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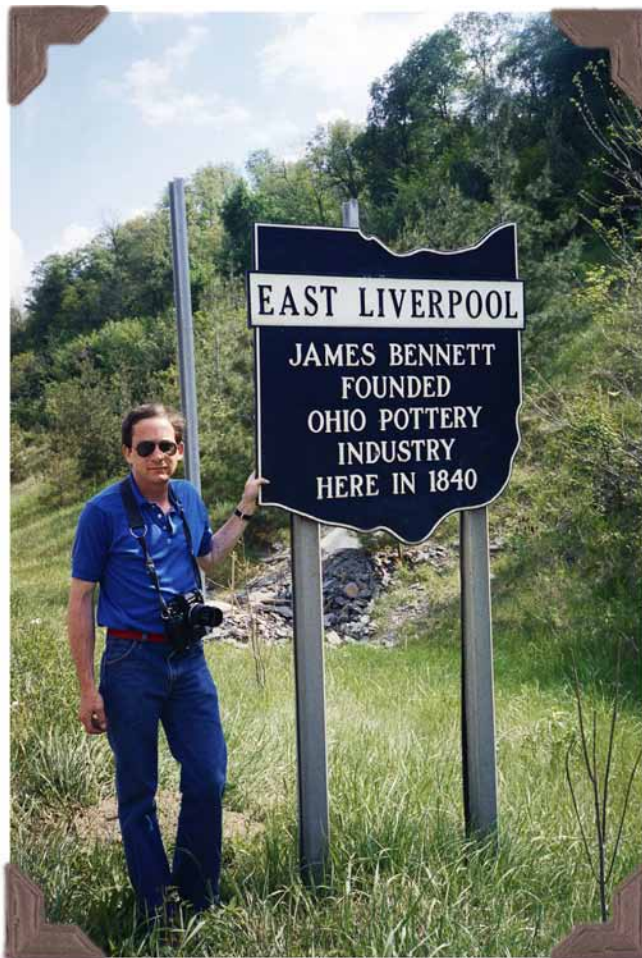
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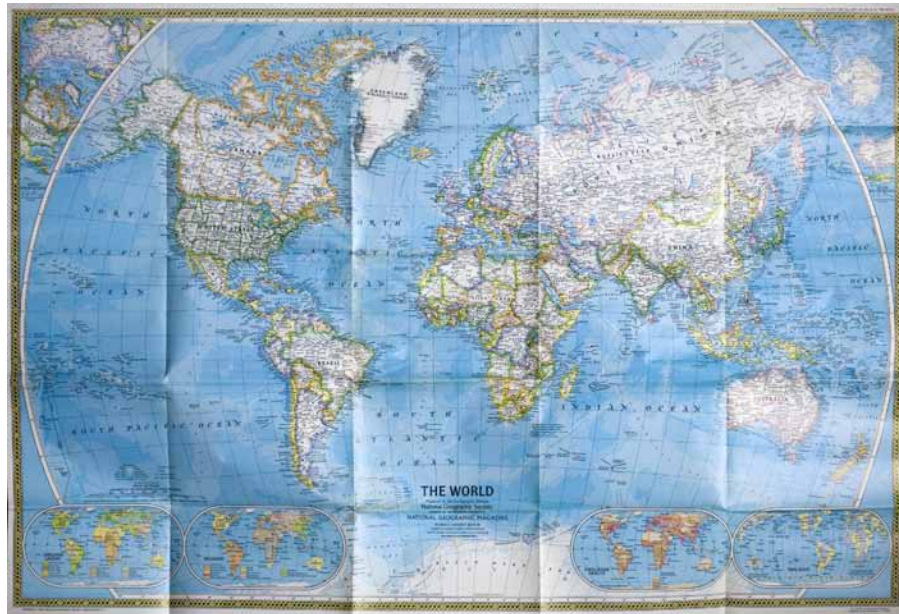
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There are nearly one hundred towns in Ohio which bear the names of foreign places. Most of these communities were settled in the early 1800's when it was fashionable to label a frontier town with an exotic foreign name.

I was born and raised in Cincinnati and moved to New York City in 1985 after living in Colorado for ten years. My sense of place was disrupted and I had just started a job which required extensive worldwide travel. In May 1985 between assignments I visited 69 towns over two weeks to photograph glimpses of everyday life in Ohio. I discovered that each of these archetypally American towns really was a foreign place with its own unique character.

When possible I photographed myself with a sign showing the town's name in a spot which captured some character of the place. I used a Nikon L35AF point and shoot camera with color negative film. The camera was on a tripod and the self timer allowed me to run into position.

In 1985 I hand-made one copy of this book with Cibachrome prints.

In 2006 I scanned the original negatives and captions and assembled a smaller version of this book using a print-on-demand service.

A limited edition version of 100 signed books plus one artist's proof is available direct from the artist.

This edition is not limited.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bill Westheimer". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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