

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.

*Graburn
Alta.*

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Graburn
Province of Alberta, Canada

The village was in the year 1880 to 1892 call'd Mc Coy from the name of a Creek running from Cypress Hill until 1892 when a Post Office was asked to be granted for the Village then the Mounted Police who was stationed here change the name to "Graburn".

The name of Graburn was given to the Village to the memory of a young man call'd Graburn age 18 (cannot say what year) who was in the ex. w. m. Police Force stationed at Fort. Walsh & was shot by Indians while he was Herding Horses in Cypress Hill there is a Creek running through Cypress Hill call'd Graburn where he was shot.

Graburn district Rolling Country area
Township 8. 9. 10 Range 30 W of 3 Meridian
Sect 8. 9. 10. Range 1 W of 4th.
Meridian stretching over Cypress Hill
which Hill is well timbered & watered,
Battle Creek & Graburn Creek running through
the Hill

Ranching & Farming -

ex. B. As I have only been in Graburn 8 years I am not able to give date the above description is the best I am able to get -
C. B. Baggie
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