

its entire length. It has no falls to prevent this - like so many Maine rivers. It simply meanders in a flat country. I do not think it is good sense to take roots and syllables and in a grammatical spirit give an interpretive name for this river without a knowledge of whether it runs up hill or down. And as for "in the other side little river" I hope the Indians had more sense.

As a side light - I found a Captain Spurwink in England which seems to be a possible answer to the supposed Indian name of that marshy creek in Scarborough. I believe it has been carefully analyzed by some of the pundits and baptized with a fancy name. Poor Spurwink River! I am sure that excellent work is being done by some of them - philologically. It is when they apply root words to impossible situations that they beggar my vocabulary for epithets. The late Father O'Brien said Sequin was from an Abnaki word meaning to vomit, because the Indians got seasick when going there! As if that was the only island that furnished vomiting to visitors.

I believe, Mt Agamenticus was called by Smith "Sassanous Mount" from a great Indian chief. If you have any ideas on this subject I would appreciate them. I suppose you have heard of the famous burial on its top of the sainted St. Aspenquid? with enough Buffaloes, Catamounts, Bears, Skunks, Wolves etc to keep every Indian in North America busy for a year bringing them as tribute. I have had to puncture this and disown St Aspenquid as having his sepulchre on York's famous landmark.

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