

# 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.

✓ "Conjuring Creek"  
Alta.

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Conjuring Creek is the out let of Conjuring Lake. It runs north from the lake to the Saskatchewan River. It was named some where about twenty years ago and called Wizard Lake. They <sup>the Indians</sup> named it this on account of the great number of air holes that are always in the ice when the lake is frozen over and because one of them while driving across this lake disappeared team and all and the remains of them were never even seen again.

Then the English took the name of "Conjuring" from the Indians "Wizard" and that is what it has been called ever since. What the settlement and the post office were also named. The post office is situated on the N. W. 1/4, Sec. 6, T. 49. R. 26 W. 4 M.

The lake is about seven miles long and half a mile wide. It runs in a eastern direction. The creek runs out of it at the east end. I might add that the Creek

although its general direction is north  
it is very, very crooked. It crosses the  
the town line between 26 and 27 a great  
many times south of here.

This is all I can tell you so

I remain

Yours etc.

Jessie Sangster

Conjuring Creek

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