

# Department of the Interior,

OFFICE OF GEOGRAPHER,

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DEAR SIR,

I wish to obtain information respecting the derivation of the place-names of Canada—of the names of the villages, towns, cities and of the natural features, such as rivers, lakes, capes, bays, mountains, etc.—and shall be much obliged if you will give me any information that you may possess or can procure, respecting the below-mentioned name and also respecting the names of any other features in the vicinity of your residence concerning which you have knowledge.

In many localities, the older generation is passing, or has passed away, and unless steps are taken to collect this information, it will, in many instances, be too late. In most communities there are persons who take an interest in things of this nature or who have been connected with the early settlement of the locality. If there are any such in your neighbourhood, will you kindly submit this to them.

Below I have indicated the lines along which I desire information and also the commoner derivatives of place-names in Canada :—

(1.) Whether named after a village, town or city, or natural feature in any other province or country ; if so, the name of province or country in which the original locality is situated.

(2.) Whether named after a person ; if so, the person's name, occupation, spelling of name as rendered by the person and any details of interest respecting him (or her) such as (a) Whether alive or, if dead, approximate year of death ; (b) Whether at any time a resident of the locality and, if so, whether still living there.

(3.) Whether named after a natural feature ; if so, any details respecting the origin of the name as applied to the feature and the geographical position of the latter.

(4.) Whether the town, village or city ever had any other name or names ; if so, at what dates, approximately, and the origin of these obsolete names.

Any information bearing on the above will be deemed a courtesy.

Yours truly,

JAMES WHITE,  
*Geographer.*

Kindly write your reply on the attached sheet.

To ensure free transmission of your reply I enclose herewith an addressed envelope which will come free of postage.

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✓ "Blumenau" changed to Stettler  
Alto

Blumenau P. is not in existence any more since March  
1<sup>st</sup> 1906. - As founder of this German & Swiss Colony, I have  
named this Post Office after a very prosperous German  
Town in Brazil South America., but since Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>  
we have Train service from Lacombe to Stettler  
which is the end of the Railway at the present time. Stettler  
is named after me, my home is at Blumenau yet, but  
the Post Office ~~was~~ removed to Stettler <sup>Nov. 1<sup>st</sup></sup> with myself  
as Postmaster, am also a member of the German  
American Col. Co. and Manager of the Stettler Branch  
our Main office is at Calgary 119-9<sup>th</sup> Ave. West  
we will bring Lumber of German Farmers from  
the U. S. and locate them east of Stettler, therefore  
being some extensive Immigration work without any  
support from the Government. Am a Swiss  
born near Bern in Switzerland and came to  
the U. S. in 1887 and moved to Alberta in  
April 1903. - Stettler is a new Town only  
3 1/2 months old and has the following business houses:  
1 Bank (Merchants) 3 Lumberyards, 3 Hardware,  
3 Livestock stores, 2 Hotels, 4 Boarding houses, 1 Barber,  
4 Implement dealers, 1 Harness shop, 1 Drug store,  
1 Doctor, 2 Blacksmiths, 1 butcher, 1 Fruit & Candy store,  
1 Jeweler, 1 Furniture store, 1 bakery, 1 Chinese Laundry  
8 Real Estate Agents, 3 building Contractors, 1 Feedmill  
1 Creamery fully organized, also a Board of Trade,  
steps taken to organize electric Light Camps.  
4 General Merchants, 1 Wholesale Whiskey House,  
1 Grain buyer and 2 Elevators to be erected this  
season. The Luse Land Co. of Minneapolis has bought  
250000 acres of land in this District and will run  
special Cars & Trains to Stettler this season. We expect  
to get a Sub Agency of the Red Deer Land Office at Stettler  
by next month. Many residences under construction. Carl Stettler  
C.M.