of the logological phenomena associated with placenames in and around London. In London is relatively easy to describe, but around London becomes rather more vague. How far around -- 10 miles, 25, 50? I haven't set any definite limit, so there may be a few placenames geographers amongst you might want to argue over.

Throughout the rest of this article I have capitalised the in-or-around London placenames. All other words have been spelt in lower case. Dictionary sources are given; a guide to the abbreviations used is at the end of the article.

**TRANSPOSALS**

The first list presents straightforward transposals of London placenames into other words or names:

- **ACTON** canto W3
- **ANERLEY** enlayer (enlay is a W2 variant of inlay; W2 also lists inlayer; thus, enlayer is a reasonable inference)
- **BARKING** braking W3
- **BARNET** banter W3
- **BATTERSEA** Atrebates W2
- **BEAN** bane W3
- **BETHNAL (Green)** benthal W3
- **CHEAM** meach W3
- **CHELSEA** leaches W3
- **CROYDON** Corydon W2
- **DALSTON** daltons W2
- **DATCHET** chatted W3
- **DEBDEN** bended W3
- **DORKING** king-rod F&W
- **DOWNE** owned W3
- **EALING** linage W3
- **EASTCOTE** ecostate W3
- **EDGWARE** ragweed W3, wagered W3
ELSTREE  steeler W3
ELTHAM  hamlet W3, Thelma RHD
ENFIELD  enfiled W3
EPPING  pigpen W3
EPSOM  mopes W3, poems W3, pomes W3
ERITH  their W3
ESHER  sheer W3
FULWELL  wellful OED
GOLDERS (Green)  lodgers W3
GREENWICH  rechewing W2
HAMPTON  phantom W3
HANWORTH  hawthorn W3
HARLESDEN  rehandles W3
HARTLEY  earthly W3
HAVERING  reheaving W3
HESTON  honest W3
HORNSEY  noshery OED 2
ILFORD  florid W3
ISLEWORTH  whorliest (W3 shows whorly but not the -ier or -iest forms)
IVER  rive W3
KENLEY  keenly W3
KENSAL (Green)  ankles W3
KENTON  nekton W3
KEW  ewk W2
LEE  eel W3
MERTON  mentor W3
MORDEN  morned W2, rodmen W3
NEASDEN  enneads W3
NINE ELMS  linesmen W3
ONGAR  argon W3, groan W3, orang W3, organ W3
OSTERLEY  Tyrolese W3
PALMERS (Green)  sampler W3
PONDERS (End)  respond W3
PRIMROSE (Hill)  primeros W3
PUTNEY  puntey W2
PURLEY  purely W3
RADLETT  rattled W3
RAYNES (Park)  yearns W3
REDBRIDGE  rebridged W2
RUSH GREEN  hungerers W2
SELhurst  hurtless W3, hustlers W3, ruthless W3
SELDSON  oldness W3
SHIRLEY  relishy W2
SIDCUP  cupids W3, cuspid W3
SLOUGH  ghouls W3, loughs W3
SOHO  hoos W3, oohs W9NC, shoo W3
SOUTHALL  thallous W3
SOUTH EALING Leiognathus D24
STAINES satines W3, tansies W3, tisanes W3
STANMORE monaster W3, Monstera W3, on-stream W3, storeman
W3, transome W3
STEPNEY peyntes OED (see paint, verb)
STONE notes W3, seton W3, tones W3
(St.) PAULS CRAY capsulary W3, scapulary W3
SUTTON unstost OED (see 1819 quote at untossed)
TULSE (Hill) lutes W3
WEST HAM Mathews WBD
WISLEY wisely W3

The second list presents London placenames which posed to form other London placenames. Both the examples here depend on the use of initials: NE for north-east, N for north, and S for south.

KENSINGTON N.E. KINGSTON
N. KENSINGTON S. KENNINGTON

TRANSADDITIONS

Transadditions are quite numerous. To create a transaddition, take a London placename, add one letter, and rearrange the letters to create another word or name. There are probably many other examples; readers' contributions would be welcome.

ABRIDGE bearding W3, breading W3
ACTON canton W3
ALDGATE galeated W3, gladiate W3
ALPERTON prelation W3
ARKLEY rokelay W3
ARSENAL analyser W3, prenasal W3, sangreal W2
ASHTEAD HALSTEAD
BANSTEAD bastinade W3
BABBICAN Caribbean W3
BARKING breaking W3
BARNES bankers W3
BARNET baronet W3
BELVEDERE rebelieved W2
BETHNAL (Green) benthoal C
BRENT banter W3, BARNET
BOW blow W3
BROMLEY bloomery W3, sombrely W3
CAMDEN (Town) decuman W3
CARSHALTON achromate W2
CATERHAM achromate W2
CHARLTON antichlor W3
CHELSEA bleaches W3
CHESSINGTON touchingness W3
CLAPTON platonic W3
DARENTH adherent W3, threaden W3, unthread W3
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SIDCUP cuspid W3
SIPSON pistons W3
STANWELL wall-newts C, wall tents W3, stonewall W3
SURBITON obtrusion W3
SWANLEY Wesleyan W3
(Thames) DITTON dotting W3
TOOTING tootling W3
TULSE (Hill) lusted W3
UPNEY pungey W3, PUTNEY
WADDON downa-do C
WAPPING swapping W3
WELLING swelling W3
WOKING working W3
YEADING readying W3

BEHEADMENTS

Here are ten straightforward beheadments — that is, deletion of the first letter results in another word or name. Note that three of the resultant words are placenames, too?

BARKING arking W3
EWELL well W3
FELTHAM ELTHAM
HARROW arrow W3
HAYES ayes W3
NUNHEAD unhead W3
PADDINGTON ADDINGTON
PINNER inner W3
SELDSON Elsdon RHD
SHENLEY HENLEY

Double-letter beheadments are beheadments achieved by removing the first two letters of a London placename. Four of the resultant words are also London placenames. Note that the placename DENHAM is arrived at by doubly beheading both ALDENHAM and SYDENHAM. I wonder how many other placenames there are in the world which result in DENHAM when doubly beheaded.

ABRIDGE ridge W3
ALDENHAM DENHAM
EALING ling W3
EGHAM HAM
ENFIELD field W3
EPFING ping W3
ESHER her W3
EWELL ell W3
HAYES yes W3
HOMERTON  MERTON
ILFORD  ford  W3
SYDENHAM  DENHAM
TWICKENHAM  ICKENHAM
WOKING  king  W3

REVERSALS

Reversals of London placenames are very rare. I have only unearthed three examples, all of which are only three letters long.

BOW  wob  W3
HAM  mah  W2
LEE  eel  W3

TRANSDELETIONS

Transdeletions are effected by taking a London placename, deleting one letter, and rearranging the remaining letters to make a new word or name. There are many examples of these, so I have chosen to present only the more interesting ones, those where the initial placename is eight or more letters long, or those where the new word is also a London placename.

ALPERTON  planter  W3
BELGRAVIA  variable  W3
CHOBHAM  COBHAM
DAGENHAM  headman  W3, managed  W3
HESTON  STONE  ETON
LAMBETH  ELTHAM
PLUMSTEAD  pulsated  W3
PUTNEY  UPNEY
STANWELL  wallets  W3
UPMINSTER  impurest  W3, imputers  W3, rumpiest  W3, stumpier
W3, terminus  W3, unpriest  W3, unripest  W3

LETTER SWITCHES

Letter switches are achieved by changing just one letter in a placename to some other letter, and arriving at a new placename without having to rearrange any letters. Letter switches are classified by the ordinal position of the switched letter. Can anyone find a fifth-letter change?

1  BEDDINGTON  -  TEDDINGTON, CATFORD  -  WATFORD, HAMPTON  -  LAMPTON, HESTON  -  KESTON
2  HERSHAM  -  HORSHAM
3  KENTON  -  KESTON, NED  ADDINGTON  -  N.E.  PADDINGTON, NEW  ELTHAM  -  N.E.  FELTHAM, SUDBURY  -  SUNBURY
4  CRANFORD  -  CRAYFORD, HARLOW  -  HARROW, KENNINGTON  -  KENSINGTON
6  BARNES  -  BARNET
A second-order reduplication is a word in which the first half is repeated but with the first letter changed, as in bowwow. A non-London placename example is HONG KONG. The only London placename example of a second-order reduplication is MILL HILL.

Single- and double-letter beheadments were dealt with earlier in this article. This paragraph looks at those placenames which can be transformed into other placenames by the excision of one or more letters from positions within the placename. Here are the few examples which I have found.

C(H)OBAHAM COBHAM
D(AG)ENHAM DENHAM
KEN(NING)TON KENTON
KEN(SING)TON KESTON
WAL(LING)TON WALTON

If any readers have further observations about the material here, or wish to add to it, I would be delighted to receive such offerings. If there is sufficient material to generate another Word Ways article, I shall prepare one.

One related project which I wish to undertake is to examine the names of all the stations on the London Underground system. This collection of approximately 280 names has never been examined logologically before. Any contributions or suggestions would be welcome!

DICTIONARY ABBREVIATIONS
C Chambers English Dictionary
D24 Dorland's Illustrated Medical Dictionary (24th edition)
F&W Funk & Wagnalls New Standard Dictionary
OED Oxford English Dictionary
OED2 Oxford English Dictionary (2nd edition)
RHD Random House Dictionary
WBD Webster's Biographical Dictionary
W2 Webster's New International Dictionary (2nd edition)
W3 Webster's Third New International Dictionary
W9NCD Webster's Ninth New Collegiate Dictionary