



Why Did They Name It That?

by Jimmie Close

Ho-Ho-Kus is double-hyphenated and is to be distinguished from Hohokus (no hyphens) Township where Ho-Ho-Jus was only one of several communities. (The name of the township was changed to Mahwah during World War II.

All of those I talked to agree that the name 'Ho-Ho-Kus' comes from the language of the Delaware Indians. However, there are several theories as to the actual derivation. One person I talked to said that the two most accepted theories base the town name on the Delaware words for red cedar and for running water, both of which were present at the Ho-Ho-Kus town site.