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## Bois Brule Creek

In 1844 the "Indians burned Fort McKenzie, which was thereafter spoken of by the French as Fort Brule and its site as Broule Bottoms. The Broule Bottoms lie chiefly in Perry County." Later the name Bois Broule, meaning burnt woods, was given to this territory. Still later we find the French naming a stream in Perry County Bois Brule. [This Ft. McKenzie was not in Missouri, see Thwaites.] Following the New Madrid earthquake of 1811-1812 many settlers from that district moved to the Booneslick country. It is highly probable that the name Bois Brule was brought by them and given to the stream in Cole County. The spelling has undergone various changes. Bois Brule, Boise Broule, and Babruly. The local pronunciation is Bob Ruley. (Thwaites (Ed. Notes) v. 23, p. 87; Conard, I, p. 313; Houck, III, p. 179; Thwaites (Ed. Notes) v. 23, p. 87; Ibid., p. 98; Conard, I, p. 313; U.S. Geological Survey, Jefferson City Sheet)