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# Toponymy and Naming Aspects of The Origins of Street and Alley Names at Lelewonu Niko'otano Village

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***ABSTRACT***

*Lelewonu Niko'otano village based on the description of the origin of the name. The method used is descriptive qualitative. The data source in this research is a list of street and alley names in the village and documentation as well as the results of interviews with informants. This research was conducted with three stages, namely the data collection stage, the data analysis stage, and the presentation stage of the results of data analysis. Data collection was conducted using observation, interview, and documentation techniques documentation. Data analysis was carried out by classifying and analyzing it as a whole, i.e. classifying the names of roads in the village analyzing it as a whole, namely classifying street names in Lelewonu Niko'otano village based on the description of the origin of the name. Furthermore, analyzing the data based on description of the origin of the name, namely aspects of embodiment, societal aspects, and cultural aspects. The results of the data analysis are presented using informal methods. Based on the results of the analysis, toponymy and naming aspects of the origin of street names in Lelewonu Niko'otano village consist of: (1) Realization aspects, namely (a) naming based on the name of plants or flora and (b) naming based on the natural environment; (2) toponymy and aspects of naming the origin of street names in Lelewonu Niko'otano village based on the state of the natural environment; (2) the societal aspect, namely (a) naming based on warrior figures, (b) naming based on occupation or profession, and (d) societal aspects, namely based on occupation or profession, and (d) naming based on social interaction in the community; and none are included in (3) cultural aspects.*

***Keywords:*** *Alley, Street, Toponymy, Naming Aspects*

## INTRODUCTION

Toponymy and naming aspects of the origins of street and alley names in Lelewonu Niko'otano village is the title of the research that the researchers did with the aim to describe the toponymy and naming aspects of the origin of streets and alleys names at Lelewonu Niko'otano. Toponymy is a study of place names that is related to the language, history, and culture of the community. Likewise, the naming of roads in Lelewonu Niko'otano village cannot be separated from the historical and cultural aspects of the village history and culture because each road has different characteristics. Road naming is part of toponymy study, Amalia et al. (2021: 7) stated that toponymy cannot be separated from everyday use, both in spoken and written spoken and written language with the use of toponymy, we can move from one place to another. Besides In

addition, we can call special nouns to objects and subjects without having to always use marked attributes.

Streets are traffic routes used by motorized vehicles and pedestrians. An alley is a traffic lane, footpath, or narrow crossing that is often used by pedestrians. Street naming is used to mark the location information of a given street or road so that passengers (or drivers) can position themselves in a specific area (Zhang, 2020). Birnbaum (2023) also stated that the street names also help residents and visitors alike find their way in the urban landscape.

Names make the mention of objects and subject simple and efficient the naming of a place cannot be separated from the meaning it contains. Giving the name of a place is the result of an idea that is influenced by cultural factors cultural factors of the community and is full of meaning contained in it (Hestiyana contained in it (Hestiyana, 2021:146). In other words, the name of the element of geography is not just a name, but behind the name there is a long history of human settlements (Kadmon in Sahril et al., 2015).

In Lelewonu Niko'otano, there are 6 streets and 4 allleys namely, the sreets' names are; Menuju Lelewonu, Sejahtera, Batu, Goa Togindrawa, Nikootano, Bange. While alleys names are Bersama, Mbawa, FD. Telaumbanua and Keluarga. This research aims to describe the toponymy and naming aspects of the origin of street names at Lelewonu Niko'otano village based on the description of the origin of the name.

In reality, there are some people around Lelewonu Niko'otano village who do not know the origin of the naming of streets and alleys, everyone certainly has a reason when naming a street or alley, in this study, researchers wanted to find out how people's language knowledge of naming streets and alleys and how the culture of the community. This research has never been researched before so that this research becomes the main research and gives knowledge to the language.

**METHOD**

This research uses a qualitative descriptive method. As stated by Moleong (2017: 6) that qualitative descriptive research is research that intends to understand the phenomenon of what is experienced by the research subject, for example, behavior, perception, motivation, action contained in a special natural context by utilizing various scientific methods. Descriptive qualitative is research that aims to describe and interpret phenomena, events, social activities, attitudes, beliefs, and thoughts of people individually and in groups (Saodih, 2010: 60).

This is in line with Mahsun's opinion (2017: 397) which says that the purpose of qualitative analysis emphasizes more on explaining the meaningfulness of the phenomenon that is the object of research. This method was chosen because it presents facts and data directly and the phenomena found in society. The data source in this research is a list of street and alley names in Lelewonu Niko'otano village. In addition, researchers conducted interviews with informants. This research was conducted in three stages, namely the data collection stage, the data analysis stage, and the stage of presenting the results of data analysis.

**RESULT AND DISCUSSION**
***Definition of toponymy***

Toponymy is the name of a place object created by humans (Hanks 2011:344). Toponymy of a place as a historical and symbolic cultural product Liliweri (2014:7-8). Place names are signs that refer to stories or history rooted in local culture Radding and Western (2010). Toponymy reflects the natural distinctiveness of of a region.

Geographic names make it possible to reconstruct events in the past. Understanding of toponymy can provide a rich picture of geography for understanding of natural landscapes, the character of economic activities of the population, and ethnicity (Osman, 2018: 14). (Osman, 2018: 14). So, it can be said that place names can represent the origins and historical and cultural development of a people.

***Types of toponymy***

Tent & Slatyer (2009:2) by categorising 7 types of Toponymy, namely, descriptive toponymy, associative toponymy, event toponymy (occurrent), evaluative toponymy (evaluative), shift toponymy (shift), indigenous toponymy (indigenous), eponymous toponymy (eponymous).indigenous, eponymous toponymy. Below are the explanations:

1. Descriptive Toponymy

     Descriptive toponymy is the naming of a place based on the description of the place. This description can be a description of nature, plants that grow in that place. For Association Toponymy

2. Associational toponymy is the naming of a place based on the groups that exist in the area. It can arise due to the existence of certain groups that inhabit the place or it can arise due to the existence of a special place.

3. Event Toponymy

     Event toponymy is based on a track record of events, occurrences, occasions (dates) or actions associated with the characteristics of the object.

4. Evaluative Toponymy

     Evaluative Toponymy reflects the emotional reaction of the namer or a meaning associated with the characteristics of a region. This category can reflect a positive or negative response to the characteristics of the object.

5. Shifting Toponymy

     Shifting toponymy is based on the use of names. In whole or in part, from another place or object.

6. Indigenous Toponymy

     This eponymous toponymy is based on a place name formed from the owner's regional origin. Toponymy based on the regional origin of the inhabitant of an area arises due to the naming of a group of people from the same area.

7. Eponymous Toponymy

     Eponymous toponymy is the use of a person's name to name a place, invention, or object because of their contribution to or use of the name naming a certain place, invention or object due to the contribution or role of the person concerned in the named object role of the person concerned in the named object.


***Types of naming aspects***

The definition of the aspect "naming the origins of street names" refers to the analysis and classification of street names based on their origins or naming history. In toponymy research, the naming aspects of the origins of street names in Lelewonu Niko'otano can be classified into three categories:

1. Realization Aspect: Naming street names based on the names of plants or flora, as well as geographical names such as rivers, mountains or sea.
   - Naming based on the names of plants or flora is an aspect of naming street names which refers to the names of plants or plants that exist in an area. In toponymy research, street names that are related to the names of plants or flora show that people maintain their cultural identity while maintaining local

wisdom. Naming street names based on the names of plants or flora reflects the nature and characteristics of the natural environment, as well as maintaining the cultural identity of the local community.

- Naming based on natural environmental conditions is an aspect of naming street names that refers to geographical names, natural features, or environmental conditions in an area. In toponymy research, street names that are related to the natural environment show that people maintain their cultural identity while maintaining local wisdom.

2. Societal Aspect: Naming streets based on the names of people, figures or events related to local history and culture.
    - Naming based on warrior figures in the social aspect is an aspect of naming street names which refers to the names of people who have contributed and played an important role in the history and struggle of the nation. In toponymy research, street names associated with warrior figures show that the community maintains its cultural identity while maintaining local wisdom. Naming street names based on warrior figures has the characteristics and cultural characteristics of the local community, as well as maintaining the cultural identity of the community while maintaining local wisdom.
    - Naming based on religious figures, is an aspect of naming street names that refers to the names of people who have contributed and played an important role in religion, belief and local culture. In toponymy research, street names related to religious figures show that the community maintains its cultural identity while maintaining local wisdom. Naming street names based on religious figures has the characteristics and characteristics of local community culture, as well as maintaining community cultural identity while maintaining local wisdom.
    - Naming based on work or profession", is an aspect of naming street names that refers to the names of people who have contributed and played an important role in a particular job or profession. In toponymy research, street names related to work or profession show that society maintains its cultural identity by while maintaining local wisdom. Naming street names based on occupation or profession has the characteristics and cultural characteristics of the local community, as well as maintaining the cultural identity of the community while maintaining local wisdom.
    - Naming based on social interactions in society", is an aspect of naming street names that refers to the names of people who have contributed and played an important role in social interactions in society. In toponymy research, street names that are related to social interactions in society show that the community maintains its identity. culture while maintaining local wisdom. Naming street names based on social interactions in this community has the characteristics and cultural characteristics of the local community, as well as maintaining the community's cultural identity while maintaining local wisdom.

3. Cultural Aspect: Naming street names based on cultural values, traditions or habits of local people. In this analysis, researchers studied the origins of street names and identified naming patterns related to these aspects. The aim of this analysis is to understand and maintain local wisdom related to the origins of street names, as well as to maintain local history and culture.

**RESULT AND DISCUSSION**

Based on the results of the analysis of toponymy and its naming aspects, the origins of street and alley names in Leleownu Niko'otano Village can be classified based on realization aspects, societal aspects, and no cultural aspects. The following are the results of the analysis and discussion.

Below are the data got:

Table 1 Name of street and alleys at Lelewonu Niko'otano Village

| No. | Name | No. | Name |
|-----|------|-----|------|
| 1. | Jl. Bange | 6. | Jl. Goa Togindrawa |
| 2. | Jl. Menuju Lelewonu | 7. | Gg. Mbawa |
| 3. | Jl. Niko'otano | 8. | Gg. FD Telaumbanua |
| 4. | Jl. Batu | 9. | Gg. Bersama |
| 5. | Jl. Sejahtera | 10. | Gg. Keluarga |

*Source: Data Processing*

Through the result above, we can analyze the toponymy and naming aspects of streets and alleys

**1. Realization Aspect**

Aspects of the origin of street names in Lelewonu Niko'otano include: (1) naming based on plant or flora names, and (2) naming based on the natural environment. The following are the results of the analysis.

**a. Naming Based on Plant or Flora Names**

**1. Jl. Bange**

Bange is a type of tree. This road was named by the community because there are many Bange Trees found on this road. This tree is also often processed by the surrounding community for their livelihood. Thus, the name "Jl. Bange" reflects two main aspects: the natural conditions around the road (the abundance of Bange trees) and the economic activities of the local community (processing Bange trees for livelihood).

The road belongs to toponymy that relates to aspects of the natural environment. The name "Jl. Bange" comes from the presence of Bange trees along the road, thus reflecting the natural conditions or features present in the area. In addition, the name also reflects aspects of the local economy as Bange trees are cultivated by the local community as a source of their livelihood. The road falls under the category of toponymy that relates to aspects of the natural environment and economic aspects.

**b. *Naming Based on Plant or Flora Names***

**i. Jl. Menuju Lelewonu**

Jln. Menuju Lelewonu is one of the street names in lelewonu Niko'otano Village, the name of this street is divided into 2 words namely "Lele" in Indonesian is "Remains" and "wonu" in Indonesian is "turtle", therefore this street is named as Jln. Menuju Lelewonu because in this place there are many turtle remains found.

There are many turtle shells or remains in the place on this road, based on observations, the existence of turtle remains because turtles like to live in watery places and usually live on coral reefs or rocks. The place on this road also has springs and rocks that resemble coral reefs, which is why there are many turtle remains found. And now turtles are very rare to find because the place on this road has been improved by the surrounding community so that only the remains of turtles can be found.

Lelewonu Street in Lelewonu Niko'otano Village is a toponymy because the name of the street comes from the origin of the naming which is related to the surrounding culture and environment. The name "Lelewonu" consists of two words, "Lele" which means "remnant" in Indonesian and "wonu" which means "turtle". The street was named because of the turtle remains found in the area, which is because turtles like to live in watery places and usually live on coral reefs or rocks

### ii. Gg. Mbawa

This alley is named as Gang Mbawa, because there is a spring in this alley. Mbawa is a Nias language that can be interpreted as a source, hole and the like. The community named this alley according to the conditions found in this street.

### iii. Jl. Goa Togindrawa

This road is named Jl. Goa Togindrawa because it leads to Togindrawa Cave. This road is given as a road sign that directs people to Togindrawa Cave.

### iv. Jl. Niko'otano

This road is named Niko'otano, which in Indonesian means Buried in the Ground. The meaning of the name of this road is based on the history of the place on this road, because the place on this road is the result of excavated land that was leveled. Niko'otano Street includes toponymy and geographical aspects because the name "Niko'otano" in Indonesian means "Buried in the Ground". The meaning of this street name is based on the history of the place, which is the result of an excavation that was leveled. This street name shows a connection with the geography of the area, which is the result of excavated land that was leveled.

## 2. Societal Aspects

### a. Naming Based on Fighting Figures

#### i. Gg. FD Telambanua

This alley is named as FD Telaumbanua Alley, this is the name of someone who has died, FD Telaumbanua. All people who live in this alley are descendants of FD Telaumbanua without exception. So the community chose the name of their ancestor as a characteristic of the street they live on FD Telaumbanua's alley is an example of toponymy, which is the study of place names. In this case, the alley is named after an ancestor, FD Telaumbanua, who was an important figure to the local community.

### b. Naming Based on Occupation or Profession

#### i. Jl. Batu

This street is named as Jalan Batu, because the place in this street has many large stones. Almost all the people who live in this street work to break stones for them to sell. This work is the livelihood of the people who live in Jalan Batu. Jalan Batu is an example of toponymy derived from a geographical name. The name "Batu" in Jalan Batu comes from the many large stones in the place. The people who live on this street work as stone miners to sell them. The name is part of the history and culture of the area, and has symbolic meanings related to the local people's occupations.

### c. Naming Based on Social Interaction in the Community

#### i. Gg. Bersama

This alley was named by the local community because the owner of the land wanted to inform visitors passing by that there was a community living together on the street. The naming of "Gang Bersama" also falls under the category of social

toponymy.The naming of "Gang Bersama" also serves as direct information to outsiders or visitors that the street is inhabited by a community that lives together. It gives an idea of the social dynamics and interactions that take place there.

### ii. Gg. Keluarga

This alley is named as a family alley because all the people living in this alley are extended families who are related by blood. All the people in this alley have gathered in one alley, so they named their alley as a family alley. The naming of "family alley" in the context you described falls under the category of social toponymy. Toponymy is the study of place names, and the naming of places or regions often reflects various social, cultural, historical, and geographical aspects of the communities that live there. They have strong blood ties and kinship relationships, so they identify themselves as one big family. This shows the importance of family and community relationships in their daily lives.

### iii. Jl. Sejahtera

The naming of "Jalan Sejahtera" is usually chosen to reflect certain aspirations or expectations of the community or authorities who give the name. The name may be intended to depict or pray for prosperity and well-being for the people living in the area. The following are some aspects that may be related to the history of naming "Jalan Sejahtera". The name also reflect the social and economic conditions expected by the community or government. It could be that when the road was built or named, there were efforts to improve living conditions in the area, such as infrastructure development, public facilities, or social programs.

The naming of "Jl. Sejahtera" is part of social toponymy that reflects various aspects of the aspirations and social, economic, and cultural conditions of the local community. The name serves not only as a geographical identification but also as a reflection of the values and expectations of the community living there.

## CONCLUSION

This research focused on analyzing and describe toponymy and naming aspects of the origins of street and alley names at Lelewonu Niko'otano village. The study aim to find out the toponymy and naming aspects of the streets and alleys. This is enable us to know the meaning of the name, because every things in the world is have name.

The toponymy of street and naming aspects in tourism is significant because it provides a comprehensive understanding of the cultural and historical context of the place names. This understanding is crucial for preserving and promoting the cultural heritage of the region, contributing to tourism and economic development, and highlighting the unique cultural and historical aspects of the region.

In short, toponymy influences the tourism industry in local villages by commodifying place names, improving directions for tourists, reflecting cultural significance and preserving cultural heritage. in this village, there is also a tourism place, namely Goa togindrawa, of course the names of roads and alleys will be of interest to visitors so that the naming of these roads and alleys contributes to attracting visitors' attention and providing insight into the places in this village.

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