

Water company suit marks Matlock name

Part of the romance of any geographical location is how it came by its name. Monroe County is intersected by streets and roads with names that give it identity.

SOME OF THE NAMES are particularly unimaginative. Consider, for example, the original names of the streets surrounding the square. In the

1820s, the north/south ones were Poplar, Cherry, Spring, West, East, Walnut, Blue and Buck. Crossing them in the same

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area were Water, South, North and Washington.

It was later that the outlying roads were given the names of prominent citizens or nearby landowners. It is unlikely that the origin of each name can be documented, but some are easy enough to trace, because they bear the name of early settlers.

One was Matlock Road, which ran eastward along the