



- Franklin, named after U.S. statesman, publisher and inventor – Benjamin Franklin
- Ewing, most likely named after William Lee Davidson Ewing, Brigadier-General of the Illinois State Militia during the Blackhawk War; Naper and other Napervillians served under his command
- Eagle, symbol of America
- Main, functional
- Mill, Naper’s sawmill located at the foot of this street on the DuPage River
- Benton, most likely named after Thomas Hart Benton, Missouri senator and devoted supporter of Presidents Jackson and Van Buren
- Center, named with the thought that the DuPage County courthouse square would become the “center” of town Court, the street bordering the former courthouse square
- High, (now Aurora Road) named by George Martin (from Scotland). In the British tradition - “high” street was the “business” district or main street of shops in the British Isles and their influence. Martin was a businessman, land developer and civic leader. The street name was changed July 12, 1915 (Ord. 57, Book D Page 625).
- College, named by George Martin – possibly in anticipation of wooing North-Western College from Plainfield to Naperville – later named Maple, now Hillside
- Porter, possibly named after Rev. Jeremiah Porter, one of Naperville’s first ministers with the Missionary Home Society, friend of George Martin
- Liberty, patriotic - near county seat (renamed Van Buren)
- Front, “facing” the county seat - later changed to Ellsworth after early land developer and nurseryman, Lewis Ellsworth, whose house was at the south end of this street
- Fremont, after John Charles Fremont, Civil War general and western explorer
- Douglas, after Stephen Douglas, the great Democratic senator from Illinois Mechanics, later renamed School (4/14/1936) because of North Central College
- North, directional - was the northern edge of town West, directional - was the western edge of town Spring, practical, after the spring which cut through downtown Naperville from its place of origin on the Stenger property
- Water, practical (followed the river)
- Columbia, named in honor of the Columbian World’s Fair of 1893, Chicago
- Highland, practical - this was land on Fort Hill overlooking the DuPage River
- Chicago, partially Water street, practical - this was the main route to Chicago (old Plank Road)
- Land developers like Captain Morris Sleight and the heirs to his landholdings named

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streets for family members, for example:

- Brainard, named after a Sleight family-in-law, Evelyn Sleight married Dr. Daniel Brainard (2/6/1845)
- Loomis, named after a Sleight family-in-law, Julia Sleight married Henry Loomis (7/6/1841) (A Loomis ancestor helped designate Naperville as the county seat for DuPage County)
- Sleight, named after land developers Morris (father) and Delcar (son)
- Wright, named after a Sleight family-in-law, Ida Sleight married William Wright (10/3/1872) (later Wright was the National Commander of the GAR, a Civil War veterans organization)
- Julian, named after the only male heir of Delcar Sleight, land developer
- The Hobson West subdivision used the names of Civil War battles for their streets and cul-de-sacs: Bull Run, Appomattox, Antietam, Sumter, Manassas, etc. In the Moser Highlands, tree and shrub names were used, such as Sandalwood, Lilac, Rose, Cypress, Aspen, Sycamore, etc. Even the horse names of Kentucky Derby winners were used in the Hobson Village subdivision including Whirlaway, Secretariat, Sir Barton, Dark Star, Citation, etc.!

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