

Problem Question #1

The shortest named river in the world is located in a town that has the same name as a town in Indiana which was laid out three years before the Kentucky Derby was won by a horse named for a philosopher. Or was the horse named for a general? Actually, there are two famous people, one a philosopher and one a general, by that name. And both of them lived in the same city. How well did they know each other?

Parts:

- *Shortest river in the world is located in a town that has the same name as a ...*
D River in Lincoln City, OR (Guinness Book of Records, 1997 edition)
- *Town in Indiana which was laid out three years before the...*
Lincoln City, IN, laid out in **1872** (Columbia Lippincott Gazetteer, 1998 edition)
- *Kentucky Derby was won by a horse named for a philosopher? A general? Actually, there are two famous people, one a philosopher and one a general, by that name.*
Horse that won the 1875 (and first) Kentucky Derby: **Aristides** (Encyclopedia Britannica, 2007 edition)
- *Both of them lived in the same city.*
Athens, Greece (Encyclopedia Britannica, 2007 edition)
- *How well did they know each other?*
They **didn't know each other at all**: Aristides (philosopher) lived during the **second century A.D.**, while Aristides (general) lived in the **fifth century B.C.** (Encyclopedia Britannica, 2007 edition).

Problem Question #2

The site of the smallest cathedral in the world lies 20 miles south of a city, the name of which, if you add an “s” to the first six letters, is also the name of the first female vice presidential candidate to have her name placed in nomination by a major party convention. Taking her husband’s first name and her maiden name, you have the name of a poet/playwright who co-edited an “obscene” review of the arts in the 1960s with the leader of the Fugs rock group. If you take the first three letters of his father’s first name and add the first four letters of the last name of the president of the Big Thicket Conservation Association in 1995, you have a word which in some parts of the world referred to a beast which entices others of its kind into snares. If instead you add the last name of the founder of the first couture house in Paris in 1858 to the last name of aforementioned president, you have the last name of Her Majesty’s late inspector of schools who wrote a study of a famous poet. Which poet?

Parts

- *Site of the smallest cathedral in the world...*
Christ Church Cathedral in **Highlandville, MO** (Guinness Book of Records, 1997 edition)
- *lies 20 miles south of a city (name)...*
Springfield, MO (Rand-McNally Road Atlas, 2009 edition)
- *add an “s” to the first six letters, also the name of the first female vice presidential candidate to have her name placed in nomination by a major party convention*
“Spring”+”s”= Springs → **Lena Jones Springs** at the 1924 Democratic Convention (Who Was Who, v. 2)
- *Taking her husband’s first name and her maiden name...*
Leroy (Who Was Who, v. 2)+ Jones = Leroy Jones
- *You have the name of a poet/playwright who co-edited an “obscene” review of the arts in the 1960s with the leader of the Fugs rock group.*
Leroy Jones →(Everett) **LeRoi Jones, also known as Amiri Baraka** (Dictionary of Literary Biography, v.38)
- *Take the first three letters of his father’s first name...*
Coyette (Dictionary of Literary Biography, v.38)
- *Add the first four letters of the last name of the president of the Big Thicket Conservation Association in 1995...*
Sarah **Duck** (Encyclopedia of Associations, 33rd edition, 1996)

- *A word which in some parts of the world referred to a beast which entices others of its kind into snares.*
coy duck → **decoy duck**, or **decoy** (Oxford English Dictionary Online, searched “coy duck”)
- *Add the last name of the founder of the first couture house in Paris in 1858 to the last name of aforementioned president...*
Charles Frederick **Worth** (Grove Art Online, searched for “fashion”, under heading “haute couture”) + Duck
- *Last name of Her Majesty’s late inspector of schools who...*
Francis R. G. **Duckworth** (Who Was Who, v. 6)
- *Wrote a study of a famous poet.*
Robert Browning (Who Was Who, v. 6)

Problem Question #3

The employee with the longest career ever in one company (1866-1945) worked in a town settled in the same year that the town's state passed the United States' first branding law. If you take the first six letters of the last name of the Secretary of the organization dealing with the recording and inspecting of brands, you also have the last name of a prolific psychology professor whose first and middle name is the same as the first and last name of a food products executive. What is the busiest port in the state where the food executive's home office is located?

Parts

- *Employee with the longest career ever in one company (1866-1945)...*
Lester J. Nichols of Malleable Iron Fittings (Guinness World Records, 2008 edition)
- *Worked in a town settled in the same year that the town's state passed the United States' first branding law*
First branding law passed in **Connecticut** in **1644** (Famous First Facts)
- *Take the first six letters of the last name of the Secretary of the organization dealing with the recording and inspecting of brands...*
Rick **Wahlert**, International Livestock Identification Association (Encyclopedia of Associations, 46th edition, 2009)
- *Last name of a prolific psychology professor...*
Robert Gordon Wahler (Contemporary Authors, v.109)
- *Whose first and middle name is the same as the first and last name of a food products executive.*
Robert Gordon, Safeway Inc., Pleasanton, CA (Who's Who in America, 62nd edition, 2008)
- *Busiest port in the state where the food executive's home office is located.*
Long Beach-Los Angeles ports, primarily Long Beach (Encyclopedia Britannica Online, searched for "busiest port in California").