

Department of the Interior,

OFFICE OF GEOGRAPHER,

Ottawa, FEB 21 1906

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.

*Guerson
Alta*

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Post Office established year 1891
Grierson is the original and present

Regarding The Grierson Post Office
it was named after The late James Grierson
Whome Was Born in Edinburgh, Scotland in the year
1820 Date of Birth November 22nd 1820
and Died on January 16th 1903
and in 1837 was appointed Captain at Ottawa
Canada

Regarding our Melrose Public School District
No 166 This school Dist was established in the year
1890 and The above mentioned James Grierson
Was Secretary and Treasurer for the Board
and the District Derived its ~~name~~ Name
From a Town some 12 miles from Edinburgh
Edinburgh Scotland Location on section 28 Township
21 Range 29 West of the fourth Principal meridian
in the Province of Alberta
Canada

Melrose was the original and present

The Post Office is on N.W. quarter Section 21
Township 21 Range 29 W4 in the Province of Alberta
Canada

Yours Truly

J. A. Grierson

Postmaster at Grierson